

Saint James School PTA Meeting
Saint James Cafeteria
December 6, 2017 8:15AM

Opening Prayer: Dana Franznick

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Breakfast with Santa went really well, wonderful turnout – looking forward to the Christmas Show
- Bracelets for the kindness campaign (#kindnessispower) were handed out at the Polar Plunge kickoff – students are encouraged to do an act of kindness everyday
- Stem Lab grand opening is 12/7 with Ocean First coming, teachers have been using the lab
 - Layout for the Stem Lab enables a more hands on approach for the teacher – big screen is amazing as well as a touch screen
- Confessions are coming up and mass is on the 12th, followed with the Christmas Show on the 20th

Co-President's Report: Dana Franznick & Meghan Lupu

- Next bagel day is Wednesday, December 13 - **\$150 was approved** by Dana Franznick and Molly Cimini – If anyone can come to help please do
 - November profit was \$480, only 15 dozen bagels were sold (19 dozen were sold for September but was probably due to pre-Thanksgiving travel plans and in class festivities)
- Breakfast with Santa was great, there was a lot of help for the event, over 50 walk-ins and 285 tickets sold in advance – games were fun and the Poinsettias decorated the cafeteria nicely
 - Mrs Gallagher, Ms Rose, and lots of adult and student helpers did a great job.
 - Towels, hats and magnets were sold at Breakfast with Santa – about \$380
 - Mrs. Baptista is taking an inventory of items for next year in preparation for next year
- Book Fair - \$5300 in sales, books were better but some kinks need to be worked out for next time. Meghan to recap with the vendor and will advise on next steps for the next sale
- Stocking stuffers are going home on 12/18
- Family dinner is being planned

- Father & Daughter dance is in March at Beacon Hill Country Club
- Art show and open classroom night will be combined in April

Co-Vice President's Report: Molly Cimini

- Mother's Club meeting will be on 12/11 at Pinot's Palette in Red Bank.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Current balance is just over \$27,000 – with several outstanding balances from the weekend festivities

Recording Secretary's Report: Tania Sarabia

- Meeting notes from November were approved by Maria Rimmele and Meghan Lupu
- Attendance sheet was passed around

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Liz Sutphin

- Lots of correspondence have been going out
- Dana has received feedback of families being very touched by sympathy cards

Marketing Report: Dana Franznick for Liz Coscia

- Facebook is keeping everyone updated on events, encourage parents to like the page and events

Hospitality Committee Report: Dana Franznick for Lori Dougherty

- **\$150 was approved for the Polar Plunge breakfast** by Liz Sutphin and Meaghan Lupu
- **\$500 was approved for the teacher luncheon (for 40) in January** – Liz Sutphin will contact Frederico's (Saint James family, the Mazza's) for menu and pricing

Technology Report: Maria Rimmele

- eBlast went out with request from Mrs. Giordano to write letters to congress regarding the tax proposal

Spirituality Report: Dana Franznick for Kim Vowteras

- Working with the convent to set up a luncheon, approximately 15 people living there – they received the extra food from the Breakfast with Santa and were very thankful

Fundraising: Ali Farro

- Ladies Night out will be April 27th at Trump National Golf Course – more information to follow

Partners for Excellence Report: Gina Rahim

- 21 families have not committed one way or another
- Sending notification after the holidays advising them first opportunity to fund raise via the Polar Plunge in January

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- Huge thank you for the gym floor
- Mrs. Giordano will review a different shoe for next year to avoid the scuffs on the gym floor when recess is inside
- RBC gymnastics will continue to use the gym until a different solution is found – Gymnast of the Year is an RBC student
- January 26th is the Basketball Blowout
- May 19th is the 5K
- Team snap works great, gives you team schedules

Royals Report: Dana Franznick for Travis Sutphin

- Craig Seba and Ms Nelsen created a new thermometer for the Polar Plunge which captures the amount raised by each team
- Grades will be paired up just like the they are for the kindness campaign, older grades to buddy with the lower grades
- Looking for businesses to sponsor the event the Polar Plunge
- Dress down Friday before Polar Plunge, t-shirt pickup will be at the Basketball Blowout and at the breakfast before the plunge
- Looking into Skyzone or Elite Trampoline Academy to hold an event

Open Discussion:

- Ice Skating event is in the planning stages, details to come
- Looking at mid-February to March for after school clubs, need volunteers
- Sweetheart Dance, Sunday, March 4th Ali Farro and Ms. Nelsen coordinating
- Art Show on 4/17 will be simplified – art display, possibly a photography section, event to be smaller and more intimate with a possible focus on the upcoming school play
- Conversation to continue regarding what type of food will be allowed in the gym – candy and juice is usually sold at the games
- Family Bowling event is TBD
- Liz Sutphin to look into adding a coupon in the Directory where a percentage would go back to SJS

Next Meeting January 10, 2018, 7:00 PM

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice Principal
Kira Nelson	Teacher Rep
Dana Franznick	Co-President
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Molly Cimini	Co-Vice President
Jennifer Schimpf	Treasurer
Tania Sarabia	Recording Secretary
Liz Sutphin	Corresponding Secretary
Maria Rimmele	Technology
Gina Rahim	Partners for Excellence
Laura Shroba	SJAA Rep
Ali Farro	Special Events
Alina Fotache	Parent
Shalini Rebello	
- Baptista	Parent
Jenna Riccio	
- Laible	Parent