

St James PTA Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria

Jeanne O'Connor called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Christian Buckman

Mrs. Giordano introduced the Guest Speaker, Detective Sergeant Rick Bruccoliere from the Computer Crimes Unit of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, who gave a presentation on Internet Crimes. He provided the following resources for parents:

cyberbully.org
mcgruff.org
wiredsafety.org
netsmartz.org
netsmartz411.org
isafe.org
missingkids.org
athinline.org
ncmec.org
onguardonline.gov
ww2.cox.com

www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect

http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Chatting%20with%20Kids%20Booklet_1.pdf

SJAA: Michaela Ferrigine

• Run With The Royals 5K – It will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at The Great Lawn in Long Branch. Michaela thanked the Family Sponsors who have already registered, as well as Liz Coscia and Maria Rimmel for all of their updates via school eblasts and social media. Approximately \$6500 has been raised so far in pledges and sponsors, and runners have started to sign up. The registration is now available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/LongBranch/RoyalsRun5K> or by a form you can print from the Saint James website and send into the office. Forms will also go home in the youngest child's backpack. Race bag pickup will take place on Friday, April 8 from 4-7pm at the Red Bank Elks. Funds raised will help with league and officials fees, uniforms, and refurbishments for Saint James athletic programs. There will be electronic chip timing this year, allowing for age categories and prizes. There will be a bike for each boy and girl winner age 14 and under in the 5K. Sports teams are encouraged to compete together to represent their sport and show team and SJS spirit. It is not necessary to run; walkers are also welcome! The After-Party will take place at Celtic Cottage in Long Branch. John Rafferty will provide live music, and there will be basket raffles.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

Terra Nova Testing Week is moving along smoothly. A reminder that children need a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast in the morning to be prepared and energetic for the tests.

New families are still touring the school and shadowing students for the day.

Summer camps will start up the last week in June. Letters will be going home to Preschool Parents to gauge interest in a Preschool Camp to be offered in the 3rd week of June.

Summer renovations are scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 30. The floors will be redone on the 3rd and 1st floors, as well as retiling in those classrooms that have not already been done. The preschool carpets will come up and those floors will be refinished as well.

Confirmation is next Wednesday, March 16. The students have been busy preparing and practicing.

Re-registration is moving along, although there is still some paperwork outstanding. A late fee of \$50 will now be incurred, and at another later date it will increase to \$100. The reason for the late fee is to encourage families to get their paperwork in so there is a better idea of the budget in order to plan for staff contracts, salaries, etc.

President's Report: Jeanne O'Connor

- 2016-17 Officer and Executive Board – The PTA is already planning for next school year! There are some open positions on the PTA Executive Board, including Vice President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. These are all two-year terms, and they will need to be solidified soon in order to move forward. An explanation of these roles will be distributed, and we encourage anyone with interest to please step forward. The PTA plays a very important role in the school, as the fundraising we do is a line-item for the school's yearly budget.

- Career Day – It was originally scheduled for May 27. However, we have decided to run this event bi-yearly and it will be scheduled for next Spring.

- Preschool Events – Dad's Day will take place next week, and Mother's Day Tea will take place in May. Jeanne asked for \$1000 for both events, approved by Lisa Noonan and Laurie Williams.

Vice-President's Report: Dana Franznick and Rob Lowe

- "A Little Taste of Broadway" Fundraiser – The event is up and running! Tickets are \$85 per person and can now be purchased through the Two River Theater Company website at www.tworivertheater.org. The ticket price includes the Broadway Dolls show as well as beer, wine, soda, and appetizers provided by local restaurants. We are now looking for sponsors, who will have the opportunity to advertise in the Playbill. Corporate Sponsors donating \$500 and above will be invited to a VIP Party. There will also be a Silent Auction during the event with various baskets and items. "Priceless" items (i.e. front row seats to St. James events, etc.) will also be included once we find out what has already been used by SJAA for the Golf Outing.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Noonan

The balance stands at approximately \$38,000.

Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Williams

Attendance of Executive Officers:

Jeanne O'Connor – present
Dana Franznick – present
Robert Lowe – present
Lisa Noonan – present
Laurie Williams - present
Fay Eigenrauch – not present

February 17, 2016 Executive Meeting Minutes approved by Dana Franznick and Maria Rimmele.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Marketing/Legislative Affairs: Liz Coscia

Liz has posted both the Run With The Royals 5K and A Little Taste of Broadway event pages to Facebook. Please share these events with your friends and families by inviting them to the page and encouraging them to attend.

Hospitality:

Nothing to report at this time.

Technology: Maria Rimmele

Nothing to report at this time.

Spirituality: Christian Buckman

The Mother's Retreat is scheduled for March 19 from 8am-12pm. Father Mark will be our moderator and the topic is "Merciful Like Mother". The cost is \$20.00. Unfortunately, we only have four people registered. We will need to have a minimum of 10 people by Monday, March 14 in order to avoid canceling this retreat. Please consider attending and bringing a friend.

