

Saint James School Open PTA Meeting
Saint James Cafeteria
April 4, 2017 7:00 PM

- Opening Prayer: Mrs. Giordano
- Guest Speaker: Susan Pond Masterson from Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

Girl Scouts offer girls in kindergarten through 12th grade leadership, self-confidence, and enrichment through their many clubs, activities, and outings. Camps in Farmingdale and Waretown are open to girl scouts in the summer. Troops are run by volunteers and meet about twice per month.
- Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano
 - Confirmation went very well. Monsignor gave a great sermon. Our 8th graders are looking forward to their pin ceremony and class trip.
 - The play is this Friday and Saturday starring our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Students attending the play can bring their ticket stub for a dress down pass, as well as play participants.
 - Grades 3-7 will have confessions on Monday.
 - Open House is Tuesday, with registration going on now.
 - Red Bank Catholic is performing Stations of the Cross for our middle school.
- President's Report: Dana Franznick and Jeanne O'Connor
 - Preschool teachers reported the Dad's Day event went well. **Mother's Day Tea is scheduled for May, with \$600 approved by Cary Owens and Molly Cimini.**
 - Teacher's End of Year Lunch is scheduled for Tuesday June 13. Lunch will be catered buffet style by San Remo.
- Vice President's Report: Molly Cimini and Rob Lowe
 - Flamingos have arrived. We will flock the school on the 1st day back from break. Preorders begin 4/24, with flocking starting May 1-22. Flamingos will also be in the lobby with flyers.
- Treasurer's Report: Lisa Noonan
 - Our account balance approximately \$23,000.
- Recording Secretary's Report: Caryn Owens

- Sign in sheet is available, and minutes from last month's meeting on March 8, 2017 were approved by Meghan Lupu and Molly Cimini.
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: Meghan Lupu
 - No thank you notes are due. A big thank you was given to Meghan for making Family Dinner such a successful event.
- Marketing/Legislative Affairs: Liz Coscia
 - Our Facebook page looks great. Be sure to "like" our page for updates.
- Hospitality Committee: Lori Dougherty
 - We will honor Red Bank's Police, Fire, and First Aid personnel with a Day of Service on April 28, inviting 4 representatives from each group to our school for prayer, pledge of allegiance, and medals for under their caps to keep them safe. Each class will prepare letters, cards, centerpieces, and poems to say thanks. We will have a light breakfast, and send baskets of goodies back with them.
- Spirituality/Care Steps:
 - Our 6-8th graders volunteered at Ronald McDonald House, and will be going again April 10.
 - The Mother's Club will be having an event at MegaCycle followed by Dublin House.
 - Shore Footed is offering discount cards and clinic for SJS families.
- Partners For Excellence: Jeanne O'Connor
 - We are communicating with families regarding their commitments. Families who committed to fundraise \$300 were notified of their progress. Progressive Raffle counts 50% towards PFE.
- SJAA: Laurie Williams
 - Sweatshirts preordered will be distributed after break.
- Royals: Next meeting April 27th 7PM at Brothers. Craig and Ken are retiring, looking for new leaders. The first bowling event went well with 12 families attending.
- Open Discussion:
 - Progressive Raffle is at \$7,080 with more coming in.
 - Winter Dinner was a big success bringing in \$5420. 360 people paid in advance, with 50 walk ins. Extra food was brought to the convent.

- The final used uniform sale is this week. We will be scheduling an 8th grade uniform drop off.
- Career Day is Friday, April 7, with 7 parents scheduled from 9-11:30.
- Arts Show is scheduled for May 11 in the gym. Light refreshments will be served, and a parent sculptor will be coming.
- Easter basket stuffers are available.
- Kid's Stuff Books need someone to take over the fundraiser. We made an easy \$2937 last year.
- Final PTA meeting for the year: Wednesday May 10th 8:15am in the cafeteria.

Attendance

Cathy Golden, Vice Principal

Joanne Giordano, Principal

Kira Nelsen, Teacher

Jeanne O'Connor, President

Dana Franznick, President

Molly Cimini, Vice President

Robert Lowe, Vice President

Lisa Noonan, Treasurer

Meghan Lupu, Corresponding Secretary

Caryn Owens, Recording Secretary

Deanna Ryan, Spirituality

Maria Rimmele, Technology

Liz Coscia, Marketing

Laurie Williams SJAA liaison

Tania Sarabia, 4th grade parent

Jennifer Mooney 8th grade parent