

St. Joseph School's Annual Cookie House

Sponsored by the SJS Home & School Association

Hello SJS Families –

Preparations for this annual event are underway, and the Cookie House Committee is looking forward to another successful year. This year's Cookie House will be held on December 2, 2023 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; more information regarding volunteer opportunities, donations, and order forms will be available in the coming weeks.

Cookie House FAQs:

- 1. What is Cookie House?**
 - a. Cookie House is SJS annual bake sale and ONLY major fundraiser sponsored by SJS Home & School.
- 2. What are the bake sale proceeds used for?**
 - a. Proceeds are used for various school and fun family events and activities including Back to School Ice Cream Social; Truck or Treat; Gingerbread House competition; Catholic Schools Week; Teacher Appreciation; Forensics; Mother and Son Bowling Night; Father/Daughter Dance; High Interest Day; and many more.
- 3. How can SJS Families Help?**
 - a. Bake Cookies – We are asking each school family to donate at minimum of 6 dozen cookies (preferably homemade and in theme with the holiday).
 - b. Don't like to bake? Please consider donating \$50 to help offset baking supply costs.
 - c. Volunteer – Sign-ups for bake nights will be made available in the next week and sign-ups for set-up, clean-up, and sale day will be available early November.
- 4. Do we have to bake cookies?**
 - a. Christmas cookies are the primary focus, but candy (fudge, truffles, etc) and other baked goods are always welcome.
- 5. What goes into making Cookie House a success?**
 - a. Our volunteers of course! Volunteers have spent 55+ hours mixing, rolling, cutting out, and baking dough for over 400+ doz cookies. In 2022, volunteers spent over 250+ hours helping with decorating, set-up, sale, and/or clean-up of the event.
- 6. How many cookies does it really take?**
 - a. We've sold over 12,000 cookies, either donated by SJS families or prepared by bake night volunteers.
 - b. In 2022, we sold approximately 245 pounds of cookies via the cookie tray presale – trays are prepared the day before the bake sale.
- 7. Does volunteering for Cookie House go towards SJS family volunteer hours?**
 - a. Yes! Bonus – Families will receive Out of Uniform Passes for every six (6) doz cookies or every 2 hours

Please email SJSTosaHomeandSchool@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

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