

St. John Home and School Agenda

Thursday, October 16, 2025 6:30 – 7:30

Attendees - Sara Beschta, Brynn VanZeeland, Emily Sokel, Samantha Schultz, Kelly Huss, Anne Schadrie, Allison Vanden Hogen, Kayla Schultz, Breanna Schepp, Victoria Buza, Rebecca Uitenbroek, Janine Koep, Alecia Elrick

Home & School Mission Statement:

Our mission is to work collectively on behalf and in support of the school. Home and School seeks to create and enrich a sense of community within our school, while mobilizing parental efforts to provide a safe, spiritual and educational experience for our students, their families, and our staff. Together we fundraise, support, and provide fun!

Treasurer's Report – parish accountant is out of the office so final totals for September and color run are still pending

Color Run Recap (H&S)

- Great turn out, participation was very high; only 14 preschool students were not in attendance.
- Over \$20,000 in donations were received...still waiting on Venmo transaction totals.
- Kona Ice was down for about 20-30 minutes near the end of the event. Some families were unable to receive their snowcone. Billing has been a nightmare for a couple years. Will we continue Kona in the future?
- Feedback for next year was discussed - having class flags to help with organization, making sure there are speakers on the opposite side of the field and having a grade level parent as a rep during the event.

Staff Meals for Conferences

- 10/21 Qdoba
- 10/23 Soup/Sandwich provided by 2nd grade parents

Trunk or Treat (October 27)

- Preschool-8th grade are invited this year. There will be a food drive for St John's Pantry. We are considering serving hot chocolate/cider from Kwik Trip. We'll keep the center of the parking lot clear and put food drive/hot chocolate there for more exposure.
- Home and School will have a trunk this year. Each child will receive SJS croc charm, rice krispie treat and glow cross.
- 3 Best trunks will receive a prize (3 interim principles will be the judges) \$25 GC to Electric City Lanes, 95 Piece bag of candy, SJS Tote and 2 can koozies. \$25 GC to Marcus Theater, Large bag of Valley Popcorn, 12 pack of microwave popcorn, popcorn toppings, SJS Tote & 2 can koozies. \$20 GC to Culvers, Chocolate and Caramel toppings, sprinkles, cherries, SJS Tote & 2 can koozies.

Craft Fair (Sunday, November 2nd)

- Many volunteers are still needed especially for set-up all day Oct 31st and Clean-up Sunday afternoon.
- Food Lead (Miranda Schuh.) Bake Sale Leads (Melissa Locy & Kelly Huss.) Raffle Basket Lead (Elyse Lloyd.)
- Most baskets are doing well with funding/donations. We are capping all baskets at \$550 so as to not exceed the legal limits. Any funds above the cap will be split or shared among other baskets that may be lacking. Date to assemble & photograph baskets is 10/26.
- We are no longer able to accept Venmo for the raffle because it is like a lottery. Discussed making sure marketing was explicit that it is cash/check only and discussed the possibility of having an ATM on site.

Other Topics

- H&S Fees - about 115 out of about 270 families have filled out the form and paid.
- Discussed possibly pricing out hotdog day vs pizza day. Is it more economical to alternate?
- H&S will be presenting at the next Board of Education meeting - any suggestions for topics to cover are welcome.
- Dress Down Coupons at meetings may be discontinued. The decision will be left up to our new school leadership if/when they are hired.
- Candy for the troops next year?

Upcoming Events

- October 27th: Trunk or Treat (Janine Koep & Laura Klister)
- November 2nd: Christmas Craft Fair (Samantha Shultz)
- December 12th: Staff Christmas luncheon (H&S)
- December 19th: Cookies with Santa (Emily Hietpas & Beth Rothe)

Meeting Dates

- Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:30 in rooms 122A/122B at the Parish Center
- November 18, December 18, January 20, February 17, April 16, May 19.