



Happy "School" Year from SJB Home & School!

We hope that the first week of school was enjoyable for everyone! We are so happy to have our SJB family back together again for another school year. We want to remind you of a few things over the next week and bring you up to speed on some H&S activities.

Tuesday, September 8

- ✓ Friday Folders should be returned! Please review the revised procedures for Friday Folders. It is important that they are returned each week so that you don't miss out on any school information.

Wednesday, September 9

- ✓ This is the deadline for the picture consent form so that your children can be part of the pictures for our SJB Calendar Raffle fundraiser. This consent form was part of your family folders.
- ✓ Your e-mail consent form should be returned by this day so that most H&S communications can be electronic. Remember to indicate how you want your SJB Jag-Wire delivered! We can also honor requests of no attachments if needed. If you don't have e-mail, no problem, H&S communication will continue to be sent in Friday Folders for anyone without e-mail.

Fundraising

- ✓ The Fundraising Task Force made several recommendations based on the parent survey. Some were discussed at the August 18 parent meeting. The complete recommendation will come home next week. There will be a few decisions that, as an association, parents will need to make. Of course, any decisions we make must be approved by the parish office before moving forward.
- ✓ The Calendar Raffle Sale will be our major Fall fundraiser. It is planned to have calendars ready for sale in early October. More information will be coming at a later date about this fundraiser.
- ✓ There will be one major Spring fundraiser. As discussed at the parent meeting, there was a suggestion to have some type of "Fun Run". The options for this fundraiser will come home next week.
- ✓ Remember our "on-going" fundraisers, like Box Tops for Education, Empties for Ca\$h, or Campbell Soup UPCs. All these opportunities are detailed in our school handbook (section 4).

Home & School Activities

H&S is more than just fundraising. We want to offer our families opportunities to celebrate and spend time with each other, as well as support our children's learning experience at SJB.

- ✓ We are implementing an award for our classrooms this year. The two classrooms with the highest percentage of parents attending each H&S meeting will receive cash gifts (\$15 & \$10 respectively) for them to use any way they choose!
 - Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Home & School Fall Meeting
 - Thursday, January 28, 2010 – Home & School Winter Meeting
 - TBD (April/May 2010) - Home & School Spring Meeting
- ✓ We have a number of fall activities planned – Parent Social, Halloween Party, Middle School Dance. Be sure to watch the school calendar for important events and activities.

School Directory

- ✓ The Classroom directory will be printed in the next weeks (this is something that H&S sponsors every year). Families will only receive a directory if they have paid their H&S fee (on the school invoice). Please be sure to turn in your school invoice to receive your classroom directory.

Volunteers

- ✓ Thank you to those that have returned their volunteer sign-up sheets (it was in your family folder). This information will be compiled and a list of any remaining "open" positions will be sent home next week.
- ✓ Remember that each classroom has volunteer opportunities, so please talk with your child's teacher to see how you can help make it a great year for your child's classroom!
- ✓ If you haven't returned your volunteer sign-up sheet, please be sure to do so. We need everyone's participation to keep SJB great!

Is there an activity you would like to see at SJB? Is there a specific topic you want to discuss at our meetings? If you have suggestions, compliments, or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact any of the H&S officers. We are here to make the connection between home & school easy and seamless! You can contact us through e-mail (homeandschool@sjbplymouth.org), leave a message at the school office (we have a mailbox there) or talk to us personally.

We look forward to a wonderful year! Enjoy your holiday weekend!

The SJB Home & School Association Officers

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