THE ROCKET REPORT

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL PTO

JULY 2024



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bethany Scully







We hope your families are enjoying a safe and wonderful summer! The weeks are flying by, and with them, crews are making incredible progress on our library renovation project. This would not have been possible without your support, and we can't wait for you to see the refreshed space in the fall. Special thanks go to Alicia Carmody for her dedication to this effort.

Looking to the fall, we are finalizing the ever-popular Parent Socials, which are held in the first few months of the school year. We are still looking for families to host the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade socials. If you are interested and haven't hosted previously, please reach out to <u>Katherine Ollinger</u> and <u>Meghan Sawyer</u>.

As we prepare to dedicate the outdoor classroom in the fall, we appreciate the many wonderful names that students and families suggested. Sister Kathryn has narrowed down the choices to three finalists. Please vote for your favorite!

Finally, the first few weeks of school always go quickly, so mark your calendar now for our Family Fun Night, which takes place Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. in B Lot. This is a great opportunity for families to socialize, have dinner, and learn more about our Saint James community.

The PTO can't wait to welcome you back for the 2024-2025 school year!

Interested in volunteering? We have lots of roles open, and you don't need to be available during the day! Please reach out <u>HERE</u>.



KINDERGARTEN PLAYDATE

Sunday, August 18 Rocket Playground 10 am - 12 pm

Inviting all new and current Saint James families with incoming Kindergartners to join for playdates immediately following the 9 am mass. We hope to see you there!



Save the Date for the Next
Uniform Exchange and Spirit Wear Sale!
Saturday, Aug. 24
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



Drop off your gently used uniforms during summer office hours (9 a.m. to noon)!



RISING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES, PLEASE JOIN THE PTO FOR THESE FUN EVENTS!

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO SAINT JAMES!





HELP OUR ROCKETS SOAR ALL YEAR BY RAISING FUNDS THIS SUMMER!

Saint James Catholic School participates in several school fundraising programs that allow parents, family members and supporters of our Rockets to direct funds back to the school simply by the purchases they make. Please consider participating these year-round programs if you don't already!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



This is not your mother's Box Tops program - it's never been easier to raise moeny for your school simply by buying groceries. Download the app or visit **boxtops4education.com** to get started. Link your Walmart account or scan or email receipts from your phone! Over 350 common household products qualify for cash back.

LABELS





Summer camps and faraway travels mean it's time to label everything your kids own - again. Check out Mabel's Labels or Label Daddy for customizable, easy-to-use name labels. A portion of each purchase goes to Saint James School.

<u>mabelslabels.com</u> -> "Support a Fundraiser" -> "Saint James School (Falls Church)" OR <u>labeldaddy.com/saintjames</u>

SHUTTERFLY



Visit the Saint James Shutterfly storefront to get money back on prints, photo books and more! https://rb.gy/jc7uiu

STAY TUNED IN AUGUST FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HARRIS TEETER TIE PROGRAM AND MORE DINING FOR DOLLARS EVENTS TO COME. HAPPY SUMMER!



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2024 - 2025 PTO VOLUNTEERS!

BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: <u>BETHANY SCULLY</u>
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ROCKET CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT: BETSY STRONG

AUCTION & GALA: <u>TAYLOR DRAIM</u>, <u>ALEX GUEST</u>, AND <u>GINA STEBER</u>



KEEP IN TOUCH!

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