Saint James School PTA Meeting
Cafeteria
December 5, 2018 7:00pm

Opening Prayer

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Giordano and Mrs. Golden
- Blue Ribbon acknowledgements continue with certificates from Trenton and public officials.
- Mrs. Giordano expressed her thanks to the PTA and to all the parents who continue to be committed to the school. Breakfast with Santa was great fun – this year’s gingerbread houses were outstanding.
- Giving Tuesday generated $1,016 in donations for the school.
- Sisters of Mercy missionaries will be visiting the school and meeting with the children, bringing artifacts from the different countries they’ve lived in.
- The Christmas show is in preparation for December 18th at 7:00pm. The Royal’s will look into having a “give back” night at The Brothers Restaurant and an announcement will be made with the details if the restaurant agrees.

Co-President’s Report: Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia
- $300 in stocking stuffers have been sold to date.
- The 8th grade graduation dance is in need of a venue. Several locations were discussed.
- The PTA will sponsor a gift to the office staff for the holidays.
- The PTA will sponsor Catholic Schools Week at the end of January with gifts to the teachers and a luncheon. A $500 budget was approved by Anita Esser and Travis Sutphin.
- Purchasing lawn signs for advertising the school was discussed: Open House, 8th grade graduation and SJAA athletes.

Co-Vice President’s Report: Liz Sutphin
- The Mom’s Club event at Pinot’s Palate has been rescheduled from December 12th to the 19th.
- Breakfast with Santa was a success with the event staying under budget and making a profit of $2,400. There were 274 reservations and 42 walk-ins.
- Pancakes were a hit and will be served next year as well.
- A possible Phat Tuesday event was discussed.

Treasurer’s Report: Jennifer Schimpf
- The finances are ahead of last year – the account is $26,000 – not including the Progressive Raffle, Book Fair or Breakfast with Santa.
Recording Secretary’s Report: Anita Esser
- Meeting notes from November were approved by Tania Sarabia.
- The Used Uniform sale has been scheduled for February 1st with clothing drop off during the 2nd week of January.
- A brief discussion on uniforms ensued - fleeces are allowed to be worn by all students but not allowed to be worn throughout the day. Only 8th graders can wear the fleece throughout the day. Blue stockings for the girls will be the next phase-out.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Marisa Saliga
- Thank you notes to vendors who donated items to the Blue Ribbon ceremony and Breakfast with Santa will be sent out shortly.
- Several teachers celebrating special events will be sent cards as well.

Marketing Report: Molly Cimini
- Monday, January 14th is the next Open House. Facebook will continue to be utilized for advertising.

Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache
- The next bagel day is December 12th.

Technology Report: Meghan Lupu for Susan Marino and Maria Rimmelle
- Progressive Raffle winners are being notified and will be announced shortly. The fundraiser raised $17,000.
- Dress down passes for early-bird raffle sellers and church mass helpers will be sent out shortly.
- The annual ice skating fundraiser is scheduled for January 23rd, which is a half day/Bagel day.

Spirituality Report: Meghan Lupu for Danielle Robbins and Jennifer Marlin
- A second Ronald McDonald House 6-7th grade volunteer event will be scheduled for January 17th.
- Box tops raised $370 with a second collection scheduled for February 11th. Listings of the classes in the lead will be posted shortly.
- Baskets are being worked on for the convent.

PTA Family Commitment: Meghan Lupu for Gina Rahim
- The Polar Plunge will count dollar for dollar for PFE. Balance due letters will be sent prior to the event so families can donate.

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba
- Jen Heaton’s apparel website sold approx. $3,000 in which 10% comes back to the SJAA.
Royals Report: Travis Sutphin
- The next meeting is December 20th 7:30pm at The Brothers in Red Bank.
- January 25th is the Basketball Blowout. This year the event will be a little shorter and the event order will be changed to allow the younger kids to participate earlier.
- The Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27th with an after-party at Tommy’s in Sea Bright.

Fundraising & Special Events: Allie Morrison and Stephanie Christiano
- The poinsettia sale generated a profit of $667.
- The book fair sold $6,300 worth of merchandise, an increase of $1,000 over last year.
- After School Clubs are being finalized to run 1 hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the month of February. 2 adult volunteers per Club are mandatory for the Club to take place. Sign ups will be advertised on the web site shortly. There will be 2 Lego Clubs (age appropriate), 2 Chess Clubs (beginner and advanced), 2 Art Clubs (age appropriate) and a Build-a-Bear Club.

Open Discussion:
- The process has started for Ladies Night Out 2019 – Save the Date: Beacon Hill CC February 22nd.

Next Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2019 – 8:15am

Attendance
Mrs. Giordano Principal
Mrs. Golden Vice-Principal
Meghan Lupu Co-President
Tania Sarabia Co-President
Liz Sutphin Co-Vice President
Jennifer Schimpf Treasurer
Anita Esser Recording Secretary
Marisa Saliga Corresponding Secretary
Molly Cimini Marketing/Legislative
Alina Fotache Hospitality
Laura Shroba SJAA
Travis Sutphin Royals
Ali Morrison Special Events/Fundraising
Stephanie Christiano Special Events/Fundraising
Kathleen Rose Teacher
Kira Nelsen Teacher