



Dear SJS Families,

The holidays are upon us! We know this time of year is a busy time and making a PTO meeting is almost impossible. So, we have opted to bring the meeting to you! We do not have anything to vote on at this time but wanted to provide you with information.

#### St. James PTO Meeting

- Treasurers Report (Patty Gilland)
  - See Attached
- Presidents Report
  - I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that have collaborated with the PTO Board in making the past events successful. We appreciate you! – Shelley Brackett
- Committee Reports
  - **Golf Scramble**  
Great success! Thank you to everyone involved. \$13,945.14 was raised during this event to support SJS!
  - **St James Picnic**  
The St James parish and school have joined together to pull off and a most spectacular event! \$30,000 was raised for the SJS PTO during this event! Plans for next year have already started. Please make a commitment now to be involved next year.
  - **Chocolate and Magazines**  
\$14,218.11 is our total raised to date! Thank you all for your hard work during this fundraiser. ***We still have roughly \$2,000.00 not turned in. Please contact us ASAP to pay your balance.***
  - **Scrip**  
The easiest way (especially during the holiday season) to raise money for SJS! Attached is a flyer for Shop with Scrip for SJS events!
  - **Fire Prevention Day**  
As a way to educate our students about what to do in case of a fire, our K-5th graders had the opportunity to check out the fire house and learn a few fire prevention and safety tips. We would like for this to be an annual event.
  - **Receptions**  
Grandparents Day and Veterans Day receptions were great! We had large turnouts for both. Thank you to all that volunteered!
  - **Restaurant Benefit Nights**  
Our most recent is Zaxbys on **Tuesday, Nov 19 @ 5-8 pm**. Room parents will send out notification for these and there will be posts on FB. Please plan a dine out for dinner night and support your SJS PTO. Thank you Bonnie Noce for arranging these!
  - **Teacher Lunches**  
This school year, PTO added quarterly teacher lunches. Parent Teacher Conference evening is a day our teachers rarely get a dinner and are lucky to get a snack. Bonnie arranged for McCallisters box lunches to feed our favorite people! Thank you teachers for all you do!



- Upcoming Events
  - **St Nick Day.**  
Dec. 6 St. Nicholas will be at SJS and visit each classroom to share the story of St Nick and hand out gifts from the SJS PTO.
  - **Santa Shop**  
Dec 9 – Dec 11. Please be on the lookout via email and FB for times and special events. Schedules have been setup for classes to visit throughout the school day. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Please reach out to Kara Montgomery [kara.montgomery@southcentralbank.com](mailto:kara.montgomery@southcentralbank.com) if you are able to help anytime during the event.
  - **Catholic Schools Week**  
Jan 26 – 31, 2020
  - **Black & White Knight**  
Feb 1, 2020 This is an annual event not run by the PTO, but rather coordinated by a volunteer committee. Dinner, dancing and a fabulous auction make for a great fundraiser for SJS! Put on your best dress & dancing shoes and have a night out with someone special.
- New Business
  - **Chili Supper and Auction**  
Years ago, SJS had a chili supper. We've had many ask about the class projects that used to be auctioned at the SJS Fall Festival. The SJS PTO is working with Mrs. Edwards, art teacher, and all SJS teachers to bring back class projects and hold a Chili Supper & Auction. Date is TBD.
  - **PTO classroom dues and fees**  
SJS PTO, Sister Marie Hannah and the Finance Committee have been working together to make changes for the 2020-2021 school year. Look for more information to be shared about this next month.
- Announcements
  - Please watch FB and room parent emails for announcements. If you do not have FB, please check out <https://www.sjschoolonline.org/domain/42> . Our FB scrolls on the website.
  - ***NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK Nov 25-29 for Thanksgiving break!***

Thank you all for your support of the SJS PTO so far this year! Feedback is always welcome and appreciated. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to reach out to any PTO officer or [pto@sjschoolonline.org](mailto:pto@sjschoolonline.org)

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