# IT'S ALMOST POLAR PLUNGE TIME!

The Polar Plunge is an annual event sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) of Monmouth County, a Catholic men's organization. The purpose of the event is to raise money for Catholic schools. This year is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Plunge event and there will be over 20 Catholic schools and over 1000 participants. **Join us on February 5**<sup>th</sup>!

# The Polar Plunge is the <u>final opportunity</u> of the school year to fundraise for your PTA commitment. Any money you raise is applied dollar for dollar!



All funds raised will be placed into the Saint James Advancement account, which will continue to advance and improve our technology and curriculum offerings, and improve our school facilities. This year, we would like to be able to continue to renovate our school gymnasium.

All event costs and insurance are handled by the AOH. Saint James keeps 100% of the money we raise. It's the best fundraiser out there! Polar Plunge also qualifies for corporate charitable gift matching programs. Please contact the PTA for more information.

All Polar Plungers may register in advance or on the day of the event. However, we strongly recommend registering in advance, as registration at the event can be difficult due to the large crowd. Participants are required to raise a minimum of \$50 to register --this may be paid directly by the participant or they may receive sponsorship from others to cover the registration fee. But \$50 is only the minimum; there's no maximum to how much any individual can raise!

More details and the registration form may be found on our Polar Plunge Page at our school website (www.mysaintjames.com).

#### **PRE-REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES**

A registration form must be completed for each plunger. Completed forms and fees (cash or checks made payable to Saint James School) may be returned to the Saint James Business Office.

New this year: there is also an online payment option via FACTS, coming soon!

Please note, a registration form will still need to be submitted to the Business Office for online giving.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

This is an opportunity to solicit sponsorships from family and friends and even local businesses! (Saint James does not allow door-to-door solicitations; please only ask those you already know). Let your family and friends know you are jumping in the freezing ocean for a good cause; invite them to join you, and then let them off the hook by just asking them to sponsor you!

### **QUESTIONS?**

Feel free to contact the following individuals with any questions:

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