

Good morning SJS Community,

As the end of the school year is right around the corner, it is a great opportunity to express my deep gratitude toward the SJS Parent Group Executive Board for the 2023-2023 school year. Through events such as Christmas Shoppe, Father-Daughter Dance, Trunk-or-Treat, Bookfair, and Mother-Son Night, they have brought amazing events to SJS. They have also spearheaded an immense show of service, especially in organizing Lunch Monitors and Room Parents. However, the highlight of the entire year was the Gala. If you attended, you know it was an amazing night. If you didn't, you missed out and we hope to see you next year! And besides all these wonderful events, the SJS Parent Group raised a LOT of money, somewhere around \$136,000 (not counting \$14,000 in Fund a Need from the Gala).

As I say often, SJS only succeeds because of the strong parent-school connection that we have, but these individuals go above and beyond. These parents epitomize our motto – Follow Jesus, Strive for Excellence.

Thank you to Liz Drew for her term as President. Her enthusiasm and organization shined through. She was there to support every aspect of the Parent Group and truly understands the needs of SJS parents.

Thank you to Kerri Burke for her role as Vice President, Meg Gannon in her role as secretary, and Kat Belanger for keeping track of the money as Treasurers. These are all behind-the-scenes jobs that no one is aware of but are so important for the Parent Group to run smoothly. Thank you also to Ally White for supporting room parents and Jenn Vessiropoulos for organizing service hours. Thank you also to Jen Millington, who served as our Past President this year, for her advice and dedication. We will truly miss Jen on the board, on which she has served for many years.

Finally, I would like to introduce our 2024-2025 SJS Parent Group Executive Board (see below). You will see a lot of familiar faces!

Past President - Liz Drew

President - Kerri Burke

Vice President - Meg Gannon

Secretary - Ally White

Treasurer - Kat Belanger

Room Parent Coordinator - Kimberlee Scanlon

Service Hours Coordinator - Jenn Vessiropoulos and Mary Mallory

I hope that every SJS parent considers ways that you can be a leader at St. John School. Yes, we need your service, but we also crave your leadership. We have many opportunities and are always looking for new members to join the board in future years.

Chris