



PPA Committee Descriptions 2016-2017

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ARTY-FACTS – Melinda Lopez

Students in grades K-5 are introduced to the masterpieces created by famous artists and sculptors. Volunteers assist the students with art projects inspired by these artists. Volunteers work in the classrooms with the students around four times during the year. The Presentations/Projects are already prepared for the volunteers.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR – Lourdes Lauridsen

Students showcase their singing and various talents at the Barnes and Noble Book Fair that is held twice a year during the Christmas Season and the Spring. Family and guests visit Barnes & Noble and a portion of all purchases are donated to the school library. Volunteers are needed to promote the book fair and assist at the event. Barnes and Noble Book Fairs are scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and Wednesday, April 4, 2017.

BOOSTERTHON - FUN RUN – Julie and Dan Markiewicz

A dynamic experience for our kids as the Boosterthon team brings messages of faith, fitness, character, integrity and service to our school. Students collect Fun Run pledges from family and friends during this exciting event that ends with the Boosterthon Fun Run. Volunteers help encourage students (i.e. cheer them on, hand out water) on the day of the Fun Run. The Boosterthon Kickoff is on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and the Boosterthon Fun Run is Friday, January 13, 2017.

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION – Stacy Greeno and Lauren Prather

Our goal this year is to collect 25,000 box tops! Volunteers help promote and manage EASY fundraising activity for our school. The volunteers assist in collecting, counting, and mailing Box Tops to earn money for the school. The class that collects the most Box Tops during the year receives the grand prize of playing the teachers in the Box Tops basketball game!

CATHEDRAL LIAISON – Ana Crowe

Help connect volunteers with the Cathedral and the school. Obtain volunteers once/month to help serve coffee/donuts at the Cathedral after Masses and also help recruit volunteers to help count parish tithe money on Monday mornings and as needed for various activities.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY/DECORATING – Kindergarten Homeroom Representatives, Peter Odenbach

Help to prepare for Advent and Lent with decorating the school campus to mark these important liturgical seasons. Also, provide assistance to promote our faith, service, and our catholic identity to our students.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS – Christina Rexford

Help our children to never forget the needy in our community. Volunteering families participate in serving dinner at the Coalition throughout the school year.

DINNER AUCTION/GALA – Tammy Spence and Marti Wolszczak

Volunteers plan, promote, and oversee a fabulous evening event for St. James parents that includes a gourmet dinner, refreshments, entertainment, and a silent and live auction. The Gala will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at St. James Cathedral School.

FIELD DAY – Laurie Beechner

A fun filled day of fitness and games for our students where they participate in physical activities that include inflatable obstacle courses, jumping rope and tug of war. Volunteers assist with the planned activities and also provide healthy snacks to the students on Field Day. Field Day is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Rob Thomson and Jeremy Craft

Volunteers assist in planning, promoting, and overseeing this annual fundraising event. The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2016.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – Wendy Thomson and Carrie Conti

Every other year volunteers organize a day for students and their grandparents. Grandparents visit our school campus and join with their grandchildren in celebrating Mass, visiting classrooms, and enjoying a delicious lunch that is provided by our school. Grandparents Day is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017.

HOMEROOM/GRADE REPRESENTATIVE – Melinda Lopez

Homeroom/Grade representatives help assist teachers in communicating and coordinating classroom activities. They also help to communicate volunteer requests for various school activities.

LENTEN DINNER – Nancy Hanson

Volunteers help plan this family evening that includes a meatless potluck dinner and an opportunity for our school community to come together for the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Students perform the Stations of the Cross in shadow form. The Lenten Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2017.

LIBRARY SUPPORT – Luly Lauridsen

Volunteers assist with the Birthday Book Club and various other tasks in the library. Any amount of time volunteers can give is greatly appreciated by the Librarian and the students!

LUNCHROOM ASSISTANTS – Sarah Perfito

Volunteers help serve the children at lunchtime - easy and fun – a great way to see your child during the school day!

NEWSLETTER – Janel Jacobs and Jennifer Beaird

The PPA creates and distributes a periodic electronic newsletter to parents to let them know of upcoming school events, volunteer opportunities and all of the areas that the PPA is helping our students succeed. Volunteers are needed to help design the newsletter and write copy/obtain photos for it.

PANTHER PARTNERS – Courtney Byrnes and Jean Wilkes

Volunteers help make new families feel part of our school community by planning Meet Ups with current St. James families. New Parent Coffees are also held to educate new parents on school procedures and how to use school apps.

PARKING – Ben Pierce

Volunteers assist in raising funds for school by collecting money from cars parking in the school lots and surrounding downtown parking lots during Lake Eola events.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL – Shannon Pierce

Volunteers assist with the planning and coordination of this annual event where families bring in a decorated pumpkin to display in the gym for all students to see. The Pumpkin Festival is Friday, October 28, 2016.

RECYCLING DAY – Sullie LeFrancois

Volunteers help organize the electronics Recyclables Collection Day at the school. Large recycling bins are provided during student drop off for used electronic items. Recyclables Collection Day is Monday, November 14, 2016.

SCHOOL HOSPITALITY – Emily Mottola and Loha Melton

Volunteers help promote a welcoming school environment by providing refreshments for school events such as the monthly Parent Coffees, Christmas Cookie Reception and Open Houses.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – Wendy Thomson and Anne Pellegrino

Volunteers help gather supply lists from teachers, market the online School Supply Sale to parents and organize/distribute the supplies prior to Meet the Teacher in August.

SPIRIT NIGHTS – Delnises Cruz Santiago

Volunteers help organize periodic after school events to meet other parents/children and help build community spirit. The events include dine at restaurant nights (i.e. SJCS Tijuana Flats night and a % of revenue is donated to school), skating/bowling nights, food truck events, parent night out events.

SPIRIT WEAR – Jennifer Beaird

Volunteers assist with the design and sale of the SJCS spirit items – shirts, hoodies, magnets, etc. Students may wear spirit wear to school on Wednesdays.

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – Jeannette Apelado and Laura Haag

A committee with a very special mission – to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate ALL they do for our children. Special luncheons and events are held throughout the year.

UNIFORM RECYCLING – Susan Domanski

Volunteers organize, distribute, and maintain a supply of “gently used” uniforms that are displayed in the school cafeteria.

VARIETY SHOW –Jamie Gutweniger

Volunteers help plan this major event celebrating the many talents of our students. Assistance is needed in several areas including promotion, backstage, talent coordination and event planning. The Variety Show will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017.

YEARBOOK – CJ Rodriguez

Volunteers help take pictures of the student’s classroom activities, field trips and sporting events to submit to the committee chair for the school yearbook. They also assist in the design and layout of the yearbook.