"Faith In Our Future" is a diocesan project that Saint James Parish is participating in. We are paired up with a few other local parishes to discuss where things are going, trends, pros/cons of the parish and school communities, and the viability of our church. The Core Group has developed a survey, which has been sent to ministry leaders first. It will go out to parishioners at the end of April. Please make every effort to fill out and return the survey if you are a parishioner of Saint James, as diocesan and parish leaders will be trying to find ways to combine resources between the parishes in order to make our communities stronger.

Partners For Excellence:

Nothing to report at this time.

Royals: Jeanne O'Connor (for Ken Keyes and Craig Seba)

Movie Night will be pushed back to an evening in the fall (beginning of next school year) due to so many late events to close out this school year.

SJAA: Jeanne O'Connor (for Chris Ferrigine)

A reminder to parents with children participating in Saint James School sports that updated physicals must be on file in order to participate.

There is also a need for parent volunteers to step up in order to keep school sports going.

Presentations by Committees:

Care Steps: Lisa Goga – The Day of Service will be April 29, 2016 and we will be working with Bridge of Books. Also, a thank you has been sent for Souper Bowl and the wonderful job the students did in collecting the needed items.

Vendor of the Month Program: Jeanne O'Connor (for Tricia Wilson) – The program has been off to a good start. The Red Bank Chocolate Shoppe sale was very successful. Due to a snowstorm, 10th Avenue Burrito was not as successful, but some families did make it over and we are still waiting on that tally. The online jewelry sale with chloe + isabel has not had a big response, but there is still one day left to make purchases. Looking ahead, Red Bank Chocolate Shoppe will offer another shopping period around March 23 in time for Easter. The Open House Restaurant will host a deal in April. There will possibly be a Photographer deal in April as well, and Barnes & Noble is lined up for May. We have many businesses interested in working with us, so this program will grow.

Progressive Raffle: Maria Rimmele – As of this morning, approximately \$16,000 has been collected. All money and unsold tickets are due in by tomorrow, March 10 for the drawing on Friday, March 11. We only had 13 students show up for Masses last weekend to help distribute raffle tickets to parishioners.

After-School Clubs: - Dana Franznick (for Lori Dougherty) – The clubs have been running smoothly, and the students have really looked forward to them and are enjoying them. There is one week of clubs left. Many thanks to Dana, Lori, and Janine Lowe for stepping up to organize them and make sure they were available for this year.

Father-Daughter Dance: Tiffany Havard – The dance was a huge success, and the girls and their fathers had a fabulous time! There were many special touches for all of the girls, and especially the 8th graders. Many thanks to Tiffany, Sarah Forsyth, and Jamie Monaghan for their hard work, and they are all happy to co-chair again next year.

Used Uniform Sale: Jeanne O'Connor (for Kim Vowteras) – The drop-off date will be March 22 from 9am-11am. The sale will be March 23 from 8am-11am. Please note that Used Uniforms cannot be dropped off prior to March 22 as there is no room to store them. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, sale, and clean up. Sign-ups will be posted online. Please give your time if you are available as this is an important service that we are able to provide our families.

Saint James Has Talent – Miss Nelson – It will take place on Wednesday, March 23. There are currently 15 kids, so we have room to take more if there is interest. Flowers and water have been donated for purchase the night of the show. Please be sure to buy your tickets in advance, as the price increases at the door.

Book Fair: - Meghan Lupu – The Book Fair will take place April 18-22, 2016, and the dates have been confirmed with Scholastic. Volunteer sign-ups will be posted online after Spring Break.

Arcade Day – Jeanne O'Connor – It will now take place on Friday, June 3 (pushed back for A Little Taste of Broadway). We are still in need of a Chair for this event. It is a grade parent event coordinated with the teachers, so each grade comes up with a theme/game and provides the supplies for running the game. The chair would be managing the game setup, snacks and prizes. Please let Jeanne know if you are interested in chairing this event.

**The next Executive PTA Meeting will be on April 13, 2016 at 8:15 AM.

PTA Meeting March 9, 2016 Attendance

Mrs. JoAnn Giordano
Miss Kira Nelson
Jeanne O'Connor
Dana Franznick
Rob Lowe
Laurie Williams
Lisa Noonan
Maria Rimmele
Liz Coscia
Christian Buckman
Jackie Mazzucco – 7th Grade
Mark Mazzucco
Lisa Goga – 8th Grade
Deanna Ryan – 4th Grade
Meghan Lupu – 1st Grade
Heather Doherty – 5th Grade
Tiffany Havard – 2nd Grade
Kim Phillips – Preschool
Christina D'Apolito
Jessica Cardoza
Meagan Duke