



## June 2017

Dear Families,

Below is a summary of the 2016 - 2017 school year and a preview into some things for the 2017-2018 school year. Most of this information may be familiar to you from the weekly newsletters, however, we want to be sure we keep you, our stakeholders, informed.

**General Information** - The cost to educate each child at SJAS is approximately \$5050. Next year that cost will increase to about \$5100 per child. The school is funded through the following means: parish subsidy, tuition, fundraisers and donations.

**Parish Subsidy** – This is the sum that each pastor/parish agrees to pay per child attending SJAS. Currently that amount is \$2300 per child.

**Parent Tuition** – Tuition is currently \$1750 for the first child, with small breakdowns for succeeding children. Tuition will increase to \$1800 next year for the first child along with the small breakdowns for succeeding children.

**Fundraisers** – There are three major fundraisers for the school: the Walk-a-thon, Cookie Bake, and Spring Raffle/Breakfast. Your participation is extremely important at these events! *For 2017-2018, about \$1,000 per child needs to be 'earned' at the fundraisers to help keep tuition affordable!*

### **Amount raised in 2016 - 2017**

- Walkathon: \$23,110.82
- Cookie Bake: \$10,188.73
- Spring Raffle/Breakfast: \$20,189.45
- Campbell Soup Labels: \$300.00
- Box Tops: \$1,164.00
- Food Club Labels: \$1,400.00
- Loaves4Learning: \$0 (pending)
- Charity Mobile: \$55.76
- Cartridge World: \$17.85
- School Mass Collection: \$190.22

Box Tops and Labels collected \$2,864.00 this year with your help, and the fun incentives for the children! **AMAZING!!!** Please keep saving the box tops and labels over the summer!! There is a collection box at each of the parish churches!

### **Budget**

The operating budget for this school year is \$480,453.47 and we are operating within that budget. The budget planned and approved by the School Board for the 2017 - 2018 school year is \$483,200.94. This increase is due to building maintenance/upkeep, fees, salaries, and program costs.

## **Grants**

Once again, we were fortunate to be awarded grant money from the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) for Farm to School and a matching grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield for Prevention totaling \$15,339.52. This grant is specifically for the kitchen and lunch program. The items we will be purchasing with the grant money is: a new stove and a new milk cooler.

We were awarded a technology grant from Century Link specifically for technology in the classroom. Our computer teacher was awarded a grant totaling \$4,678.41 for equipment in the computer lab. The grant money will be used to purchase an Osobot kit and accessories, printer, and lap top computers to assist in teaching computer classes.

We also received a \$1,800 grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMBA) for our artist in residence, Dan Mondloch, a landscape artist. Dan taught the children how to paint landscapes of Foley using watercolors.

With the three grants above, our total money awarded this year was \$21,817.93! We are very blessed to receive these wonderful monetary gifts to update our technology and lunch programs! We hope to apply for grant money again next year!

## **Playground**

We added the beautiful mural to our playground fence that started with the CMAB grant and the paintings that the children created of the Foley area. The artist then used those water color paintings to create the beautiful playground fence mural with "put-in-cups". We will be adding the children's poses/figures to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue side of the fence next year.

## **Dates to Remember**

- Open House: August 31, 2017
- First Day of School: September 5, 2017
- Walk-A-Thon: Friday, October 6, 2017

## **Faith, Family, and Fun Group (Home and School)**

Along with doing fun things for the students and staff at SJAS, FFF has two fundraisers each year to help pay for field trip busing, student/staff equipment, and Sixth Grade Graduation. The fundraisers this year made:

- A Soup Fest and Silent Auction - \$2,100
- Garage Sale - \$4,600

## **Foley Fun Days Parade**

The parade date is June 21<sup>st</sup>. This year there will be a Farm Theme. If you are interested in helping with the float or taking part in the parade, call Brenda Stay.

## **SJAS Facebook Page and Website**

Please keep an eye on the SJAS website and our Facebook page! We have a very dedicated parent that continually updates and adds pictures/information throughout the school year! Please check it out at: [www.facebook.com/stjohnsareaschool](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsareaschool) and [www.saintjohnsschool.net](http://www.saintjohnsschool.net)

Sincerely,

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