

# SJS PTO NEWS

## Overview/Minutes

January, 2008

### Welcome/Prayer

- Ruth Papandria opened the meeting and Erin Gore lead the prayer.

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

- Motion made by Lisa Beretta to approve the minutes from December's meeting. Anne Johnson seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### School Update – Sister James Michael

- **Catholic Schools Week** begins January 27<sup>th</sup>. Sr. announced that prayer for vocations will begin. Students will be informed about choices of religious vocations at school and parents will be encouraged to emphasize at home the option of the vocation of religious life.
- **Science Fair and SJS Open House** to be held on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Ash Wednesday** is February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **NCEA (National Catholic Education Association)** conference will be held in Indianapolis for the first time for its annual convention. Approximately 13,000 principals, priests, sisters, teachers and lay people will be choosing conferences to attend during Easter week.
- **5-6 grade choir** has the special honor of performing at St. John's Catholic Church downtown on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 for the NCEA.
- **Parent volunteers** are especially needed for the NCEA event. For instance, Holy Saturday morning volunteers are needed to stuff bags with items including letters our own students have written to welcome all in attendance to the NCEA. Please look on line at [www.archindy.org.NCEA](http://www.archindy.org.NCEA). Fill out the form and they will call you.
- **The Guardian Angel Guild** has money available for special requests made by teachers. Mrs. Wooldridge received \$900 for a laptop computer.
- **ISTEP results are in** and SJS ranked 93.7% across the board of all who took ISTEP. Telling time and problem solving have been determined to be the biggest difficulty for the third grade students to master. Sister and teachers have been meeting weekly to discuss methods for student improvement. A \$500 request by

the teachers from the PTO was made by Sr. for the purchase of concrete materials for the improvement of learning skills in grades K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion made by Vicki Rohrman to approve allowance of the requested \$500 and Robin Green seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- **Volunteer Tutors needed.** Parents could be valuable resources to SJS students mainly for review of materials previously taught. No degree required. Please let Sister know if you are available to tutor students.
- **Room parent** assistance is very appreciated by teachers particularly for dinners and recess relief.

#### **In School Program – Kristine Schutte**

- **“The NED Show”** is scheduled for Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the gym for all students. “It’s Cool to be Catholic” for grades 5-8 will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> in the church featuring a motivational religious NCYC speaker.
- **4<sup>th</sup> graders** are scheduled to visit the Ruth Lilly Center.

#### **SCRIP – Vicki Rohrman**

- **10% of SJS families are participating.** Approximately \$3,000 profited to date.

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

- **Breakfast with Santa** netted a little over \$1,300 for tuition assistance. This is up from last year.
- **2008-2009** Budget brainstorming has begun.
- **Teachers’ Wish Lists** are needed. It has been determined that 2-way radios for all teachers and staff are vital for disaster communication. Not all teachers are in possession of a 2-way radio presently.
- **Walk-A-Thon** proceeds are yet to be earmarked. A vote will be taken at the February PTO meeting.
- **February 2008 PTO meeting** will have Cheryl McAllen of St. Jude’s School Commission as a guest speaker.
- **March 2008 PTO meeting** has the possibility of SJS’s social worker speaking at the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Update – Amy Kuntz by Ruth Papandria**

- **Profit and Loss** by job from July 1 – January 9, 2008 presented as well as Expenses by Vendor Summary from December 12, 2007 – January 9, 2008.

### **New Business – Ruth Papandria**

- **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 Anne Johnson and Kelly Kreich and a box of candy was won by Kristine Schutte. Prizes won at all PTO meetings! There is such a thing as a free lunch! Come to the next meeting for a chance to win!!
- **Results of the traveling trophy winners** from January's PTO meeting.  
Categories include:  
Grades K-2 – winners include a 3-way tie between Mrs. Tuttle, Ms. Edwards and Mrs. Schutz's K- pm .  
Grades 3-5 winner was Mrs. S. Halloran's room (again!)  
Grades 6-8 winner include a 5-way tie between Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Clark, Mr. Oakley, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Boles.
- **Next PTO meeting** scheduled on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in the school conference room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Closing prayer** by Sr. James Michael

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Papandria

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