



SEPTEMBER 2019

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

From Rose, Juli, Trisha, Lisa and Kristin - Your PTO Committee

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# AGENDA

- 6:00 pm Snacks and refreshments
- 6:20 pm Drawing of door prize
- 6:30 Presentation Begins
  - Father Ron Blessing
  - Administration, Teacher Introduction (Dr. Sullivan)
  - Christian Services Presentation (Dr. Sullivan)
  - PTO Introduction & Upcoming Events (PTO)
- 7:30 pm **Middle School (Grade 6-8)** meeting with teachers (one session only) to stay at FGH
- 7:30 pm **Session 1: Grade K-5** to learn about a day in the life of your student in their classroom.
- 8:00 pm **Session 2: Grade K-5** to learn about a day in the life of your student in their classroom.

Note: Information about after school activities will be available.

## NOTE FROM THE PTO

- Welcome to all new and returning families! It is going to be a great year. Last year was great and lets strive to make this year greater.
- The PTO's mission is to collaborate between teachers and parents to enrich the social and cultural experiences of our students and families.
- We plan on accomplishing many things this year, as we do every year, but we cannot accomplish these things without you – **St. Joseph's School Families.**

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- We largely rely on the financial support from key sources of income:
    - Box Tops
    - School-wide events, such as the Halloween Party, Pancake Breakfast and Breakfast with Santa
    - Square One Art
  - These funds enable the PTO to help many of our annual favorites:
    - Back to School Bash
    - Field Day
    - Catholic School Week Activities
    - Various teacher appreciate activities
  - We depend largely on donations of goods, time and most importantly, YOUR ideas.

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- We would love for you to join us at our monthly meetings. **There is no obligation to do anything – we just want to hear from you and get your ideas.** We are working on making meetings more accessible to our families by web conferences.
  - Lastly, please make sure to reach out to us if you are not receiving our newsletter and text reminders of important events. You can reach us at [pto@stjosephschoolwakefield.org](mailto:pto@stjosephschoolwakefield.org)

# ST. JOSEPH'S PTO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Our Committee members are:
  - Chair - Roseline Giglio
  - Vice Chair – Juli Carteiro
  - Secretary - Trisha Caruso
  - Treasurer - Annalisa Avola-Imperio
  - Family Involvement Coordinator - Kristine Norris

## PTO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Roseline (Rose) Giglio has been at SJS for 4 years; her 3 boys are in grade 2, kindergarten and the ECP. In her free time, Rose is a Den Leader for the Wakefield Pack 722 Lions and coaches Little League.
- Juli Carteiro's son entering Kindergarten and this is his first year at SJS. Juli is registered nurse and an avid walker.
- Trisha Caruso has been at SJS for 3 years and her oldest daughter is starting Kindergarten. She is new to the PTO and looks forward to connecting with SJS families.
- Annalisa Avola-Imperio has also been at SJS for 3 years and her daughter is starting kindergarten. She is a family law attorney and practices in Stoneham.
- Kristine Norris has been at SJS for 3 years and her daughter is starting kindergarten. She is looking forward to planning school-wide activities.



# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

## ■ September 20, 2019 5 pm – 7 pm

- RSVP due by September 13, 2019 (form is attached or email us at [PTO@StJosephSchoolWakefield.org](mailto:PTO@StJosephSchoolWakefield.org))
- Held in the parking lot of SJS (lot closed at 4:30). In the event of inclement weather it will be held at Father Gillis Hall.
- Complimentary pizza, snacks and water. Any proceeds will go toward an 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship.
- There will be music, so bring your dancing shoes! Also, a bouncy house, face painting, Double Dutch and more.
- If your interested in helping out, please signup using the signup genius located on our PTO Facebook page, PTO website or email.

# PTO COMMUNICATIONS

- Newsletter
- PTO Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SJSWakefieldPTO](http://www.facebook.com/SJSWakefieldPTO)
- SJS webpage on our school website [www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/pto](http://www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/pto)
- Remind for text message reminders ( e.g. days off, special events). Please sign up by texting your class code below to 81010.
  - Early Childhood Program – ecp201920
  - St. Joseph School – sjs201920
- School alerts come from the SJS communication team

## UPCOMING PLANS FOR THE PTO

- Meeting format– option to call in or attend a web-based PTO meeting
- Parent Socials – evening events for families and faculty to get to know one another
- Virtual Giving Tree – teacher wish lists will be available through amazon, with the link on the PTO website
- PTO Newsletter
- Reminders via text

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/12 : Back to School Informational Night (K-8 only)
- 9/13 : Pizza form due
- 9/13 : Back to School Bash RSVP Due
- 9/16 : Milk Distribution Begins
- 9/20 : Individual picture Day
- 9/20 : Pizza lunches begin
- 9/20 : Back to School Bash
- 9/25-9/27 : Food Pantry Drive

# UPCOMING PTO MEETINGS

PTO meeting are normal held the second Wednesday of the month.

