

Saint James School Open PTA Meeting

Saint James Cafeteria

January 4, 2017

7:00PM

- Opening Prayer: Deanna Ryan
- Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano:
 - *The Polar Plunge met its \$1000 goal, rewarding the children with a crazy sock day.
 - *The library is moving to the 1st floor. This busy time has us sorting, shelving and boxing books.
 - * We have hired a new social worker, who will start in a few weeks.
 - *We have been getting quotes for gym updates. Curtains and front stage will run approximately \$8,000. Recoating the floor is approximately \$2,000 as opposed to \$18,000 to strip the floors. The bleachers will be repaired as needed. The padding and curtains will be addressed first. The RBC plaques have been removed from the gym walls and relocated. We are looking forward to using our updated Saint James gym and stage.
 - *The progressive raffle is set. We will clear with Monsignor a Sunday to pass out envelopes after mass.
- President's Report: Dana Franznick and Jeanne O'Connor:
 - *Our After School Clubs are in need of chairs. A sign up will be available to organize volunteers. Clubs include puzzles, Legos, art, ceramics, and Pinot's Palette, and are weekly on Tuesdays or Thursdays for 4 weeks beginning February 21 for children from K-5.
 - *Our PTA will have a few board positions available next year. Please let us know if you are interested.

*Our annual Ice Skating day is set for January 19, 12:30-3 at the Middletown Sports Complex. See flyer for more details.

- Vice President's Report: Molly and Rob are working on the flamingo flocking event for spring.
- Treasurer's Report: Nothing new to report.
- Recording Secretary's Report: Caryn Owens: An attendance sheet is available tonight. Last meeting's minutes are approved by Meghan Lupo and Dana Franznick.
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: Meghan Lupo: Breakfast with Santa thank you notes are being sent out.
- Marketing: Liz Coscia: Facebook posts are being made. Invite your friends to like our polar plunge.
- Hospitality Committee: Lori Dougherty: Catholic School Week is coming up. Tuesday is open house for new parents, and Thursday is for our parents. We will plan a Teacher's lunch for Friday of Catholic School's Week. \$500 for the lunch was approved by Meghan Lupo and Caryn Owens.
- Technology: Maria Rimmele: Sign-ups for the directory have slowed. Please sign up for the Saint James School Directory if you have not already.
- Spirituality/Care Steps: Deanna Ryan: 70 Boxes were donated for Operation Christmas. The receiving church was very excited.

*Our Mother's Club meets twice a month with alternating morning and evening meetings. 7 moms are set to participate in the Polar Plunge.

- Partners For Excellence: Ali Farro: A reminder report will be generated after the polar plunge to remind our families of their commitment status before the progressive raffle.

- Royals: Travis Sutphin: Basketball Blowout is Friday January 6, followed by a Brother's Pizza night. A percentage of your bill will be donated back to Saint James School.

* Polar Plunge is Sunday beginning at 9:30 mass. T-shirts look great, with 16 sponsors, and can be picked up at the Basketball Blowout. \$25 pledge to plunge or \$50 to sponsor will receive a shirt. We will E-Blast the thermometer showing out progress. Previous Polar Plunge t-shirts can be worn on Friday.

- SJAA: Lourie Williams: We have a new vendor for team shirts. We should have a fast order turn around. We will do a fall and winter order, then a spring order.

*Run with the Royals 5K is set for May 14th at the Long Branch boardwalk. Kids younger than 14 can participate in a 1/2 mile run. Jersey Shore Running Club has made a \$200 donation. We have a goal of 500 runners/walkers, with a \$20,000 target to raise.

*Spirit wear will be available to purchase at the Basketball Blowout. Hats will be ordered, with \$500 approved by Caryn Owens and Meghan Lupu.

- Open Discussion: The Arts Committee is working on a midweek date in May.

*Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for Sunday March 5 at Beacon Hill Country Club. \$500 was approved by Lori Dougherty and Maria Rimmele. We will contract with a DJ, photographer, etc. Cost will be \$40 for dads, and \$35 for daughters.

*Winter Dinner will be Thursday March 30 from 5:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. The buffet will also be available for take-out.

*Progressive Raffle is all set with the license. \$500 for raffle tickets was approved by Meghan Lupu and Dana Franznick. Winning ticket will be pulled the Saturday night of the school play during intermission.

Attendance

Jeanne O'Connor	President
Dana Franznick	President
Caryn Owens	Recording Secretary
Deanna Ryan	Spirituality/Care Steps
Meghan Lupu	Corresponding secretary
Maria Rimmele	Technology/Website
Laurie Williams	SJAA Liaison
Jennifer Mooney	class parent (8 th)
Liz Sutphin	class parent (K)
Travis Sutphin	Royals member
Tania Sarabia	class parent (4 th)
Kira Nelson	teacher
Ashley Ricciardi	class parent (1 st)
Allie Morrison	class parent (1 st)
Heather Doherty	class parent (5 th)
Michaela Ferrigine	parent/SJAA
Mrs. Giordano	Principal