

Good morning SJS Community,

I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude toward the SJS Parent Group Executive Board for the 2021-2022 school year. It is impossible to document the full amount of public and behind the scenes work these individuals have done. They have begun to bring our families and students back together at social events. From our two cookouts to popsicles on the playground to our Parent Thank You, they have helped parents get to know each other. Through events such as Christmas Shoppe, Father-Daughter Dance, Trunk-or-Treat, and the Bookfair, they have brought fun back to SJS. They have also spearheaded an immense show of service, especially in organizing Lunch Monitors. And this doesn't even touch the fact they have raised a LOT of money this year (stay tuned for a big announcement next week). 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 Meg Butler for her two-year term as President. Meg is someone you just can't say no to and that makes her a great leader. People can't say no because her love, passion, and dedication towards St. John School shines through in every interaction. There is no bigger supporter of SJS than Meg.

Thank you to Jen Millington for her organization and dedication as Vice President. She is there to support every aspect of the Parent Group and truly understands the needs of SJS parents.

Thank you to Liz Drew and Deb Gallagher for their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. These are the behind-the-scenes jobs that no one is aware of, but are so important for the Parent Group to run smoothly.

Thank you to Kerri Burke for her support of Room Parents. To support room parents at all grade levels, you must intimately know each teacher and classroom. Kerri filled this role beautifully – so much so that she also became one of our go to substitute teachers this year!

Thank you to Melissa Nasrah for her steadfast and unwavering organization of Service Hours. This is a massive role that requires many amazing qualities, all of which Melissa possesses. She is organized, empathetic, and caring.

I also want to thank Sheri O’Neil for her role as Lunch Monitor Coordinator. I would not know what to do without our lunch monitors and Sheri’s constant support.

Finally, I would like to introduce our 2022-2023 SJS Parent Group Executive Board (see below). You will see a lot of familiar faces (Meg can’t escape yet as she will transition into the traditional role of Past President). Also, welcome to the Board Sheri O’Neil and Jenn Vessiropoulos – your voices will add so much to our conversations.

Past President	Meg Butler
President	Jen Millington
Vice President	Liz Drew
Secretary	Kerri Burke
Treasurer	Debbie Gallagher
Room Parent Coordinator	Sheri O’Neil
Service Hours Coordinator	Jenn Vessiropoulos

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