- PTO Social on September 18, 2019 (Location:TBD)
- October 9, 2019 6:30 PM
- November 13, 2019 6:30 PM
- December- no meeting but join us for Breakfast with Santa on 12/15
- January 8, 2019
- March 12, 2019
- April 7, 2019
- May 6, 2019

Note: There are not meetings in December or February. Also meeting are subject to change with notice.

# 2018-2019 PTO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<u>Source of Income:</u>		<u>% of Fundraising</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>	
Halloween Party*	1,196.16	20%	Orientation/Open House	318.38
Box Top	724.40	12%	Back to school Teacher Gifts	-
Breakfast with Santa*	1,069.62	18%	Back to School Bash	624.17
Prince Pizza/Roller World*	191.79	3%	Teachers Appreciation Events/Gifts	2,650.52
Square 1 Art	1,000.63	17%	Field Day	1,220.05
SweetGreen Fundraiser	250.00	4%	Donations: Chairs/Drama	195.00
Pancake Breakfast	1,039.00	17%	Sunshine Club	125.00
Home Alone Program*	360.00	6%	STEM/Red Sox T-Shirts	326.00
Planet Aid	202.65	3%	8th Grade Scholarships/Caps/Grown	707.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,034.25</b>		PTO Enrichment	85.00
*Net of Direct Event Expenses			Total Expenses	6,251.12

## PTO FUNDRAISERS: EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS



Last year, with your help and under the leadership of Mrs. Hamelin and her 7<sup>th</sup> graders,

**SJS SCHOOL turned in approx. 7,244 Box Tops!!**

resulting in **\$724.40** in proceeds supporting **12%** of PTO Expenses.

Attached is a submission sheet that once full, can be sent in with your child.

Don't forget that our kids are GREAT AT GLUING THE BOX TOPS ON THE FORM! ☺

Please keep sending them in! There are 2 deadline for submission (November and March) and checks are delivered in December and April. Ask your friends and family to collect them as well. The Top 5 schools in Mass that participate each generated over \$3,000.

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Coming in Early 2019. This Annual Fundraiser is a great way to memorialize your child's artwork. Many order Christmas Ornaments, Quilt squares and keepsake boxes to showcase their children's artwork from a moment in time.

Last year, SJS PTO raised approximately \$1,000.63 from this meaningful fundraiser.



The Planet Aid bin in the rear of our school is used to collect clothes, fabrics (blankets, curtains, towels) and shoes. We earn \$0.07 per pound. Planet Aid operates in 23 States and has donated over \$100MM to development projects for the poor. By recycling these textiles, we are helping offset the 500,000 TONS of Textiles that are discarded in New England annually. If this could be done, then New England would save 1.26 million metric tons of CO2 and ~\$40MM in landfill fees. This would have the same effect as taking 260,000 cars off the road.

Last year the PTO raised \$202.65.



# PTO AND SJS GIVING BACK

## SEPTEMBER 25TH – 27TH: FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

The Saint Joseph School community is proud to coordinate with the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry to assist local families in need. The PTO does this in coordination with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and their 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies.

We will be seeking donations by the following grades:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Designated Food Item(s)</u>
Early Childhood Program	Toothbrushes, toothpaste or deodorant
Kindergarten	Boxed pasta or boxed potatoes
Grade 1	Boxed Pasta-roni or Rice-a-roni
Grade 2	Breakfast cereals
Grade 3	Cake or cookie mixes
Grade 4	White tuna fish or canned chili
Grade 5	Shampoo or household cleaners
Grade 6	Mayonnaise or baked beans
Grade 7	Canned fruit or canned pasta meals
Grade 8	Jar spaghetti sauce

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH RSVP BY FRIDAY, 9/13

Please Return this in your child's backpack, email or texting 617-438-7883. Make sure to provide the information requested below.

Note: Siblings are WELCOME and please bring lawn chairs

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring small water bottles: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring chips (snack size): \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our stations, signup genius will be going out on Monday, check your email or our webpage. [www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/pto](http://www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org/pto)