

MINUTES

St. Joseph School Parent's Group (SJPG)

8/17/2021 | 6:00 PM |

In Attendance

Nicole Kunkle	Angela May	Kacy Nash
Beth Wigfield	Darlene Fitzgerald	Rob Landolphi

Board

The Board members volunteer their service and were approved by Sister Patrick. The SJPG board includes Angela May as Treasurer and Beth Wigfield as Recording Secretary. We are a group organized and comprised of parents, with the assistance from Ms. Joan Pagliuso as our Teacher Advisor, and the blessing of Sister Mary Patrick. We welcome everyone to attend the meetings, provide insights and ideas, and participate in events throughout the year. No participation or volunteerism is too small.

Budget

Sister has placed a goal of \$15,000 for the 2021/2022 school year – we can do it!! The 2021 Rummage Sale generated \$37,000, half of which comes back to our school for operating expenses. But we're not all about fundraising, we like to raise fun too! Keep reading for both types of events coming up this Fall/Winter.

Fundraising

Walk-a-thon, Sept 24 (Darlene Fitzgerald and Amy Gargenese leads)

- In this event, students gather in the St Michael's Center parking lot for an hour of walking, skipping, jogging, and plain ole fun. Students will solicit family members to help sponsor their walk (checks made out to St Joseph School). The students with the 3 highest sponsorships will receive dress down days, with a gift card going to the top sponsorship.
- Elementary and middle school students will be separated, and the students will walk in shifts throughout the day.
- Amy and Darlene are planning on contests for the most laps, setting up a hopscotch course, and much more fun.
- Look for the specific information in the Sept 8th Wednesday letter.

Mums Sale (Jenny Sheridan lead)

- We have again partnered with Agway of Norwich for this Mums sale.
- You'll receive order forms in the Sept 8th Wednesday letter. Complete the form with your name, amount of plants, and payment then during the specified time period, go to Agway to pick out your plants.

Holiday Pies (Nicole Kunkle and Kacy Nash leads)

- A favorite fundraiser for the Fall. Lyman Orchards provides a variety of pies for your holiday entertaining, or just your everyday enjoyment.
- Specific ordering dates are still pending, look for the flyer in a late September Wednesday letter.

- Nicole & Kacy will have your orders ready for you to pick up at the school on November 19th.

Christmas Wreaths & Kissing Balls Sale (Jenny Sheridan lead)

- We have again partnered with Agway of Norwich for this Mums sale.
- More details to come in November.

Christmas Extravaganza, December 5th (Nicole Kunkle, Angela May, Kacy Nash, & Beth Wigfield leads)

- We're planning on holding this in person – say a prayer!
- We'll provide extensive information as we near closer, but some things to know:
 - Each classroom will have their own themed Classroom Basket. Teacher will be choosing from a list of themes, and will also be given suggestions for items to purchase. We ask that parents provide the contents of their child(ren)'s classroom baskets.
 - In addition to the Classroom Baskets, each family will need to make a monetary donation of \$20. This money will be used to “fluff” the baskets.
 - Families are encouraged to contact local businesses requesting donations. A donation request letter and form will be provided within an upcoming Wednesday letter.
 - As we remain within a COVID environment, we're going to forego the usual sit-down dinner. Instead we are contemplating whether to have individually wrapped foods or food trucks. More information to follow.
 - We will be solicitating businesses by mail with follow-ups via email. If anyone would like to assist with the emails, please contact us. We'll also look for volunteers to help as we get closer to the event:
 - Wrapping baskets Nov 27 or Nov 28
 - Typing / printing laminated “recipe” cards itemizing each baskets' contents (no booklet)
 - Preparing the gym with tables, chairs, tablecloths, decorations, etc (Friday Dec 3)
 - Helping the night of with selling 50/50 tickets, selling raffle tickets, and registering people for auction.
- We will begin to hold a separate meeting to discuss the Extravaganza in October, and welcome all for support and a helping hand. Look for more information in future Wednesday letters.

Bingo, March 4 (Angela May lead)

- We're going to make an attempt to have this event.
- This is a fun adult night out at Foxwoods Casino Bingo Hall. We have had a few families win, so get your tickets and try your luck!
- St Joseph School receives a percentage of all ticket sales, the more we sell the more money we receive.

Raising Fun Events

Pumpkin Derby, October 16th, rain or shine (Angela May lead)

- For all ages, students, parents, and teachers alike.
- Decorate a pumpkin, add wheels and watch it race!
- We will have judges who will be judging for various categories (school spirit, colorful, fastest, most creative, etc.).
- Flyer with all the details including where to purchase wheels will be coming out in September.

Bonfire (Saturday January 15th)

- This one is a ways away also, but we want to make sure everyone puts in down in their calendar. This is a wonderfully fun night of fun and friends. Held in the school playground, dress warmly and this year bring your own food and drink.

Mother/Son Brunch, (Spring 2022)

- We were unable to hold this event in April, it has been so much fun that we want to make sure our mothers and sons don't miss out.
- We're still working the specifics on the brunch portion of the morning, but we have the fun planned out.
- Mothers and sons will team up together on Kickball teams, picked at random. So, bring your active wear and sneakers for a fun-filled day!

Father/Daughter Dance (Spring 2022)

- We normally have this magical night in February, but if we're unable to our "rain date" will be May under a tent in the playground.
- We more than likely will not be able to serve food, but this will give our dads an opportunity to take their daughter(s) to a special dinner before the dance.
- Dads, you do not want to miss this!

Miscellaneous

Future Meetings

- We will make every effort to meet in person but we are also looking into the feasibility of using ZOOM. Stay tuned!

Spirit Wear (Nicole Kunkle)

- Spirit Wear can be purchased here https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/271052?_k=q71vnl. A percentage of each order is sent monthly to the school.

Next Meeting

We have not chosen a date for the next SJPG meeting. Please check your Wednesday letters for dates and times.

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Students will receive a dress down day for parent participation.

The success of St. Joseph School is dependent on our **Great Families!**
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