

SJPII PTO Handbook

2024 - 2025

St. John Paul II Catholic School

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Welcome to the SJPII Parent-Teach Organization for 2024-2025!

The parent-teacher organization (PTO) is a vital part of St. John Paul II. It is comprised of people just like you who care about enhancing and being involved in their child's educational experience along with building community and having fun. The PTO streamlines communication between the school and home, organizes wholesome family activities, fundraising events, and uses the funds to purchase needs for the school, supplies and activities not covered by tuition and fees. Our motto is: "For with God, all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) We are happy to welcome new members to the PTO! Getting involved is a great way to play an active role in your child's education, and helps you fulfill the required volunteer hours.

PTO Board

President: Amanda Fraser-Bizorik, a.fraser.bizorik@gmail.com

Vice President: Angie Daykin, angie.l.dykin@gmail.com

Treasurer: Tricia Hernandez, trhernandz@gmail.com

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Corresponding Secretary: Meg Rosario, megerosario@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator: Kerry Alfrey, kerry@beourquesttravelcompany.com

President Emeritus: Jenn DeSablo, jennifer.caprioli@gmail.com

Room Parents

Room Parent Coordinator:

Pre-K Room Parent:

Kinder Room Parent:

1st Grade Room Parent:

2nd Grade Room Parent: Julie Igo, julieannigo@gmail.com

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3rd Grade Room Parent: Tricia Hernandez, trhernandz@gmail.com

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5th Grade Room Parent

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6th Grade Room Parent:

7th Grade Room Parent:

7th Grade Room Parent:

8th Grade Room Parent:

8th Grade Room Parent:

Specials Room Parent:

If you are interested in helping, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kerry Alfrey, for more information. kerry@beourguesttravelcompany.com

Event Coordinators:

Used Uniform Sale Coordinator: Tessa Choban, tessamp14@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Valentina Old Mouse

Campus Clean Up Coordinator: open

Donations Chair: open

Box Tops Coordinator: open

Raise Right Coordinator: Christa Willie, christa.mastro@gmail.com

Spirit Wear Coordinator: Samantha Sliney, sliney2013@gmail.com

St. Sebastian Smackdown Coordinator: Angie Daykin, angie.l.dykin@gmail.com

Festifall Coordinator: Savannah Crandell, savannahcrandell13@gmail.com

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Coordinator: Erica Prestigiacomio,

Christmas Bazaar Coordinator: Nikki Reynolds, nikkifour@hotmail.com

Golf Tournament Coordinator: Luke Zimmerman, luke.zimm@yahoo.com

Gala Event Coordinator: open (looking for 2 people to co-chair)

Catholic Schools Week Coordinator: Jan 26-Feb 1 open

Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator: May 5-9 open

Evening of Fine Arts Coordinator: open

Silent Auction Coordinator: open

Sneaker Drive Coordinator: open

Monthly Prayer Breakfast Coordinator: Amy Oates, asmoates5@gmail.com

Parent Rosary Group Coordinators: PM- Amy Oates, asmoates5@gmail.com

AM- Jennifer Reffner, findingpeace2022@gmail.com

Fundraisers

St. John Paul II Catholic School strives to provide a high-quality education at reasonable tuition rates. As a result, tuition is lower than that of comparable private schools. However, the annual tuition for each student does not cover all the expenses of educating that student, falling about \$1000 short of the cost. To make up for this deficit, while keeping tuition affordable, SJPII asks all of our school families to participate in fundraising and volunteer activities. Our fundraisers and volunteer activities are only able to function with the generosity of our volunteers.

Top Events/Activities:

Used Uniform Sales: These sales not only raise money for the school, but they also provide our families with an opportunity to get great deals! Old uniforms are bought back for \$3 per item. The used uniforms are sold for

\$5 per item (occasionally there are exceptions for special sales) during Used Uniform Sales. We will not sell uniforms that are faded or have old logos, rips, or stains.

This year, there are **five** Used Uniform Sales held at Tru-Legacy Activity Center:

Aug 3: during Campus Clean up, 8-11am

Oct 25: Activity Center 3-5pm

Dec 6: Activity Center 3-5:30 pm

Feb 28: Activity Center 3-5pm

May 30: Activity Center 3-5pm

Note to Parents: any unclaimed lost and found items will be collected a week before these dates and added to the sale. If your family is missing a school fleece or sweatshirt, be sure to check the school's lost and found box a week before these sales! Right now, during our uniform sales we accept cash or check. At the time of this printing, we are unable to process credit cards or charge your family's FACTS account. If you have any questions, please contact the Used Uniform Coordinator.

