

Saint James School PTA Meeting
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October 17, 2018 8:15AM

Opening Prayer

Principal's Report: Mrs. Golden for Mrs. Giordano

- Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Giordano will be traveling to Washington DC with members of the Diocese the 1st week of November to receive the Blue Ribbon award for St. James.
- A celebration assembly for students and faculty will be Nov. 16 after Mass. A fun presentation for the students and cake have been arranged.
- 8th Grade graduation pictures are in the process of being taken. The Pin Ceremony is October 30.
- The 6th – 8th grade dance is scheduled for October 26th.

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

- The Family Dinner on September 20th was very successful with +\$4,500 in profits. Having this event in the fall vs the spring attained better results. Next year there will be a more monetary incentive to RSVP earlier as last-minute attendance is difficult to accommodate.
- Meghan and Tania attended the Monmouth/Ocean County Diocesan Fall Conference at Trenton Catholic with Mrs. Giordano, Mrs. Golden and Ms. Nelson. They will attend the Diocesan President's Meeting to receive service pins for our teachers.
- Meghan requested that the expiration of the Stocking Stuffer fundraiser this year be extended to December 2019 instead of only the school year through June 2019.

Co-Vice President's Report: Liz Sutphin

- Breakfast with Santa logistics are being organized: The Claus' attendance has been confirmed, Dana Franznick will be handling the poinsettia sale with Tania Sarabia offering to help, new activities and crafts are being explored, gingerbread houses for grades PreK - 3 will be done again this year as well as the auction of teacher experiences for the students. The art work for the breakfast will be organized by Mrs. Fagan this year due to the illness of the art teacher, Ms. Costello.
- A budget of \$1,500 for the breakfast was approved by Tania Sarabia and Travis Sutphin.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schimpf

- The PTA balance is currently \$31,000.

- Payments and reimbursements are issued to the rectory every other Wednesday. Requests for reimbursements are due in the business office the Friday prior. All forms and schedules can be found online and in the office.

Recording Secretary's Report: Anita Esser

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

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Meghan Lupu for Marisa Saliga

- The PTA would like to send Ms. Costello a basket, a card, or even meals. Mrs. Golden will advise what is most appropriate.
- A card will be sent to Mrs. Signoriello who has become a grandmother.

Marketing Report: Molly Cimini

- Open House is scheduled for October 25th for grades PreK – 8 from 9-11 am.
- Trunk or Treat is successful once again – 23 cars have signed up – room for a few more! Candy donations for the event are under way. This year the event will only be 1 hour, from 7:30 – 8:30pm and there will be no snack bar bracelet, each item will be priced separately. Also, the entry fee will only be per child (\$5). Adults will not be charged. There will be prizes for the best 3 trunks and for the best 3 costumes.
- The Halloween Parade for grades K-3 will start at 9:15 on the 31st. Parents are to bring their own candy to pass out. The PreK “Spooktacular” show will start at 10:30am. The lobby will be decorated the afternoon of the 30th.

Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache

- About 70% of the families have participated in the “pay for the year” bagel days. There was lots of help, which is needed as about 230 bagels have to be prepped.
- The next bagel day is November 15th – bagels will not be served on Halloween.
- Meghan Lupu approved a \$300 budget for the next bagel day.

Technology Report: Susan Marino and Meghan Lupu for Maria Rimmele

- Progressive Raffle will start on October 29th. This event will count 50 cents on the dollar towards the PTA commitment fee for those families who opted to fundraise.
- November 3-4 volunteers will be needed to sell raffle tickets at St. James Church. Students who volunteer will receive a dress-down pass.
- The raffle license is in progress.
- Maria to follow up on the MySchool Anywhere App, which needs to be updated to the new school year and the link sent to new families to register.

- After a few hiccups, the e-blasts, website page and Facebook posts seem to be in sync. A protocol for sharing information needs to be explored.
- Mrs. Giordano to follow up on events for the website homepage that should receive attention.
- There will be no dress downs allowed on Mass days, school uniforms are required with sneakers allowed for those who have gym class.

Spirituality Report: Danielle Robbins and Meghan for Jennifer Marlin

- First volunteer event at the Ronald McDonald House was held on Tuesday, 10/16
- The next volunteer event, will be at a local soup kitchen, to help meet the requirements for 6th – 7th grade student volunteer hours.
- Box tops are being collected on November 1st 6-7th graders will be able to earn volunteer hours.

PTA Family Commitment: Gina Rahim

- Kidstuff book sales are currently \$3,300 with 50% coming back to the school. There is a lot of tracking on this fundraiser – outstanding books, prizes, online sales.
- Commitment reminder letters will be sent to remind the families of their fundraising obligation.

SJAA Report: Laura Shroba

- Final figures for the mini golf event are still outstanding.
- Bidy Basketball is in progress.
- Cheer and basketball deadlines are Friday.
- It was suggested that next year perhaps the Mini Golf outing is expanded to include outside families and being posted to Hulu Frog, etc.

Royals Report: Travis Sutphin

- Next meeting is October 25th 7:30pm at Maloney's Bar & Grill
- January 25th is the Basketball Blowout. Last year's after party at Brother's was dreadful – the waiting times were too long. The event also needs to be re-organized. Discussions are being debated on how to shorten the event, provide more food in between events and to perhaps provide pizza in the cafeteria afterward as an option for those who don't want to go to the Brothers Restaurant. In order to give back to the Brother's perhaps the date will be switched to after the Christmas show on December 18th.
- The Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27th with the post party at Tommy's in Sea Bright. Registration will continue up until the event.

Fundraising & Special Events: Ali Farro, Allie Morrison, Stephanie Christiano

- The Book Fair is scheduled to start right after Thanksgiving.
- The Vineyard Vines shirt fundraiser generated \$1,000 profit but the Youth size shirts were all back-ordered. The Youth sizes are expected to ship at the end of November. Ms. Nelson has notified the affected families.
- After School Clubs will start in February: STEM Legos, Build-A-Bear, Chess Club.

Open Discussion:

- The target for the PTA is to raise \$50-60,000 for the school year to offset the cost of books, educational materials, Nurse's salary, etc.
- The middle school October dance is a student council event, not a PTA event.

Next Meeting scheduled for November 14, 2018 - 8:15AM

Attendance

Mrs. Golden	Vice-Principal
Meghan Lupu	Co-President
Tania Sarabia	Co-President
Liz Sutphin	Co-Vice President
Anita Esser	Recording Secretary
Jennifer Schimpf	Treasurer
Danielle Robbins	Spirituality/Care Steps
Molly Cimini	Legislative/Publicity
Alina Fotache	Hospitality
Susan Marino	Technology
Gina Rahim	PFE
Laura Shroba	SJAA
Travis Sutphin	Royals
Ali Farro	Special Events/Fundraising
Allie Morrison	Special Events/Fundraising
Stephanie Christiano	Special Events/Fundraising
Eric Harris	Parent
Jennifer Heaton	Parent
Sandy Hage	Parent
Maria Franco	Parent
Jenna Laible	Parent