

A Note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Trunk or Treat was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone who decorated, donated, and participated! We estimate that between 200-220 children attended this event!! WOW! What a great way to advertise our school! We have set a tentative date for next year of Oct 24th. Please consider participating, it is SO MUCH FUN!

We have decided to try something new for Parent's Night this year. In past years we have held a JIPAC sponsored "Parent's Night" in October as a way for parents to get to know each other outside of traditional school events or volunteer obligations. The past three years this night included a bean bag tournament with a beautiful traveling trophy for the winning team...it is currently displayed on my piano ;) This year we have decided to try bowling! We are contacting the bowling alley in St. Peter to see what we can get worked out for an evening in January. Be on the lookout for information about this night!

Our JI Store was a huge success! Lots of great gear was ordered and everyone has been very happy with the selection and quality of the items! Thanks to Ann Johnson for setting this up! We are planning on opening the store again this spring with new spring attire and hopefully once again before the 2020 school year. Please spread the word as some people missed out on this latest opportunity, and as always, make sure you are checking your email and the John Ireland Parent's Facebook page for information.

JIPAC is looking into different ways that people can give to John Ireland and the Church of St. Peter. Marathon was a HUGE success this year and we want to keep that momentum going. We are looking into what we can do for "Giving Tuesday", Planned Giving information, and IRA gifts that can be directed to the school and/or church. Another option we are going to try and get set up is Amazon Smile. If you are unfamiliar with Amazon Smile, it is a program that Amazon offers where you can direct what charity/nonprofit a percentage of your purchase from Amazon goes to. What an easy way to support our school! Be on the lookout for more information on this program once we get through all the red tape!

We were also updated on Little Angels' Breakfast with Santa. This is an annual fundraiser done by Little Angels preschool and they are well on their way! Silent auction items are coming in and there will be a cash raffle this year! If you are looking for a way to help Little Angels, they are accepting Baked goods for their bake sale and silent auction items. Contact Jennifer Fondie 507.382.8204 if you are interested in helping!