Festifall –a family friendly fair held on October 18 3-6pm. For questions about Festifall please contact Savannah Crandell (savannahcrandell13@gmail.com). Pumpkin decorating will also take place the week of Festifall and Erica Prestigiacommo will be heading up this event.

St. Sebastian Smackdown- a fun filled weekend event of cross-fit competitors that is open to the public! Last year was the inaugural event and we expect this year to be even better. Expected date is still TBD. Please contact Angie Daykin to volunteer. (angie.l.dykin@gmail.com)

Christmas Bazaar- November 23 10am-4pm. A holiday themed annual event with local vendors selling hand-crafted goods to help with holiday shopping. Santa and Mrs. Claus usually make an appearance at this event and are available for photos. For questions about the Christmas Bazaar please contact Nikki Reynolds (nikki15reynolds@gmail.com)

Gala Event- we are hoping to bring back the SJP II Gala this year as a kickoff event for the Lenten season. We would like the Gala to take place on Saturday, March 1, having a Mardi Gras theme. The Gala is a formal event for adults.

Mardi Gras Miles- March 1 is our 5K and Fun Run to benefit our athletic and physical education programs. The 5K runs through the campuses of St. John Paul II school and St. Joseph of the Pines in Southern Pines, NC, combining both road and trail components. Event is open to runners and walkers of all ages and ability levels.

Lenten Fish Fry -This is another new event from last year. We hope to include more support from the parishes and community this year! It will happen Fridays during lent except good Friday: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11. The events usually take place in the Tru-Legacy Activity Center from 4:30-6:30PM

Golf Tournament- held in the Spring, the tournament is open to the public. Funds raised from the tournament benefit SJPII Catholic School. TBD

Evening of Fine Arts- A wonderful event to display and show case the talents of our student from vocal and instrumental showcases to art displays from the younger students. This event usually serves small bites that are both savory and sweet. A silent auction will be a part of the evening with donations from local businesses and themed baskets sponsored by each class.

Raise Right: an easy way to shop online and with gift cards for everyday items including groceries, gas, clothing, restaurants, and more. A percentage of each gift card purchased (anywhere between 2-16%

depending on the retailer) goes directly to SJPII PTO. The PTO will then credit **75%** of that rebate towards your child's 2024-2025 tuition. Earning period runs from May 16th, 2024- May 15th, 2025.

1. Visit RaiseRight.com/enroll and/or Download the RaiseRight app
2. Select "Join a Program"
3. Enter SJPII's Enrollment Code: **LL9FAFLL27211**
4. Complete the fields to create your account and follow the 2-step verification process

RaiseRight offers two ways to pay.

1. Pay online with your bank account
 - From the Account page, choose Settings > Payment Options > Add Bank Account
 - Follow the steps to automatically link your bank account
 - There is a \$0.29 fee on each transaction
2. Pay online with your credit card
 - Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted
 - Option to save your credit card at checkout for future purchases
 - There is a 2.6% fee on each transaction

RaiseRight offers three different ways to shop.

1. eCards: Digital gift cards that are delivered electronically and automatically saved to your "Wallet"
 - Accessible right from your phone—they can easily be scanned by the retailer for quick check-out.
 - Plus, they can be sent electronically to be used for gifting. Schedule for planned occasions you don't want to forget or send immediately as an eGift at time of purchase.
2. Physical Gift Cards: Plastic gift cards that are shipped to SJPII and hand delivered to you (usually 3-5 day turnaround from Coordinator order date). RR Coordinator will place orders throughout the school year. Dates TBD.
 - These make great gifts for everyone in your life, with multiple denomination options to choose from.
 - Can help serve as a visual reminder that you have funds available to spend and are a great payment alternative when eGift cards aren't available for a brand.
3. Reloadable Gift Cards: Allows you to electronically reload funds onto physical gift cards purchased from RaiseRight—available for 125 brands.
 - Great for regular purchases like gas and groceries, or the daily visits to your favorite coffee shop or restaurant drive thru.
 - Can be saved to your account "Wallet" and reloaded right in the mobile app or on the website to keep track of your balances.
 - Saves time and card waste.

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook and RaiseRightFundraising on Instagram for Bonus Rebate Offers.

Box Tops

Know someone who's not participating in Box Tops yet? Encourage them to sign up using **referral code H9805UG2** and our school will earn up to 50 Bonus Box Tops when they scan their first receipt!

Make sure to follow Box Tops 4 Education on Facebook and Instagram for more BoxTop offers. Not sure which brands are part of the program? Check your app for a full list of products!

Loyalty Card Linking Programs

Harris-Teeter- store reward card code: 4998.

Food Lion- MPV card code: 214115.

Lowe's- go to rewards.lowesfoods.com and select "Cart To Class." Input "St. John Paul II Catholic School" to link card.

Target: register your Target Card or Target Visa either in the store or on the Target website by following the prompts to "Find/Designate School."

****For all these loyalty card programs, you must re-link your card every August.***

Spirit Wear Website: For all your SJPII spirit wear check out the website at <https://sjpii.square.site/>

Volunteer Requirements and Opportunities

Volunteer Hour Requirements

Parent involvement is a vital part of all Catholic Schools, including ours. Not only is it necessary to keep tuition costs economical, but it also helps strengthen our scholastic environment while building a sense of community. As a bonus, students can take pride in seeing their parents help at the school! Like most Diocesan schools across the nation, **each family is required to complete 25 hours of verified service to St John Paul II Catholic School related activities by the last day of school.**

Any family that has not completed their 25 hours prior to June 30th will be notified by email and charged \$25 per unfulfilled hour. Your FACTS account will be charged for the balance owed.

Online Volunteer Hour Tracking

SJPII volunteer hours should be submitted through Track it Forward.

1. Log on to <http://www.trackitforward.com>.
2. Click on "Find Existing Site." In the search box, type "St John Paul II Catholic School Southern Pines, NC" and then search.
3. At the next screen, it will ask for an email or username. At this time, do not enter any information in those fields. Scroll down to "Don't have an account yet? Click here to register." The next screen is where you will input your email address and create a password.

There is also an app for Track it Forward. For additional questions contact the Volunteer Coordinator Kerry Alfrey (kerry@beourquesttravelcompany.com).

All available and approved Volunteer opportunities will be in track it forward. Families are required to sign up for "Track it Forward" at <http://www.trackitforward.com>.

Hours must be submitted within one month of service to be credited for them. For example, you will not be able to submit hours in February for service completed in October. All individuals who volunteer in the school must complete the online Safe Environment Training. All volunteer hours in track it forward will be approved monthly by the Volunteer Coordinator. If for some reason your hours are not approved, please contact Kerry Alfrey for clarification.

Please remember, many school events and enrichment activities cannot be held without the support of volunteers. If you sign up for a service opportunity, please keep in mind that teachers, students, and other SJPII families are relying on you to be there! If you find that you are not able to fulfill an obligation for which you signed up, please try to find another volunteer to fill your spot.

Volunteer Conduct Requirements and Guidelines

Confidentiality: A volunteer operates in a position of trust. Personal information pertaining to students and faculty must be kept confidential. Children's actions, responses, progress or problems at school are not for sharing in the community. Conversation between parents, faculty and students in the school are confidential. Volunteers should not discuss these conversations outside of school. Please refer any concerns to the principal.

Training: Depending on the nature of contact with students, a Safe Environment Training (SET) class and the Diocesan mandated background check may be required of school volunteers. You can complete the SET through in person and online training at <https://dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>.

Signing In: Volunteers must sign in and out at the office upon visiting the school as well as indicate the purpose of your visit. This is used for security purposes.

Dress: All volunteers are expected to dress appropriately. Clothing should be modest and neat. For safety reasons, we recommend that preschool-age siblings not accompany parent volunteers to school.

We are always happy to help so if you have questions, please contact Nancy Sheets in the front office, 910-692-6241, or email the Volunteer Coordinator Kerry Alfrey (kerry@beourquesttravelcompany.com).

Right To Amend: PTO of St. John Paul Catholic School reserves the right to amend this handbook as needed. Notice of amendments will be sent to parents via email.

Please know your help is always needed and greatly appreciated, even after your commitment has been fulfilled! We thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent with our school. In doing so, you are guaranteed to enrich the learning experience not only for your child but for all SJPII students.