

HSA HAPPENINGS

Saint James School HSA Monthly Newsletter

November 2016

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Happy Fall from the HSA!

There is never a dull moment with the HSA! We are keeping busy with a constant stream of fun family events and fundraisers. As we gear up for the holiday season, we are looking forward to focussing on the spirit of giving with the Christmas store and a chance for community outreach. We also hope to slow down a bit and enjoy the season and so there will be no HSA meeting in December. As always, you can reach out at any time with questions, concerns and ideas. We really love getting feedback and hearing from you!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR November & December

November 4: Middle School Dance at SJS
November 15: KidStuff Coupon book fundraiser due date
December 10: "Cookies & Cards" Christmas Outreach
December 14: Christmas Store
December 16: Middle School Dance at St. Bridget School

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HOW DID IT GO? Event & Fundraiser Recap

The numbers are in for the Cherrydale fundraiser...We raised an amazing \$9160.30 for our school! Thank you to all the families that participated and helped this fundraiser to be so successful. And thank you to the parents who helped sort and distribute the orders upon arrival--it's no small feat and we appreciate your help!

We are so grateful to the 60+ families who came to **Trunk or Treat**. It was such a blast!!! The decorations and costumes were amazing, and we were so impressed with the enthusiasm of both students and parents alike! We are busy thinking about what we can do to make the event better and appealing to even more SJS families next year. Whether or not you attended this year, we'd love any feedback or ideas you have.

MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
November HSA Meeting Summary

We had a great meeting with lots of brainstorming and sharing of ideas! Thank you to the parents who attended. Please save-the-date for a **Father/Son event** at Dave & Busters on January 21 and a **Mother/Son Wolf Pack game** on March 5.

We are currently running a fundraiser to sell **KidStuff Coupon books**. These books make great holiday gifts and also offer great savings for holiday shopping, as well as many other child/family-friendly deals throughout the year. Also in fundraising news, the **Christmas Store** will be on December 14. This year's chair, Christine Pesola-Strickland, has been hard at work all year shopping for some great items. The students love shopping and it is a great way for them to participate in the joy of Christmas giving. It's also a fun time for parents to come in and help out!

A goal for this year is to offer opportunities for community outreach for both students and their families through HSA GIVES (Get Involved, Value Everyone, Share). On December 10 we would like spread holiday cheer by delivering **Christmas cards and home-baked cookies** to a local assisted-living facility. Keep an eye out for details and ways to get involved!

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for a **Baking Committee Coordinator**. The coordinator would email members of the baking committee and arrange for baked goods as they are needed for events throughout the year. If you are interested or have questions, please email us at HSA@SaintJamesSchool.net.

In order to help the **Christmas Store** run smoothly, we need lots of volunteers on December 14 between 7:00am-2:30pm to set-up, help children shop, and break down the store. There will be specifics on how to sign up coming out soon. Please contact Christine at christinepesola@gmail.com with any questions. We are also collecting **shopping bags and newspaper/packing paper/bubble wrap** to wrap breakable items, so if you could please start saving these materials for December that would be very helpful.

Once the **KidStuff Fundraiser** ends, we will need to tally orders and finalize the fundraiser. Email Kate at 70greenbean@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help for a couple of hours during the morning of Thursday, November 17.