2017-2018 PPA Committees

**ARTY-FACTS**

Introduce students (K‐5) to masterpieces created by famous artists and sculptors. Assist children with art projects inspired by the artists. Approximately four presentations/projects per year, all prepared for you!

**BOOK FAIR**

Work with the library representative to host book fairs at the school. A portion of all purchases are donated to the school. Events are held October 12 and April 11-13, 2018.

**BOX TOPS for EDUCATION**

Promote and manage EASY fundraising activity for school. Assist in collecting, counting, and mailing Box Tops/Campbell Soup labels to earn money for the school.

**CATHEDERAL LIAISON**

Connect volunteers with the Cathedral and the school. Obtain volunteers monthly to serve coffee and donuts at the Cathedral after Masses. Recruit volunteers to help as needed for various activities.

**CATHOLIC IDENTITY/DECORATING – Kindergarten Homeroom Representatives**

Assist in decorating our school campus for Advent and Lent. Also, provide assistance to promote our faith, service, and our Catholic identity to our students.

**COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS**

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

**COSTUME & STAGE DESIGN**

Assist the art and drama department with the sewing and altering of costumes, the creation and building of sets and other related projects.

**DINNER AUCTION**

Help plan the biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers plan, promote, and oversee a fabulous evening fundraising event with refreshments, entertainment, and an auction. Event is March 3, 2018.

**FIELD DAY**

Assist with various planned activities on Field Day. Event is February 23, 2018.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Help plan, promote, and oversee this annual fundraising event. Event is October 27, 2017.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Help plan this special day for students and their grandparents. Event is February 2, 2018.

**HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVE**

Sign-up in your child’s homeroom class to help assist teachers in communicating and coordinating classroom activities. Also, help to communicate volunteer requests for various school activities.

**LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS**

Be part of a new St. James tradition! Help plan two fish fry dinners that provide an opportunity for our school community to come together for the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

**LIBRARY ASSISTANTS**

Provide assistance in the library, including checking out materials, shelving materials, greeting students and teachers, and helping with other tasks.

**LUNCHROOM ASSISTANTS**

Help serve the children at lunchtime. An easy and fun way to see your child during the school day!

**NEWSLETTER**

Help produce the PPA e-newsletter to inform families of upcoming events and programs. Assist with writing articles, obtaining photos, and designing the enewsletter, including writing copy and obtaining photos.

**PANTHER PARTNERS**

Make new families feel part of our school community by partnering them with current St. James families or being a partner to a new family.

**PARKING**

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

**PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

Plan and coordinate this annual event where families bring in a decorated pumpkin to display in the gym for all students to see. The Pumpkin Festival is October 31, 2017.

**RECYCLING DAY**

Coordinate electronics recycling days at the school.

**SCHOOL HOSPITALITY**

Promote a welcoming school environment by providing refreshments for school events such as the First Friday Coffees, Christmas Cookie Reception, and Open Houses.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Help gather supply lists from teachers, market to parents and organize/distribute the school supplies prior to Meet the Teacher in August.

**SPIRIT NIGHTS**

Coordinate periodic afterschool events to meet other parents and children and build community spirit. Ideas include restaurant nights (portion of revenue is donated to school), skating/bowling nights, food truck events, and parent night out events.

**SPIRIT WEAR**

Assist with the design and sale of the SJCS spirit items, including shirts, hoodies, magnets, etc.

**TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION**

Show our teachers how much we appreciate ALL they do for our children. Luncheons and events throughout the year.

**UNIFORM RECYCLING**

)rganize, distribute, and maintain a supply of “gently used” uniforms.

**VARIETY SHOW**

Help plan major event celebrating the many talents of our students. Assistance is needed in several areas – promotion, backstage, talent coordination, event planning. The Variety Show is May 14, 2018.

**YEARBOOK**

Help take pictures of your child’s classroom activities, field trips and sporting events to submit to committee chair for school yearbook.