

## Saint James School PTA Meeting

Saint James Cafeteria

March 8, 2017 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Giordano

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Terranova testing is happening this week.
- Gym renovations are in progress. We are ordering pads and drapes, hoping for installation before Kindergarten graduation. We will explore floor options in the spring, with quotes up to \$20,000.
- Plans for next year have begun. A pilot program for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will introduce a multi-grade classroom hosting a STEM/STREAM program which children will visit 1-2 times per week.
- Thoughts of summer have us planning an extended year camp for preschool and kindergarten.
- Mrs. Attardi is starting a Stem club for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Mrs. Lepore and Ms. Stronzer are starting a math Wizards Club for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Egg fundraiser is a hit with over 150 sold to date. Plastic eggs were filled with candy, dress down passes, homework passes, ice cream coupon, or sneaker pass.

President's Report: Dana Franznick

- We have several board and chair positions open for next year. Let us know if you would like to join.
- The After School Clubs are almost complete. The children have been enjoying them. Dismissal from the cafeteria is working well, especially for the younger children.
- Mrs. Attardi is planning Dad's Preschool Day. \$600 is requested for six classes to participate with pizza, crafts, etc. **Meghan Lupu and Molly Cimini approve.**
- The Sweetheart Dance was fun for the 170 in attendance.
- The end of year teacher luncheon plans are in the works, and is tentatively scheduled for June 13 at San Remo in Red Bank.
- We are checking into a possible fundraiser through Staples for families to order September school supplies.

Vice President's Report: Molly Cimini

- Flamingo Flocking: Ready to go. Promotion will begin March 20 with EBlasts and posters. Preorders will begin April 24 with a flocking of the school on the first day back from spring break. Flocking will run May 1-22 with forms available on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Dana Franznick for Lisa Noonan

- There is approx. \$31,000 in the account.

Recording Secretary's Report: Caryn Owens

- Attendance sign in form was distributed.
- January 2017 minutes are approved by Molly Cimini and Meghan Lupu.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Meghan Lupu

- Thank you notes are up to date as of the Polar Plunge.
- Marketing/Legislative Affairs: Dana Franznick for Liz Cocia
- We have a master database tracking businesses contributing or declining to our events, with separate sheets for each event.

Hospitality Committee: Lori Dougherty

SJAA: Laurie Williams

- Spring sports: 3-4 week turnaround for gear ordered.
- Royals 5K Run is scheduled for May 14, Mother's Day, at Pier Village in Long Branch. We are looking for additional sponsors. Our athletes are participating, with emails to coaches for team participation. Family Sponsors will be noted on our banner, and comes with run registration and afterparty tickets for 2 adults and 2 kids. The event is being advertised through Jersey Shore Running Club and their extensive mailing list.

Technology: Maria Rimmele

- EBlasts are going smoothly.

Spirituality/Care Steps: Dana Franznick for Deanna Ryan

- Mother's Club has had few in attendance but more meetings are being planned for the spring.
- Ronald McDonald house volunteer opportunities are available.

Partner's for Excellence (PFE): Jeanne O'Connor for Ali Farro

- A few parents have recently left their fee exempt positions helping in the cafeteria and playground.
- We will be notifying families with outstanding balances shortly.

Royals: Dana Franznick for Ken Keyes/Craig Seba

- Bowling is scheduled for March 12 in Bradley Beach.

Open Discussion:

- Progressive Raffle is running now through April 7. Students can volunteer to help after mass April 1 and 2. Early bird dress down passes are awarded for those who sell their tickets by March 17.
- Winter dinner is Thursday, March 30 (school is closed Friday, March 31). RSVP by March 24. Takeout is available.
- Final Used Uniform sale drop-off is April 4, sale on April 5.
- Career Day is April 7 with 8 parents scheduled so far.
- ART Show will be May 11. **\$500 is requested for project supplies, approved by Jackie Mazzucco and Caryn Owens.** An artist parent will be demonstrating sculpting, and the school band will play.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade events: Our large 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have their dance at the Shadowbrook, breakfast and fun day at Count Basie Field, and class trip to Lakeview Camp in Bordentown. **\$5500 is requested, and approved by Dana Franznick and Jeanne O'Connor.**
- Winter Box Tops collections earned approximately \$350.
- Easter basket stuffers will be available again this year.

## ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Giordano, Principal  
Mrs. Golden, Vice Principal  
Kira Nelson, Teacher  
Jeanne O'Connor, President  
Dana Franznick, President  
Molly Cimini, Vice President  
Meghan Lupu, Corresponding Secretary  
Caryn Owens, Recording Secretary  
Lori Dougherty, Hospitality  
Laurie Williams, SJAA Liaison  
Liz Sutphin, Kindergarten  
Maureen Dolan, 2nd grade  
Allison Morrison, 2nd grade  
Tania Sarabia, 4th grade  
Jackie Mazzucco, 8th grade  
Jennifer Mooney, 8th grade  
Lisa Goga, Parent