

Saint James School PTA Meeting
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November 14, 2018 8:15AM

Opening Prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Giordano

- The trip to Washington, DC for the Blue Ribbon presentation was exciting and the celebration continues with a Mass to be held on Friday, Nov 16th with the promised laser light show for the children at lunch.
- On December 5th, the State Department will be recognizing our Blue Ribbon award.
- The Dioceses has planned a Diocese Day of Giving, where families will be able to donate on behalf of St. James.
- Holy Innocents in Neptune will be closing next year. We will try to direct our Facebook advertising to attract the families. We will also look into lawn signs for advertising open house events.
- We have received funds from the State to be used for security so we will be looking into new doors for the classrooms that only have a side panel. We have ordered one to try before purchasing all.
- The summer project this year will be refurbishing the Tech Room with new tables and new carpet tiles and new books for students with the funds raised from the PTA.
- The school's social worker, Mrs. Gilroy, has implemented a Lifeline Program for our administration in coordination with Holy Cross and St. Leo's in order to teach key members of our staff the signs of depression, anxiety and suicide. Those key members would then teach other members of our faculty. This is an important issue for our school to be proactively discussing.

Co-President's Report: Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia

- The Presidents Meeting has been canceled twice so we have not received our pins yet but hopefully it will rescheduled shortly.
- The stocking stuffers are ready and on the website.

Co-Vice President's Report: Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia for Liz Sutphin and Deanna Ryan

- Breakfast with Santa is on track for December 1st. Volunteers do not have to be finger printed or VIRTUS trained for this event as long as those volunteers are not one-on-one with any child. Food donations are needed and tickets are available for purchase.

- The next Mom's Club event will be on Wednesday, December 12th at Pinot's Palette in Red Bank.
- Also looking into an evening at the Cos Bar with a percentage to give back to SJES.

Treasurer's Report: Meghan Lupu for Jennifer Schimpf

- Jennifer will report when they get back from vacation

Recording Secretary's Report: Anita Esser

- Meeting notes from October were approved by Tania Sarabia.
- Attendance sheet was passed around.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Marisa Saliga

- A Get Well basket from Harry & David's was sent to Ms. Costello as she recovers.
- A Congratulations card was sent to Mrs. Signoriello who became a grandmother.

Marketing Report: Meghan Lupu for Molly Cimini

- Tuesday, November 27th is the next Open House. A budget of \$35 was approved for Facebook advertising.
- Unfortunately, Trunk or Treat was canceled due to the weather but the food went to the middle school dance and also sold in the lunchroom. It is not possible to have a rain date for Trunk or Treat due to the sharing of the parking lot between the church and the high school. Any gift cards received will be used for Ladies Night Out.

Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache

- The next bagel day is November 15th.
- A \$300 budget for December was approved by Meghan Lupu and Tania Sarabia.

Technology Report: Meghan Lupu for Susan Marino and Maria Rimmele

- Progressive Raffle tickets have been sent out to all families. This event will count 50 cents on the dollar towards the PTA commitment fee for those families who opted to fundraise.
- The MySchool Anywhere App has been updated and is up and running as an online directory for families.

Spirituality Report: Meghan Lupu for Danielle Robbins and Jennifer Marlin

- The Ronald McDonald House volunteer event was successful.
- A soup kitchen volunteer event is being scheduled for Mid-January.

- Box tops were collected and counted with the next collection for March 1st.

PTA Family Commitment: Gina Rahim

- The Kidstuff book fundraiser is being finalized. Each teacher will receive a complimentary book.
- Family commitment is a huge yearlong project. It was recommended for next year to have a minimum of 2 project leaders. In addition, next year, the registration packets will include payments for the commitment instead of the September 15th deadline. Most families do not remember to send in the commitment fee by this date.

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- Basketball season starts today.
- Bidy Basketball will be extended to Dec 7th.
- Cheer has also started – the girls have new uniforms this year.
- The 5K is scheduled for 5/18/19.

Royals Report: Meghan Lupu for Travis Sutphin

- Next meeting is November 29th 7:30pm at Frederico's in Shrewsbury.
- Royals members will be helping with setting up and clean up for Breakfast with Santa.
- January 25th is the Basketball Blowout.
- The Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27th.

Fundraising & Special Events: Ali Farro, Rob Lowe, Allie Morrison, Stephanie Christiano, Bridget Manfredi & Megan Lupu for Dana Franznik

- The Book Fair is scheduled for the week of November 26-30th from 9:30 – 1:00 concluding on December 1st at Breakfast with Santa. Online volunteer sign-ups have been posted.
- The Vineyard Vines shirts were delivered with the back-ordered youth size shirts to be delivered in December hopefully before Christmas.
- Jen Heaton has implemented a limited 2-week run of an online apparel store selling St. James apparel. The link will be live November 19th. The next opportunity will be in the spring to coincide with spring sports.
- Poinsettia sales has finished, plants will arrive on 11/29 and will need to be unloaded into the school.

Open Discussion:

- The middle school October dance was very successful and fun.
- Catholic School week is the end of January. It was discussed changing the Teacher Luncheon event to this week to culminate the celebrations on Friday with the teachers.

- The winter used uniform sale is scheduled for February 1st. Collections of uniforms will start in January.

Next Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Attendance

Mrs. Giordano	Principal
Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Anita Esser	Recording Secretary
Marisa Saliga	Corresponding Secretary
Alina Fotache	Hospitality
Gina Rahim	PFE
Laura Shroba	SJAA
Ali Farro	Special Events/Fundraising
Jennifer Heaton	Special Events/Fundraising
Sandy Hage	Parent
Talia Pelle	Parent