

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Hello everyone,

I hope the new year has so far been good to you and your family and that everyone is staying happy and healthy. The next couple of months are going to be busy ones and it will take all of us as a community to make it all successful. I know things have not been easy these last couple of years but I would ask if it is a possibility for you and your family to volunteer when the opportunities come up that you sign up. So much of the success of the school is dependent on us being able to offer up our time and talent when possible. We have a great group of parents and kids and I want to thank you all for making John Ireland your home for the education of your children.

We started this month's meeting on a really positive note discussing Catholic Schools Week and the success that we had with it. We served about 180 meals and raised just under \$1400 after expenses. And if that was not good enough the book fair had one of its best years yet in the 6 years that it has been happening. We had over \$3000 in sales giving us \$1200 in Scholastic Dollars that will be used to add new books and equipment to the school library. This was great and an awesome way to start the new year. Thank you to all who were able to volunteer and make this a successful day.

Our next topic of discussion was the announcements that were made at mass. In case you missed it or haven't heard, it was very good news. Challenge grant was met and exceeded giving us over \$60,000 for the school. These funds will help in many areas of the school including next steps with middle school. Stay tuned for further announcements about that. The other amazing news was the announcement of a \$100,000 anonymous gift. This is incredible and will be able to do so much. We thank whoever is responsible for the extraordinary donation.

We also discussed our annual open house. We had a pretty good turnout and I would encourage you to spread the good word about John Ireland to anyone who may be looking for a school.

Our last topic of discussion was our largest fundraiser of the year, Luck of the Irish, otherwise known as LOI. Planning has begun and it will be here before we know it. With that here are a few things to keep in mind as we get closer.

- i. Sell tickets (raffle and meal)
- ii. Send them in to the office as you sell
- iii. MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY NAME IS ON THE BACK OF THE TICKETS FOR CREDIT
- iv. Bring in/send in your baskets (2 baskets totaling \$50 value or one totaling \$50 or more) - Due by 3/1

This event also takes all families to be successful so keep eye out for ways that you can help and a sign up will come sometime in the near future for the two shifts your family needs to sign up for. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to any member of this committee.

Until next month,

Thank you  
Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair