



“Happenings”

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Presenting...

www.sjshsa.org

St. James/Seton Home and School Association is proud to announce the launching of our organization website www.sjshsa.org. Be sure to add the website to your favorites!

The site has everything you wanted to know about Home and School including information about what we do, current news, monthly events, frequently asked questions and more. Check back for current information about HSA happenings!

Sound System Purchased

A new sound system for the school gym was purchased with proceeds from the Fall Fundraiser. The system installed by Midwest Sound & Lighting features four speakers mounted to the ceiling in the gym that were balanced so there is no sound delay from the front speakers to the back and the microphones are wireless. The system was used at events like Family Fun night and the Talent Show and has worked great! Thanks to Rich Hopkins for his leadership to get this system in place.



Catholic Schools Week 2011 Wrap-Up

The week started out with several students and their families helping as greeters, servers, and gift bearers at all weekend masses. The students also wore their school uniforms and were recognized during mass.



On Sunday evening over 150 students, plus their friends and families had a grand time skating, climbing in the Playdazium and playing games. The homeroom attendance prize went to room 701. Mrs. Hasiak’s room had 10 students attend and they all enjoyed a game of Lazer Tag compliments of SkateDaze. Way to go 701!! Thanks to Bernadine Cutsor for working with SkateDaze to set up our Kick Off Event.

On Monday, Moms visited classrooms to encourage all students to write letters of thanks and appreciation to their teachers, paras or any SJS staff. These were all collected and will be presented to all teachers and staff at the Appreciation Dinner that will be held on April 9.



We wrapped up the week with Family Fun night on Friday. Everyone enjoyed pizza, games, tattoos, and clowns. The Ice Cream Parlor hosted by the Jr. High, was a big hit. Thanks to moms Gina Langin and Judy Eastman for organizing the Jr. High Ice Cream Parlor. Proceeds will go toward the 8th Grade Field Day in the spring and any extra funds will be passed to the 7th grade for next year.



A huge thank you goes out to Marilou Lonergan and her committees for all their work with organizing our activities for Catholic Schools Week.

See pictures of the SkateDaze and of Family Fun Night at www.sjshsa.org

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Eagles Wings Events

Monthly Staff Appreciation Lunches & Brunches



Fifth grade parents Lisa Haley, Dina Soltys, and Billie Schumacher coordinated the December lunch. Mrs. Schumacher decorated the tables beautifully in a Christmas theme. The menu included a vegetable tray, Chicken Wild Rice and Beef Vegetable soups, along with homemade cinnamon rolls baked by Dina and her mother-in-law, Michelle Soltys.



In January the 4th Grade hosted a brunch in the "PARIS-h" Center planned by Barb Hilton and Karen Jonas. The Parish Center was transformed into a French Bistro and everyone enjoyed Potato Casserole (casserole de pommes de terre), egg casserole (cocotte oeuf), sausage gravy with biscuits (jus de saucisse avec des bisuits), croissants, sausage and bacon (saucisses et bacon), assorted muffins, fruit, coffee and juices.

The 3rd grade sponsored the February lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Kerri McWilliams and Marilou Lonergan were the co-chairs for planning the luncheon. Thirty-five families donated their time, talent and treasure to make the luncheon possible. The theme was "Valentine's Day" and the red and pink table linens were donated by Omaha Rental. The menu consisted of pulled pork sandwiches (made by Mrs. Lonergan), pasta and fruit salads, deviled eggs and desserts. All of the staff also received a treat bag. Hosting the luncheon with Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Lonergan were Linda Lytle, Tarilyn Hall, Billie Schumacher, Aimee Harrison and Renee Cann.



Annual Staff Appreciation Day

All SJS staff enjoyed drinks and food all day on Wed., Feb. 16th in all three lounges at school. Deb Hyde planned the day and Mrs. Jonas helped with the morning set-up. In observance of President's Day; red, white and blue decorations were used. Thirty SJS families provided the drinks and food make the day possible.



Product Partners – Keep Clipping and Collecting!

Our Family Product Partners Update

To take advantage of the "Our Family Labels for Learning" triple value promotion we mailed in 4,500 UPCs on Jan. 25. The UPCs' regular value is 5¢ each, but if submitted by Jan 25 they were worth 15¢ each. SJS received a check for \$675 from the Nash Finch Company. Thanks to Linda Lytle for organizing this effort and getting the UPCs in the mail!



We're Almost There!

We need 1000 caps from Land-O-Lakes before we can submit them for reimbursement. Last report was 722 caps.

Not that many more to go!!



Campbells UPCs

We currently have 88,257 points in our account. Our goal is 100,000 by the end of the school year (if not sooner). YOU can help out by registering your Baker's Shopping card and help earn more points at:



<http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/>

How it works:

Electronically collect 1 point for each participating Labels for Education® product purchased using your shopper card at participating retailers. You can still clip and redeem UPCs to earn the face value of the Labels for Education points, so it's easier than ever to earn more for your school.

1. REGISTER.

Create your profile, enter your shopper card number from a, and then select the school(s) you would like to support. Sign up now at

<http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/>

2. SHOP. SWIPE. EARN.

Each participating product that you purchase from your favorite participating retailer will earn 1 point that will be credited to your school's Labels for Education account automatically.

3. REDEEM.

Your school can redeem points for FREE educational merchandise!

Christmas Cookies for Our Neighbors

Another success! We had 68 people sign up to bring 2 dozen or more cookies each, ending up



with about 150 dozen cookies, maybe more. Above and beyond what was expected, it was fantastic! About 15 ladies and a gentleman helped plate the cookies and deliver.

The original plan was to take cookies to 36 neighbors and 18 businesses including the Humane Society, Police Dept. and 2 Fire Depts. and both rectories, plus all the businesses that help with FAN nights. With all the cookies provided the group was able add 1-2 dozen cookies to each plate, plus give a few large plates to the teachers and staff at the school as well as make a contribution to the open door mission at SEA.

Many thanks to Jen Euteneuer, Christy Osborn and Laura Schwarz for chairing this project and to all the families who baked and delivered cookies for this project. This is a great way for SJS to extend our appreciation!

FAN Night Update

- ✓ FAN nights from November, December and January have netted almost \$400 based on the last financial report.
- ✓ Remember to mention SJS when you order at our FAN nights so we are sure to get credit for your purchase.
- ✓ In March we will have a new FAN participant. Sempeck's Bowling in Elkhorn will be holding a SJS night on March 24. Watch Virtual Backpack for details.



FAN Night Side Note

The Village Inn Holiday Pie Sale that was held in November netted \$730. Thanks to Barb Hilton for handling this project.



They're BACK – Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies!!

We are running a one week (2 weekends) sale of Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. March 4-14th.



These cookies are the best and come "pre-pucked" (clumps of frozen dough instead of a big ball of dough). Students will bring home their packets on Friday, March 4 and orders will be due on Monday, March 14. Cookies sold will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 13th. The proceeds will help cover the shortfall from our Fall Fundraiser goal of \$30,000. If you have questions or are available to help out, Sarah Pritza at rjpritz@cox.net or Becki Swanson at mikeandbecki@cox.net.



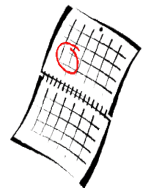
St. Patrick's Day Classroom Treats

All homerooms will enjoy Krispy Crème donuts and a drink provided by Home and School. Thanks to Christy Olsen and Pam Perry for getting the donuts and drinks and distributing them to the classrooms.

Mark Your Calendar! Faculty and Staff Appreciation Banquet

The banquet will be held Sat. April 9 at the St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center. Volunteers and coordinators are needed in the following areas:

- Entertainment
- Clean Up
- Kitchen Clean Up
- Line up servers for dinner
- Decorations



Please contact Barb Hilton at 571-6815 or bjhilton@cox.net if you are able to help.

DID YOU KNOW??

~ That Mrs. Monti updates the marquee out in the courtyard with the dates of all the school events every month?

~ That the proceeds from the cans donated to the CanPak trailer that is in the parking lots at St. James and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton go to the school technology program?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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THURSDAY, FEB 24 - 5-9PM

FAN NIGHT WITH HONG HING
90TH AND FORT

BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE FROM SJS!

MONDAY, FEB. 28

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

7PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT SCHOOL

THURS., MARCH 3 – FAN NIGHT

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FOR LOCATION AND MENU GO TO

[HTTP://WWW.MANGIAITALIANA.COM/](http://www.mangiaitaliana.com/)



**WED. MARCH 9 - EAGLE'S WINGS LUNCHEON –
SPONSORED BY 2ND GRADE.**

Happy St. Patrick's Day

MONDAY, MARCH 21

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

7PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT SCHOOL

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

FAN NIGHT AT SEMPECK'S BOWLING IN ELKHORN

BE A VOLUNTEER!



Volunteers are a valuable asset to the success of St. James/Seton School. There are many ways you can get involved as a volunteer with the Home and School Association. Join us as our next meeting in March. You can be

involved once a year in a small project or maybe with a larger activity that takes more time and commitment. It's up to you. Feel free to contact any of the members of the leadership team listed if you have specific questions. We'd love to see you!!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is TBOE?

TBOE stands for Total Board of Education, otherwise the school board. It is an advisory committee that meets to establish guidelines and look at policies and programs for the school, adult education and parish religious education programs and the parish athletics. The TBOE works with both parish councils and executive teams.

The board consists of 10 voting members who are SJS parents. Five are from St. James and five are from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. There is a representatives from each parish, two SJS faculty representatives, two representatives from the SJS Athletic Association and the Home and School President. In addition, Mr. Crum, Mrs. Arnold, Ms. Kusek, Fr. Richard and Fr. Frank are all part of the board. The current board President is Joe Clites.

The TBOE also has five main committees; Public Relations, Recruitment and Retention, Faith Formation, Finance and Development. The board meets five times during the year and each committee also meets on a regular basis.

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