

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> with clothing drop off during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Open House. Facebook will continue to be utilized for advertising.

#### Hospitality Committee Report: Alina Fotache

- The next bagel day is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Technology Report: Meghan Lupu for Susan Marino and Maria Rimmel

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is a half day/Bagel day.

#### Spirituality Report: Meghan Lupu for Danielle Robbins and Jennifer Marlin

- A second Ronald McDonald House 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer event will be scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Box tops raised \$370 with a second collection scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at The Brothers in Red Bank.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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