

PTO Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

SJS Science Room

1. Call to Order - Tracy Petty
2. Opening Prayer - Sarah Rose
3. President Update / Old Business
 - a. Family Engagement
 - Volunteer hours must be tracked for stewardship
 - Attending % PTO meetings count as ONE Family Engagement activity
 - Email PTO (pto@sjsindy.org) if you need help finding volunteer opportunities
 - b. Trunk-or-Treat
 - Parish Activity instead of PTO/School Activity
 - This will be great for the Parish because we want everyone from the parish to feel welcome to attend, not just students from school
 - The parish liaisons will help advertise that everyone is welcome
4. Treasurer's Update - Kelly Naugle
 - a. Budget Update / Current cash on hand
 - So far we are doing well with the budget and staying on track
5. New Business
 - a. Extra Money in Budget
 - Keep \$1,700 for PTO gifts and move \$300 to School Discretionary Fund (\$800 instead of \$500 with budget shift)
 - The school discretionary fund goes towards paying for teacher needs in the classroom. A lot of times, this can be books for the kids to use in the classroom. For example, a classroom set of novels for use in the classroom.
 - Vote on Budget Change for 2026/2027
 - It passed
 - b. Fundraisers
 - Approval Process - go through Finance Committee and Parish Council
 - Fundraisers should be approved the year before they are done - we don't want to do too many or too similar fundraisers that they are taking away from other groups within the parish
 - Some of the fundraisers require us to front the money and that is not really possible with the way our budget is set up
 - Please continue to send ideas for fundraisers!
 - We just want to make sure we establish it the year ahead so all groups know what the school is doing in advance
 - PTO Survey - Keep Activity Fee or Move to Only Fundraisers

- We want to see an updated survey on what parents want in terms of activity fee or fundraiser
- c. Staff Appreciation Meals
 - Combining grades next year
 - Skipping heavy donation months (November/December)
 - Same people were feeling like they had to donate over and over during the holiday months between parties, baskets, gifts, and staff appreciation meal
 - We want to continue doing it because the staff is very appreciative!
 - It just needs to be spread out so people (including room parents) don't feel so stressed out during October, November, December
- d. Catholic Schools Week
 - PTO Staff Gifts (\$25 Gift Cards)
- e. Raising Raiders - Friday, January 30th

Please attend! It's a fun night with food and drinks. If you are not able to attend, the silent auction website will continue to be updated up until the day of the event. There are some options that will be a "buy now" option to make it more reasonably priced.

The money is used for teacher recruitment and retention
- f. Cultural Day Update - March 19th - Jennifer Rosenberry

Please volunteer that day if you can! It is a difficult day to get volunteers. The theme is Festival of Languages. We are looking for people that speak different languages if you know of anyone.
- g. Raider's Day Update - May 20th - Jennifer Rosenberry

First committee meeting is January 29
- h. Flower Sale Update - April 25th - Andrew Castner

The quality of the plants were GREAT last year! We are hoping to have even more people buy this year. It is BEFORE Mother's Day this year! Please spread the word.

If you want to come help organize plants and help deliver to cars, this would count as family engagement opportunity
- i. Uniform Swap - February (exact date TBD)
 - Bring old uniforms to the swap or drop them off in the office
 - Spirit Wear is also included
 - You do not need to bring anything in order to take uniforms
- j. New PTO Officers needed for 2026-2027 (Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) - let current PTO members know if interested.

6. Principal / School Update - Jennifer McBride

If you have 3rd-8th grader, they just took their 2nd iLearn. If you do not have your code, email Mr. Crowe. We celebrated kids with a perfect score with an out of uniform pass

4th-8th grade before spring break will be attending a program about puberty and body safety. 4th/5th will receive the same info. 6th-8th will receive the same info. A permission slip will be sent home and you can opt out if you do not want your child to attend. March 13th is the date.

Protecting our children presentation for 7th and 8th graders about cyber safety. She had a presentation with parents in the fall. The same speaker will come talk to 7th and 8th graders.

The playground has some new items and it is now complete. There will only be some signage added and a barricade on the way into the parking lot.

7. Need more information about a topic discussed or have questions/concerns? Email the PTO at pto@sjsindy.org or Mrs. McBride at jmcbride@sjsindy.org.
8. Closing Prayer - Jennifer Rosenberry
9. Adjournment