

Good morning St. John School,

We wanted to provide a final update on the SJS Parent Group's 2nd annual Calendar Drive. Before I announce some amazing numbers, I want to offer my thanks and congratulations to the SJS Executive Board who put this together. Jen Millington, Meg Butler, and Debbie Gallagher put in hours of work in this endeavor. They did this with smiles on their faces and, what seemed like, joy in their hearts! They made this an "easy" and fun fundraiser! Thank you also to our room parents and Kerri Burke who sent out an *appropriate* amount of reminders. And finally thank you to all of our families who purchased or sold calendars. I think the best number I can give you is that 75% of our students participated, which is both awesome and means that lots of dress down passes will be going out next week.

As for overall numbers, our SJS community sold 3,460 calendars, which means we brought in \$34,060!!! 2/3 of this was through Venmo, so thank you for the online giving. After we take account of expenses (the prizes), the SJS Parent Group will net just over \$32,000. This is an unqualified success.

As for some other prizes, Grade 2 sold 512 calendars, well outpacing all other classes (Kindergarten and preschool were in second and third place respectively). Grade 2, get ready for that munchkin party. How many munchkins can a second grader eat if a second grader eats munchkins?!

And our top seller was . . .

Ashton White (grade 2) who sold one hundred and fifty-seven calendars (157 looks more dramatic spelled out). As for our other divisions, Ellen Murphy sold almost 100 calendars and won for the preschool to grade 1 division. Tommy DiFiore won the middle school group with 77 calendars sold. Each of these students get a \$40 gift certificate.

Please join us throughout January as we draw winning names each day during AM announcements. We will also go live on Facebook on Saturday, January 1 at noon for our first big winner (\$250).

Thank you again for all of your support. The overall success of this fundraiser is a testament to your generosity and support of this wonderful school. Happy Christmastime, have a wonderful New Year and see you on Monday.

Chris