

AGENDA

St. Joseph School PTO Meeting

September 20th, 2022 | 6:00PM

Board members

Audrey Farrugia, President | Luisa Dunlap, Vice President | Linda Okon, Treasurer | Carrie Clinton, Secretary | Terri Thomas, Principal |

Time	Item	Owner
6:00PM	Welcome Prayer Breakdown of PTO structure and responsibilities Introduction of board	Audrey Farrugia /Teri Thomas
6:05PM	<u>Ted Borowicz</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Soccer and volleyball is underway.Registration is underway for cheerleading, bowling, and basketball.JV cheerleading coach needed.4th grade boys basketball coach needed.Beer tent volunteers needed for Octoberfest weekend in downtown Trenton. -All profits go to SJS athletics and school.	Luisa Dunlap/Carrie Clinton/Audrey Farrugia
	<u>Start of 2022-2023 Year</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcoming Baskets: These were delivered to all new families at their home. Full of school info, parish information, and other school things. This will be done again next year for all new families.Ice Cream Social- Went well. It was a good turnout. Next year include some student representatives.Spirit Wear: This is for students and adults. This will be offered three times a year. Orders are due Friday, September 30th. If you chose at school shipping it is free shipping.Spirit wear dress down days will be free. The spirit wear clothes can only be worn on dress down and spirit wear days. Not on a normal school day.Social Media Clean Up: There are 3: The parish page, The school page, and classroom pages. We are going to start cleaning up and taking out parents of students who no longer attend SJS from the classroom pages. We will also be monitoring comments to be sure they are PC.Coin Wars: This will be in October. This is a fundraiser for the PTO to fund all the things PTO does for the school. More info to be announced.Mandatory Hours: 20 mandatory hours for all K-8 parents. 5 hours must be done from a main event. The main events are Golf outing, beer tent from the summer, Fish Fry, & Auction. If you do not put your hours in by the last day of May then you will be charged for the hours not logged even if you did the hours.	
6:10PM	<u>Teacher Appreciation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Favorite things: Almost every class has an amazon Wishlist and all favorite things lists for each teacher is posted as well. Still needing a list for second grade even though she is a long term sub.Parent/Teacher Conference Activities: Conferences are first week of November. Dinner will be provided each night of conferences for teachers. We will include the wish list tree for each teacher outside the classroom of each teacher.	Taryn Castle
6:15PM	<u>Room Parent</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There will be a meeting with all homeroom parents. They are responsible for planning and executing the Halloween, Christmas, & Valentine parties. One room parent from each class will	Bethanne Sawicki

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6:20PM	have to attend PTO meetings. Room parents can switch and do every other so one parent is not attending them all. There will also be a criteria on what will be done at parties. Off campus parties are only middle school. Also, room parents will be responsible to make a classroom basket for the auction. Every class will go to custard corner and room parents will be responsible to coordinate that. Older grades will be \$25 for parties and \$10 for younger grades. Room parents must go over everything planned for the parties with the teacher.	Suzanne Cady
6:25PM		
6:30PM	<p><u>School Dances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee came up with 3 dances. The first two are 7th and 8th grade. Last will include 6th. First dance is October 14th and it is a Hawaiian theme. We will provide hot and ready pizzas, cookies, decorations, and will create a playlist that will be played during the dance. We also have the lights and plenty of parents to help. 	Angela Jesse
6:35PM		
6:40 PM	<p><u>Special Person's Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format October 25th. Special persons will be split into 2 groups. Half outside and half inside. Then switch. The craft will be a school paper quilt. In the gym we will have coffee, tea, and doughnuts from Elliot's bakery. Pictures will be taken with their special person. 	
6:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking into setting up tables the evening before. Payment: because it is such a large bill for doughnuts, looking into being paid prior to picking up the doughnuts. 	
	<p><u>Silent Auction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting Committee together. October 11th at 7pm to meet about silent auction. Not sure on location yet. There was a google sheet posted to sign up or email Taryn or Michelle. Looking to keep it a silent auction. Also looking for donations or baskets for auction. \$22,500 golf outing raised. Beer tent raised \$10,628 for school and same amount for athletics. 	Taryn Castle /Michelle Mihalak
		Michelle Mihalek
	<p><u>Community Outreach Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trunk or Treat October 28th 5:30-7:30pm Need at least 2 more families to help planning the fish fry. Contact Emily Cambell if you are interested in helping with any of the community outreach. 	Emily Campbell
		Teri Thomas
	<p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition Ticket Pull- Robinson 	
	<p><u>OPEN FORUM</u></p>	

- Concerns that confirmation should be an 8th grade sacrament not a 9th grade.
- Concerns that there are once a month retreats to prepare for first communion with parents and children. Students who attend St. Joseph School should not have to attend these monthly retreats because they are getting much more preparation at school as opposed to students who just attend catechism.
- Parent asking if students could get a lesson at school on how to take the wine in mass. Many students who made their first communion during covid were not taught this and are nervous to take the wine at school masses because they have not been taught how to properly.

- Look into doing a fundraiser on a Thursday in Monroe with corn mazes etc. This could be an 8th grade fundraiser.
- Having Lieutenant Hawkins come to speak with 4-5 and 6-8th about safety, what are appropriate things to say and what are not in school, online, text messages, etc.