

St. John Home and School Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 6:30-7:30pm

Attendance

Elyse Lloyd, Bethany Rothe, Miranda Schuh, Allison VandenHogan, Breanna Schepp, Janine Koep, Leah Schrage, Samantha Appleton, Lori Ott, Rebecca Uitenbroek, Jodi Resch, Samantha Schultz

Opening Prayer & Introductions

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!

Treasurers Report - Janine

- We have about \$11,500 in donations from sponsoring businesses for the Color Run. This is slightly down from last year, but there are a few trickling in yet.
- Less than half of H&S fees have been paid by families. Will send out again via Parent Notify and post on Facebook page.

Review of recent events

- Open House
 - o Good feedback! Everything was well organized.
 - o QR code for paying H&S fees/hot lunch was helpful. Maybe we add image to a large poster next year.
 - o Review cost of Mr. Reynebau cookies. Consider something more cost effective.
- Pastries for Parents
 - o Do away with bottles of juice and just have juice boxes - no preference
 - o There were lots of donuts left over
 - o Discussed changing to a different day. Maybe after the Red Carpet mass, since so many parents attend? Would have set up in Fellowship Hall.
- September Teacher Enrichment (snack boxes filled with gum, candy, snacks, etc.)
 - o Finished and delivered on September 11th to all school and parish staff



Upcoming events

Color Run (September 30th 5-7pm)

- Colored flags have been ordered for the fence for students to know where to line up before/after laps.
- Course set-up - Huss/Johnson/Locy families have volunteered again
 - Alecia will need list of supplies needed for the course to order in time
- Sign-up Genius is out for volunteer areas & teacher volunteers to throw color. **There are still lots of opportunities to volunteer for the Color Run!**
- New DJ this year - Fortune Talent - Chris Rowe (same cost - \$650)
- Communication to 3K/4K families
 - Ask teachers what they would prefer for the order of heats
 - Inform parents to gather by pink flag on fenceline to find their child
 - Leah Schrage will work with Alecia to communicate with 3K/4K parents. Hoping to include a map and timeline.
- Culvers custard
 - donating 400 single scoops of ice cream (200 vanilla, 200 chocolate)
 - Will use wristbands to keep track of how many students wanted ice cream
Do we need wristbands? What is the purpose of tracking?
 - Any excess will be given out after the races have concluded
 - 8th graders are receiving color changing cups and will receive two single scoops of custard of their choice
 - Beth Driessen picking up and will have coolers (Bethany Rothe can help supply coolers.)

Trunk or Treat (October 25th 2-4pm)

- 1st Grade Reps (Bethany Rothe & Janine)
 - o Communication - plan to reach out “personally” to teachers and staff to invite them and their families.
 - o Canned food drive - reach out to parish to find out where we should put donated food after the event
 - o Volunteers needed - just a couple after the event to pack up and move canned goods

Craft Fair (November 8th - Samantha Schultz)

- o Baskets (Elyse Lloyd)
 - Parish office has asked us to put baskets together earlier for marketing. Samantha posted to FB page asking for grade level volunteers. Elyse to send out template to volunteers for basket donation letter.
 - There is space in the parish office for us to store the baskets safely
 - Samantha has already reached out to many local businesses and organizations, securing awesome donations.

- o Luncheon (Miranda Schuh & Kayla Schultz)- Looking for people to shadow them and take over in 2-3 years. **Please reach out to H&S if you are interested in learning more! A great opportunity to make a big impact.**
- o Bake Sale (Melissa Locy & Kelly Huss)- Run and Funded by Builders Club

Teacher Enrichment

- October (Kayla Locy, Shado - 2nd Grade)
 - o October 20th & 22nd conference meals

Grade Level Reps Needed

- A second rep is needed for middle school (6/7/8)

Miscellaneous

- Had a great discussion regarding how funds are allotted and spent. How can we better support our students in their education and faith development? Consider reducing costs in some areas. H&S to follow-up with school and parish leaders to make a plan to make our dollars more impactful for SJS students.

Future Meeting Dates - 6:30-7:30PM

Wednesday October 14th, 2026 - TEACHER'S LOUNGE
 Tuesday November 17th, 2026 - PARISH CENTER (LOWER LEVEL)
 Wednesday December 16th, 2026 - TEACHER'S LOUNGE
 Tuesday January 19th, 2027 - PARISH CENTER (LOWER LEVEL)

Wednesday February 17th, 2027 - TEACHER'S LOUNGE
 Tuesday March 16th, 2027 - PARISH CENTER (LOWER LEVEL)
 Wednesday April 14th, 2027 - TEACHER'S LOUNGE
 Tuesday May 18th, 2027 - PARISH CENTER (LOWER LEVEL)

Future Home and School Event Dates

Staff Christmas Luncheon/Gift : December 11, 2026 11:30-?
 Cookies with Santa : December 22, 2026 9-11AM
 Catholic Schools Week : January 31-February 5, 2027
 Donuts with Grown-ups (Gr. 1-2) : February 19, 2027 8-10AM
 Fun with Fellas : March 11, 2027 6-7:30PM
 Night Out With a Princess : March 19, 2027 6-7:30PM
 Family Skate City Night : April 15, 2027 6-8PM
 Teacher Appreciation Week : May 3-7, 2027
 Tea with Me (Gr. 1-2): May 7, 2027 8-10:30AM