

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Well, we've made it. It's the end of another school year, and you know what they say about things coming to an end, it allows something new to begin. The end of this school marks the end of how we have known John Ireland and marks a new beginning for the school. Next year we start a new adventure with the addition of middle school. Our middle school is going to put an emphasis on what it means to be in middle school while preparing our kids for the transition into high school, while keeping our faith based education. I'm excited for this chapter to begin and all the good things that will come from it.

We started our meeting this month with a discussion on membership to the committee. We are still looking for 2 new members for the 2022-2023 school. Being a part of this committee gives a voice for yourself and for other parents as well. It's an opportunity to be more involved with what is happening at the school and voice your opinion of those things. It has been an honor to be on this committee for the last 4 years and I highly recommend that if you have any interest, to reach out and see what it is about. If interested please contact the school office to learn more.

Teacher Appreciation was the first week of May and the committee got together and got something for the teachers each day of the week to express our gratitude for the hard work that they put in. We have an amazing teaching staff at John Ireland and are beyond blessed to have them in our children's lives. I would encourage everyone to let them know, not just during this week but anytime how much we appreciate the incredibly hard work that they do everyday.

We briefly discussed enrollment and things are looking good for next year. Remember to enroll for next year if you have not done so and are planning to attend. This will help the school in planning for next year.

We have a few upcoming events before the end of the school year. The Spring program, Field day and 6th grade graduation are all coming in the next two weeks. Mrs Wavrin is still looking for volunteers for Field day. If you are able please volunteer and let the office know. This is a really fun day and the kids really have a good time. If you have not volunteered before I highly recommend it.

Along with these events there are a couple of things to look out of during the summer. The 4th of July parade and the Nicollet County fair. As with years past Joh Ireland is planning on having a float in this year's parade. It's a lot of fun to be in if you have not been before. An opportunity that we get every year to serve beverages at the county fair. This does two things for us. First we get a nice discount on our rental of Johnson Hall for Luck of the Irish and it raises some funds as we get to keep all tips. Please look out for opportunities to volunteer for these events in upcoming newsletters and communications from parent committee members.

Our last topic of the night we discussed officer assignments for the committee for next year. I am happy to announce that Becky Albrecht will be the new chair of the committee and that Jennifer Schmidt will be the Vice Chair. I know that they will do an amazing job leading this committee into the future.

Thank you
Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair