

**Happy New Year!** Hope everyone had a restful holiday break.

We had a productive and fun Family Volunteer Day on December 28<sup>th</sup>. We cleaned up the school yard and garden, finished building a retaining wall, painted and tattooed small rocks, etc. With 5 families participating, we were able to earn 5 Disney tickets through the Disney Family volunteering reward program. These tickets will be a popular addition to prizes and auction items on future fundraisers.

Since this is such a valuable project that fosters community while helping the school's fundraising efforts, PTG has decided to hold more in the future. Our next one is scheduled for Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The school usually goes out to the neighborhood for community clean-up. This would be a good way for parents who are able to take time off from their schedule to join the students. Please remember that for safety and security, St. John's now requires parents, guardians and relatives who volunteer at the school to go through a LiveScan process. To make it convenient, we have a professional mobile rotary coming to St. John's on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 PM. Please take time to sign up for an appointment. There's a link attached to an email sent via schoolspeak or you can call the front desk for more information.

Speaking of volunteer and service hours, I want to emphasize the importance of parent participation. Many of our events are run by volunteers. Remember that each family is required to complete 40 service hours for 2 parent households and 20 hours for single family households each year. Please check with your room parent for volunteer opportunities. The crab feed, which is our biggest event of the year, is coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will need many helping hands, especially servers, to make this event a success. You have the opportunity to earn triple service hours on this evening. Pls contact the front office or your room parent for more information and look out for the schoolspeak sign up in the next few weeks.

We have other fun events coming up before then including a restaurant fundraiser at Westlake café on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, where a percentage of money spent on food and drinks (take out counts!) will go back to St. John's and the annual Mother-Son bowling on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more announcements.

Sincerely,

Caroline Salvador-Moses  
PTG President

## MARK Your 2020 Calendars

### January

19<sup>th</sup> School Mass @ 9:30 am  
20<sup>th</sup> MLK JR Day \* Holiday/No School  
27<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day \* Dismissal @1:30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Free Trust & Estate Planning Seminar

### February

4<sup>th</sup> PTG Meeting in the library @ 6pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Westlake Café Fundraiser\* 8am to 8pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal @2:30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Mother-Son Bowling  
17<sup>th</sup> Presidents' Day Holiday/No School  
26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> PTG Meeting in the library @ 6pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Crab Feed – Tickets will be on sale soon  
11<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal @2:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Firefighter's Day



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## A Big Thanks to

- The Ready family for organizing the Family Volunteer Day
- The Wrye family for leading the garden clean up.
- The Guerrero, Fernandes/Armas & Moses families for their participation on volunteer day
- Diana Rothermel, Tania Cuevas Dominguez and Deanna Gaw for organizing the networking mixer
- Segovia Family of Westlake Café for hosting the St. John's restaurant fundraiser
- The Rivas family for designing the PTG Newsletter
- St. John's Community for purchasing Scrip gift cards during the holiday season
- St. John's teachers and staff for all the care and support they give our children