Dear PTO Families,

Well Spring FINALLY seems to be in our backyards! PTO has stayed busy through all of the snow with the Auction, Night at the Races, Father Daughter Dance, and the Reflections Art Fair. Thank you all who helped to make these events a success!

Our Mother Son Jam will take place Friday, April 11th. Morning with Mom, is on, Friday, May 9th and our PTO Walk a Thon will take place May 20th, so be sure to save the dates! Thank you all for filling out and returning your Walk a Thon packets so promptly.

Now is also the time to think about how you might want to participate in the PTO next year. Our committee’s are always looking for additional members, input, and new people to chair and co-chair our many events. PTO is always evolving and growing because of new members and new ideas! Sign up; you will be glad you did!

When you get a moment, be sure to congratulate Michelle Covell as the February Volunteer of the Month as well as Jennifer Turco for the month March. Also, looking for a quick, 3 ingredient dinner? Stop by and grab Mary Kaye’s recipe of the month!

Lastly, our next PTO Meeting is April 30th in St. Joseph Hall. Be sure to join us.

Sincerely,
Anne Persiani
President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4/11 Mother Son Jam @ SJS Gym
4/17 School Retreat Day (Pack Lunch)
4/18-4/27 Easter Break
5/3 First Holy Communion
5/9 Morning with Mom
5/14 Spring Band Concert
5/20 Walk-A-Thon/Plant Sale Delivery

Beck Center Enrichment

Over the last several years, the PTO has enlisted the Beck Center in Lakewood to provide workshops for our 3rd and 4th graders on the topic of Improvisation and Communication Skills. Each third and fourth grade classroom participates in four, one hour sessions that includes games and hands on activities that foster communication skills. The kids really enjoy the activity and Fr. Ron was also on hand to participate in a recent session! This is one of the many ways PTO is involved in our classrooms. Have a suggestion on an enrichment activity or school assembly? Contact Lauren Small at lm03.small@gmail.com
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AUCTION A SUCCESS! CO-CHAIRS TO RETIRE!

Our Night Under the Stars auction was nothing short of a TREMENDOUS success! Under the leadership of auction Co-Chairs, Meg Cochran and Niki Latchford, this year’s event raised over $80,000. Our hats go off to our co-chairs and their committee members, who helped to secure donations, decorate, work checkout, sell raffle tickets, and keep the night moving so smoothly. Meg has chaired the event for the past two years, and Niki has been a co-chair for four. Both ladies have helped to grow this event at historical levels but feel that the time is right for them to step aside and let another wonderful group continue to lead this event. We are fortunate that both of them will be on hand and willing to help advise the next co-chairs, willing to take on the task of heading up the event. Many key pieces are in place, we just need some enthusiastic individuals to step forward to continue to orchestrate and oversee the evening. I encourage you to take a moment to think about volunteering to co-chair this event; maybe even splitting the task among friends. Curious about what co-chairing the event involves? Contact Meg Cochran at megflynncochran@gmail.com.

MARKET DAY

Market Day Pick-Up Dates For Remainder of School Year
Thursday, 5/1
Thursday, 5/29
Pick-up time is 4:30-5:30PM in the SJS Gym.

SPRING IS COMING TO THE SCHOOL COURTYARD!

Our school’s courtyard, located outside the fourth grade classrooms, is a special area for our school. Flowers, stone paths, benches, angels, bird houses and feeders are just a few of the items that grace the courtyard. Carol O’Toole (and her family) has graciously donated their time to help maintain the courtyard throughout the past few years. As any backyard gardener knows, weeds and weekly upkeep are part of keeping up with landscape. As much as Carol enjoys helping, she is in need of a few families who might be willing to share the task, much like a community garden. Springtime involves a general clean-up, and Summer involves routine maintenance. This is a great family activity and could even be done after Mass or as your schedule permits. Carol has some wonderful ideas to further brighten up this space but could use an extra set of hands to help. Ideally, the work could be split so you might only stop by every couple of weeks. If you, or maybe even a grandparent who wants to be involved, is interested in lending a hand with this beautiful part of our school, please contact Carol at cmoblue24@yahoo.com or Anne Persiani at rpersiani@oh.rr.com.