

# THE ROCKET REPORT

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL PTO

AUGUST 2024



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by [Bethany Scully](#)

Although the smell of sunscreen is still in the air, the Saint James Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is busy preparing for an awesome 2024-2025 school year!

We are grateful to all who are working to make the Back to School season a success. Special thanks go to Anne Marie Brost, who organized our EduKits orders. Anne Marie's team will distribute EduKits during the Teacher Meet and Greet Friday, Aug. 23.

What's more, we can't wait to showcase our new library this year, with several author visits planned. We are grateful to Alicia Carmody and the PTO for coordinating these events. Additionally, we are thrilled to share that the PTO was able to fund a new resource room for teachers. Faculty and staff will utilize this book and manipulative room to store books for different reading levels, as well as math manipulatives. Thank you to Mrs. Richards for the inspiration behind and oversight of this project.

Our Annual Read-a-Thon kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 3. We can't wait to share more about our class, grade level, and house goals in the coming weeks and to celebrate reading! Thank you to Julie Corley, Tory Poe, and Anna Ross for leading this fundraiser.

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.

As parents and guardians, you are all part of the PTO. We welcome your attendance at our meetings and look forward to your participation and support.

**Interested in volunteering? We have lots of roles open, and you don't need to be available during the day! Please fill out this [form](#) and we will be in touch.**

**IGNITE THE WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE!**

# Back to School Dates

DATE & TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
AUG 18 AFTER 9 AM MASS	PTO RISING KINDERGARTEN PLAYDATE	ROCKET PLAYGROUND
AUG 22 6PM	BACK TO SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ONLY	MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL
AUG 23 11AM - 1PM	MEET AND GREET	ENTER AT MAIN OFFICE
AUG 24 8 AM - 9:30 AM	PTO UNIFORM EXCHANGE & SPIRITWEAR SALE	HELLER HALL
AUG 26 FIRST DAY - UNTIL 11AM	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K - 8TH GRADE	DROP OFF A OR B LOT
AUG 26 8AM - 9AM	PTO BOO HOO BREAKFAST FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS	MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL
AUG 26 11AM - 2PM	PTO DINING FOR DOLLAR\$ @ LAZY MIKE'S	LAZY MIKE'S
AUG 27 SECOND DAY - UNTIL 11AM	SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL K - 8TH GRADE	DROP OFF A OR B LOT
AUG 28 FULL DAY UNTIL 2:00PM	FULL DAY OF SCHOOL K - 8TH GRADE (EXTENDED DAY STARTS) & PRESCHOOL BEGINS	DROP OFF A OR B LOT
AUG 29 7PM - 8:30PM	PTO NEW PARENT WINE & CHEESE	MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL
SEPT 2	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	
SEPT 3	PTO READ-A-THON BEGINS	CHECK YOUR EMAIL
SEPT 3 7PM	BACK TO SCHOOL GRADES 1ST - 5TH	MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL
SEPT 4 7PM	BACK TO SCHOOL GRADES 6TH - 8TH	MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL
SEPT 7 8AM	PTO NUN FUN RUN	B LOT
SEPT 12 7:30PM	PTO MEETING	LIBRARY

## EARN CASH FOR SAINT JAMES SCHOOL! RETAIL PARTNER



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You can now link (or re-link) your VIC card to designate **Saint James School (ID# 5489)**. **Please note that you must re-link your account every year.** Also, you may link up to five (5) schools to your account. Be sure to use your VIC card when you shop at Harris Teeter or enter your phone number at checkout. Thank you for your support!

# PTO MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:30 P.M.

Did You Know? All Saint James School parents and guardians are members of the PTO! Join us for our next monthly board meeting Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint James Library and hear from our committee chairs on the work they do. We hope to see you there!

## SAVE THE DATE

More information to follow



*Did you attend Saint James Catholic School as a Student, Teacher, or Parent?*

*Please join us for a  
Saint James Catholic  
School Alumni Reception*

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**  
**Monsignor Heller Hall**  
**7:00PM - 8:30PM**

*Light refreshments, beer, and wine  
will be served. Please only adults 21+.*

**4TH ANNUAL  
SAINT JAMES**

**Rocket Classic**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**2024**

**1PM SHOTGUN START**

**25 OCT** | **REGISTER NOW**

**2024** Westfields Golf Club  
13940 Balmoral Greens Ave  
Clifton, VA 20124

[sjsptova.ejoinme.org/2024RocketClassic](https://sjsptova.ejoinme.org/2024RocketClassic)

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2024 - 2025 PTO VOLUNTEERS!

## BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: BETHANY SCULLY

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OPERATIONS: BETSY STRONG

## COMMITTEES & EVENT CHAIRS:

HOSPITALITY: ALICIA CARMODY AND ALEX GUEST

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READ-A-THON: JULIANNE CORLEY, TORY POE, AND ANNA ROSS

NUN FUN RUN: DENISE AND SEAN MULLIN AND GINA STEBER

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ROCKET CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT: BETSY STRONG

AUCTION & GALA: TAYLOR DRAIM & ALEX GUEST



## KEEP IN TOUCH!

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