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Dear Fellow Parents & Friends:

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is here. The support we received from our Saint James School families this year has been remarkable. For that, we thank you. Parents volunteered for the sake of volunteering and our fundraising efforts were a success. We made a valuable contribution to our school and we should all be very proud.

The mission of the PTA is to foster a cooperative relationship between the parents, faculty and staff for the enrichment of our children's educational experience. Through volunteer efforts, fundraising endeavors and event planning, the PTA supports the educational, spiritual, physical and financial development of the Saint James School community.

The PTA operates many of our events throughout the school year. The PTA ran a successful after school clubs program for our elementary students. We funded Dad's Day & Mother's Tea for the pre-school. The PTA hosted Trunk-or-Treat, two book fairs, an ARTS show, Sweetheart Dance, Ladies Night Out, A Family Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, and the Secret Santa Shop. We supported the New Family Social & activities for Catholic Schools Week. It takes an army to run these many events and we thank everyone who participated.

The money we raised at these events, combined with Polar Plunge and the Progressive Raffle, our two biggest fundraisers, are an essential part of our school's budget. The PTA funds a portion of our nurse's salary, ensuring that we have a full time medical professional on duty at all times. We also subsidize our school counselor's salary. Other money raised this year purchased supplies for our new STEM Lab and other materials for the class rooms. Finally, the PTA was able to contribute to the ongoing renovations of our school gym. We successfully came together to donate our time, energies and money to our school and we have a lot to show for it.

This upcoming year, we are streamlining our PTA commitment structure. Every Saint James School family is required to participate and contribute \$300. Families have the option to pay at the beginning of the year or to fundraise via the Polar Plunge and the Progressive Raffle. Please see the attached PTA commitment form for further details. **Please note that fee-exempt in-school positions are being phased out.**

We look forward to working together next year. Remember, all you do directly benefits our children and enhances their school experience. As always, we sincerely thank you for your continued support. We wish you a relaxing summer and we look forward to an exciting 2017-18!

Sincerely,
Dana Franznick & Meghan Lupu
PTA Presidents 2017-18