

The SJS Parent Group is thrilled to share the final numbers from the 2023 SJS Gala. In the end, the Gala will make/net \$103, 870!!!! This includes \$17, 189 from Raise the Paddle. This is a fantastic, staggering number and is a true testament to the dedication of the Gala Team, particularly Jen Millington and Meg Butler. As we all know, events like this don't just happen – they take months of detailed planning and execution. Thank you again to our team. Thank you also to everyone who supported the Gala whether through attending the Gala, any type of donation, or volunteering. It takes an entire community for this type of success.

I want to go a little deep into the weeds with the SJS Parent Group finances, so you know how important these numbers are and where the money goes. Each year, the SJS Parent Group is responsible for raising \$100,000 for the school's budget. This goes directly into the operating budget and pays for basic expenses that the school needs to run such as teacher salaries and benefits, utilities, and textbooks. Anything raised over \$100,000 goes into a special projects account that the SJS Parent Group can help direct. Last year, for example, the SJS Parent Group bought all teachers new chairs.

For the past three years, the SJS Parent Group has raised more than \$100,000. The overage account for the past two years is currently sitting at \$25,000. This year the parent group will raise at least \$18,000 over \$100,000. When you add these two together plus the almost \$17,000 from the Raise the Paddle, we are at \$60,000. THE SJS Parent Group leadership has directed that this funding be used to fund the first part of the turf field project. This is an exciting project that we are very grateful that the SJS Parent Group can support.

Thank you again to every parent (current and past) at SJS – you all are members of the SJS Parent Group and should feel awesome about this development.

Chris