

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Hello Everyone,

Fall is in the air and like many people it also happens to be my favorite time of year. I love it when the air starts to cool down after a long hot summer, when the leaves start to change color and the coming of fall activities. We can look forward to fall sports, Halloween and the coming of the holiday season. Fall is also the time of the harvest which also means it is a time to celebrate and be grateful for all that we have.

At the start of this month's meeting we welcomed new member Ryan Clancy to the group. Ryan comes to us with his two young children, one that attends John Ireland and another currently going to Little Angels Preschool. We look forward to all that Ryan will bring to the group. Welcome Ryan!

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend the Peek and Picnic this year. It was a great turn out and so nice to see so many new and familiar faces. There's something about being able to come together as a group and visit with one another that really brings out that feeling of community within John Ireland. We hope to have more events like this in the future. Thank you also to the Sixth grade families for hosting and planning this event for us.

With Covid last year we started talking about having a virtual tour of the school and attaching it to the schools website. This would be an excellent way to show off and advertise all the wonderful things that our school has to offer. We are currently looking into some options with local colleges but if you have any experience with something like this and would like to volunteer your expertise, please reach out to the school office.

The few things that we discussed next on the agenda were some upcoming fall activities for the school and we will start with the big one, The Marathon. The kick off was last Friday the 17th and will run into the beginning of October with the event scheduled for October 3rd with Mass and the Walk/Bike ride after. Remember to bring in all donations received each Monday so that it can be counted towards that week's goals. Another reminder that the Marathon also requires us to do a service project in the community. This could be raking leaves for an elderly neighbor or cleaning up a city park. Be sure to check with the city first. Thank you to Jessica Yost and Fourth grade families for hosting and organizing the event. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus who will be supplying and serving us lunch on the day of the Marathon.

Another fun event coming in the month of October is going to be our annual Trunk or Treat. Come and bring the kids to check out all the really neat trunks that have been set up or show your creative side and design your own trunk. Stay on the lookout for more information on this year's Trunk or Treat.

We are also having a community night at Jake's Pizza here in St. Peter on Monday October 18th from 5-7. Come and dine or grab some pizza to go as during this time a percent of the proceeds will go back to John Ireland. Stay tuned for more information as this event gets closer.

Lastly on the agenda we have parents night. This is a night for parents to come out to the school, meet your child's teacher or teachers and get any questions answered that you may have. Members of this committee will also be there too if you have any questions for us. Parents night will be on September 30th from 6:30-8:00. See you there

Thank you

Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair