

Saint James Elementary School PTA Meeting
Saint James Cafeteria
November 8, 2017 8:15AM

Opening Prayer: Dana Franznick

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- Halloween Parade was spectacular – kids and everyone loved it
- Do we want to bring back the Trunk and Treat next year?
- Stem lab is up and teachers are using it
- Gym floor renovation is starting on 11/9 – should take 3 weeks
 - Gym classes will be either outside (weather permitting), in the wrestling room, or the Eck Center, if available
 - Gym floor should last between 15-20 years
 - Still waiting for a quote on the bleachers
- December 1 is the Polar Plunge kickoff around 1:30
- Thank you again to the PTA and thank you for the new faces at the meeting

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

- Thank you to the new parents attending the meeting
- Volunteer sheets will be going out soon for upcoming events, will need all hands on deck
- 2nd Bagel Day was more successful than the first, \$737 in sales and \$152 in expenses
- Next bagel day is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving - **\$150 was approved** by Maria Rimmele and Tania Sarabia
- About 90 people attended Octoberfest – basket raffle brought in \$1600, the deposit for the Monmouth Boat Club was returned and we collected \$8434
- Kim Vowteras volunteered to do the Holiday Dress Down Passes – this year's passes will need to have an expiration date of June 2018; \$10 for 1 dress down, 1 sneaker and 1 nail polish/sweatshirt
- Breakfast with Santa is December 2
 - Tickets will be pre-sold, at the door price will be higher
 - 6-7 grade can help as part of their community service hours
 - A Teacher Experience Auction will be held at the Breakfast, Gingerbread house competition
- Volunteers do not need to be finger printed or VIRTUS trained if you are volunteering for one day only and you will not be alone with the children

- Book Fair will begin Monday after Thanksgiving, set up will begin 11/21 around 11AM after the Preschool Open House
 - Book Fair will run from 9:30-1, letter will go out with details as this is a new vendor and they will not have wish lists
- Kindness Campaign
 - NED Show contract was signed and will be an assembly for students in grades K-4 during Catholic Schools Week
 - Upper classman will team up with the lower classman – maybe RBC students can speak to the upper classman, and then the upper classman speak to the younger students
 - Kindness bracelets were bought – message will be #Kindness is Power
 - Children need to hear about the Social Media dangers from multiple sources, so they understand – younger children may need to visually see to understand
- Regional PTA meeting was attended on 11/6, fees are due and there will be a Winter and Spring Conference
 - PTA Conference on 3/3 – 4 spots are free

Co-Vice President's Report: Dana Franznick & Meghan Lupu for Deanna Ryan & Molly Mangan

- Mother's Club meeting at Dr, Cavanagh's office was only attended by one mother
- Deanna is trying to set up an event at Pinot's Palette
- School directory has an option to add advertisements – Maria to explore adding local school family businesses

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- Approximately \$25,500 is the current balance

Recording Secretary's Report: Tania Sarabia

- Meeting notes from October were approved by Jennifer Schimpf and Meghan Lupu
- Attendance sheet was passed around

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Dana Franznick for Liz Sutphin

- Kid's Stuff books collected over \$2,000
- Liz is sending out sympathy and congratulation cards as needed

Marketing Report: Liz Coscia

- Forward Liz the flyers for any upcoming event and she will post on Facebook

Hospitality Committee Report: Lori Dougherty

- Lori and Marissa took care of the new parent social – no receipts to be submitted
- Nothing is needed for the open house
- Budget for the teacher's luncheon for Catholic School Week will be reviewed for the next meeting

Technology Report: Maria Rimmele

- A lot of parents have confirmed for the directory
- Class parents can send notifications from the directory once they are granted permission – list of the class parents is needed from the teachers
- Mr. Marlin asked to use the speaker during the basketball games
- **\$450 for the Progressive Raffle was approved** by Meghan Lupu & Gina Rahim

Spirituality Report: Kim Vowteras

- Box Tops – Mrs. Ciambrone's class won the pizza party for the 2nd time
- Ronald McDonald house events are set up for January and February
- Trying to contact Lunch Break for Thanksgiving donations – Kim will contact Mrs. Kelly if they don't get back to us we will go with a different charity

Fundraising: Ali Farro

- Nothing in the works at the moment

Partners for Excellence Report: Gina Rahim

- 230 families opted to fund raise
- Sending notification to these family in December advising them first opportunity to fund raise, the Polar Plunge, is coming up in January

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- Just wrapping up fall sports getting ready for winter sports
- Maria Rimmele needs a list of the new coaches so she can update the website

- Want to add a notice in the new student registration packets regarding when sign-ups for the different sports is open
- 5K run is scheduled for May 19, 2018

Royals Report: Dana Franznick for Travis Sutphin

- Ms. Nelson working on the Polar Plunge sponsors to offset the cost of the long sleeve t-shirts and towels
- If any help is needed for the Basketball Blowout of Polar Plunge please let Dana know

Open Discussion:

- Dana wants to create a Google Doc or Drop Box link for forms and flyers
- Water coolers discussion to be picked up with Mrs. Giordano after the holidays
- SJS branded items – Spirit Wear, School Store – can we make these things available

Next Meeting December 6, 2017, 8:15 AM

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice Principal
Kira Nelson	Teacher Rep
Dana Franznick	Co-President
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Jennifer Schimpf	Treasurer
Tania Sarabia	Recording Secretary
Kim Vowteras	Spirituality/Care Steps
Liz Coscia	Marketing/Legislative Affairs
Lori Dougherty	Hospitality Co-Chair
Maria Rimmele	Technology
Gina Rahim	Partners for Excellence
Laura Shroba	SJAA Rep
Ali Farro	Special Events
Alina Fotache	Parent
Lisa Yoo	Parent
Shalini Rebello- Baptista	Parent
Magali Bonilla- Miller	Parent
Jenna Riccio- Laible	Parent
Ann Clark	Class Parent