

HSA HAPPENINGS

Saint James School HSA Monthly Newsletter

November 2018
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Thank You from the HSA!

Over the past month our children have focused on the virtue of gratitude at school and have been sharing all the things they are grateful for. We'd like to chime in, too, and thank everyone that has helped this year get off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who has attended events and participated in fundraisers. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered time and talents to help organize and run events. We are so grateful for your help!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR November & December

November 7: Cherrydale Fundraiser order pick up
November 14: HSA Evening Meeting, 7:00pm, library
November 15: HSA Morning Meeting, 8:00am, lower church hall
November 16: Family Movie Night, school gym
December 1: Holiday Portrait Sessions, lower church
December 4: HSA Evening Meeting, 7:00pm, library
December 5: HSA Morning Meeting, 8:00am, lower church hall
December 12: Christmas Store
December 14: Middle School Dance at St. Bridget's

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HOW DID IT GO? Event & Fundraiser Recap

The final numbers are in...The Cherrydale fundraiser profited \$9,200! Thank you again to all the families that participated and to Kate Davis for all her behind the scenes work to tally and submit the orders. **Orders will be available for pick-up after school on November 7. Many items are frozen so it is very important you pick up your order that day.** Contact Kate with questions at 70greenbean@sbcglobal.net.

We sold 340 mums through the Botticello Mum Sale! Thank you to all the families that purchased vouchers. We hope you are enjoying your beautiful flowers! Thank you to Jackie Smith for running this fundraiser and helping us raise \$365 for the school!

Middle School Night at Jump Off was a hit with 75 students attending! Jump Off donated 25% of the admission cost to the school and so we raised \$442 dollars! Thank you to Robin Toomey for organizing the event and to the parent volunteers who chaperoned that evening.

Lots of fun was had at student BINGO night! There was a great turnout of students attending bingo night. Thank you to Kristen Miller and Karen Freund for running the event and allowing so many parents to attend the State of the School presentation.

Grandparents' Day was a special time for students and their guests! We'd like to thank Jodi Talaga for chairing the event, Linda Carpenter for her expert guidance, the many parents who helped the day run smoothly, and the baking committee for providing delicious treats for guests to enjoy!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW
Monthly Highlights

Coming up this month is our second movie night of the year on Friday, November 16. Votes are in and we will be showing "Hotel Transylvania 3." We will be pre-selling pizza and will have concessions for sale. Please join in the fun and sign up! Details will be emailed soon.

We are busy getting ready for the holiday season! Toward the end of November we will begin selling vouchers for Botticello Christmas wreaths. This sale will run just like the mum sale and is a great way to support our both school and a local business while decorating for the holidays!

On Saturday, December 1, from 9am-1pm, J.Fiereck Photography will be offering 20-minute Family Portrait Sessions as a fundraiser for our school. This will be a great way to have your family photos taken in time for holiday gifts and cards! Please save the date and keep an eye out for info how to sign up. **We are also going to be teaming up with Shutterfly & TinyPrints again this year.** If you visit our special SJS link ([here](#)) when you place your orders, the school will receive 13% of your sale. This is a great way to order prints, photo gifts and cards. Last year we raised \$500!

Students always look forward to the Christmas Store! This year the store will be held on Weds, December 12 and items will be supplied by Kids Kastle Holiday Shoppe. The gym will be transformed into a holiday store and students in all grades may come with their class to shop for family members. It is a great way for the students to share in the spirit giving! It is also a really fun event for parent volunteers, so if you are able, please join us.

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Volunteer Opportunities

For the **Christmas Store** to run smoothly, many volunteers will be needed the afternoon of Dec. 11 to set up and on Dec. 12th from 8am-4pm to help students shop and to clean up the store. Please contact Christine Strickland at christinepesola@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Please remember you must be VIRTUS trained and have completed a background check.

SAVE THE DATE
Planning Ahead

Our Dine Out committee is busy setting up fundraiser nights at local restaurants for the upcoming months. These nights are a fun way to grab a bite to eat and catch up with SJS families! Please keep an eye out for dates soon.

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