

# SJS PTO NEWS

## Overview/Minutes November, 2007

### Welcome/Prayer

- Erin Gore, Secretary and Amy Kuntz, Treasurer opened the meeting with a prayer.

### Approval of Minutes from October, 2007 PTO meeting

- Motion made by Genny Short to approve the minutes from October's meeting. Chris Brinker seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### School Update – Sister James Michael

- **Grandparent's Day** another success this year. A suggestion was made by Beth Dristas to have teachers allow students without Grandparents or special visitors to pair up with a friend who does have a grandparent or special visitor to aid in no student feeling left out. Sr. James Michael agreed with this idea for next year. Kudos to Lori Orman and crew for a wonderful job providing snacks to grandparents and to all those who made food donations.
- **Progress reports** sent home on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **8<sup>th</sup> graders** to shadow Roncalli students on the morning of November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Thanksgiving baskets** to be delivered on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Meet in cafeteria.
- **Thanksgiving break** November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Fall concert** for grades 1, 3, 5 and 6 on November 29<sup>th</sup> in the church.
- **Sickness in school** is increasing for students and staff due to cold and flu season. Reminder best defense is to wash hands and use magic soap which is available in cafeteria for use before eating lunch.

### Breakfast with Santa - April Faust

- To be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 11am. Basket donations needed for raffle. To volunteer to help set up on Friday and/or work a shift at the breakfast on Saturday contact April Faust.

### **Marketing Committee Update – Anne Johnson.**

- A **Valentine’s Day celebration** is in the works.

### **President’s Update – Ruth Papandria**

- **Thanksgiving basket** donation from PTO was 19 turkeys to families in need. Students can donate \$1.00 to help room-parents purchase perishable items for baskets.
- **Market Day** deadline November 9<sup>th</sup>. Big sale item this month is pies, pies, pies.
- **New Spirit Wear items** currently available are white visors with a new St. Jude logo for \$7 and black ball caps with new St. Jude logo for \$8.
- **In School Program update** Sisterhood was October 22<sup>nd</sup>. “Getting Excited About Science” to be held on November 27<sup>th</sup> in the gym for grades 4, 5, and 6. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Poinsettia sale** being held in conjunction with Breakfast with Santa on December 1<sup>st</sup>. No greenery being sold this year.
- **Coat drive** for St. Philip Neri collected 12 bags filled with coats and uniforms and winter wear. These items are very much appreciated. Used blue uniform pants and white uniform shirts may be donated any time throughout the year.
- **Skating Party** in October went very well and the costumes were a fun addition. Congratulations to all winners!
- **Capital Campaign** festivities concluding November 12<sup>th</sup>. Sr. James Michael implored all in attendance to make a pledge if at all possible and certainly to pray as the school will receive much needed improvements if enough funding is pledged.

### **Treasurer’s Update – Amy Kuntz**

- **Profit and Loss** by job from July 1 – November 7 presented as well as Expenses by Vendor Summary from October 11<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business – Ruth Papandria**

- **Yearbook** planning underway. Submit photos to Carrie Hiatt via email only this year at [pchiatt2@att.net](mailto:pchiatt2@att.net).

- **PTO serves RCIA** November 14th. Market Day samples are on the menu.
- **Winners of prizes** won thru a drawing by those in attendance to tonight's PTO meeting were as follows: 5 free school lunches won by Ruth Papandria; new white SJS spirit wear visor won by Beth Dristas. Prizes won at all PTO meetings! There is such a thing as a free lunch! Come to the next meeting and win!!
- **Results of the traveling trophy winners** from October's PTO meeting are in. Categories include:  
 Grades K-2 - winner was Mrs. Brown's room.  
 Grades 3-5 winner was Mrs. S. Halloran's room.  
 Grades 6-8 winner was Ms. Densler's room.
- **Next PTO meeting** scheduled on *\*December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Amy Kuntz's house*. All parents are welcome to attend. A short business meeting will be conducted and a Christmas celebration following. A white elephant exchange is planned. You don't need to purchase a thing. Bring an item around your house that you never seem to use anymore, wrap it pretty, and bring it to exchange for Christmas fun.

**Closing prayer** by Sr. James Michael

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Papandria

President	Ruth Papandria – present
Vice President	Ann Stahl – not present
Treasurer	Amy Kuntz – present
Secretary	Erin Gore – present

\* Change of date announced at meeting from December 13<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>.