

# ROCKET REPORT



Dear Saint James School Families,

The first month of school has flown by and I couldn't be more appreciative of our PTO team. Special thanks to Mary Robertson, Diana Alva, and Abbie Gallivan for organizing Family Fun Night, which is such a great way to begin the year together. The Nun Fun Run was a huge success as well thanks to the leadership of Denise and Sean Mullin and Gina and Nick Steber. Additionally, Taylor Draim has kicked off the year with our Dining for Dollars program, and we look forward to supporting more local restaurants around Falls Church. And of course, a BIG thank you to all of the families opening their homes to host parent socials this year!

Speaking of connecting as families, we are grateful for the many parents who joined the first PTO meeting of the year and hope to see and hear from even more at our next meeting, which takes place Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you also to families taking part in this year's Read-a-Thon! Our goal is to achieve 100 percent participation before our campaign concludes this Friday, Sept. 29. Remember that every homeroom class with 100 percent participation (at least one contribution of any amount per student) earns an ice cream party, and teachers receive a \$25 gift card. The top-earning grade will celebrate with a movie and popcorn, too! Special thanks to [Julianne Corley](#) for everything she does to make this fundraiser a success.

As we look ahead, Anne Marie Brost, Lila Paig, and Julie Marx are in full swing with preparations for our annual [Bazaar](#), which takes place Wednesday, Oct. 18, through Saturday, Oct. 21. Please consider donating items to the Bazaar's White Elephant Sale beginning Friday, Oct. 13, and be sure to sign up for at least one volunteer shift per child at Saint James School.

The [Rocket Classic](#) is a month away. Register now for this fun and exciting event! We have a limited number of family flags and tee box sponsorship opportunities remaining if you are interested in supporting the tournament. Special thanks to Kelly and Jay Cella for their time and leadership on this event.

Before you know it, we will be into the winter season, with the [Chili Cook-Off](#) taking place Sunday, Nov. 12, and Santa's Workshop spreading cheer Sunday, Dec. 3. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these events, please reach out [here](#).

Finally, don't forget to come by the [Parish Picnic](#) this Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. Thanks to Ana Rogers, Austin Middleton, and Marina Barnett for their hard work on this event.

Best,  
[Bethany Scully](#)  
PTO President  
703-725-9068

## One Month Until the 3rd Annual

### Rocket Classic!

The 3rd Annual [Rocket Classic](#) tees off Friday, Oct. 27 at Westfields Golf Club. Take a break from your daily routine and play golf while supporting Saint James. This spirited event features prizes, a bucket drop raffle, whiskey tasting (courtesy of [Lost Whiskey](#)), and complimentary refreshments at the turn (courtesy of [Solace Outpost](#)). There are only a few player slots left, so register today! We are also selling family flags and tee sponsorships! Volunteers are necessary to make this tournament a success, so please email [golf@saintjameschool.org](mailto:golf@saintjameschool.org) or [krocella@gmail.com](mailto:krocella@gmail.com) to join the planning team and volunteer the day of the tournament. Registration is open at [www.golfsaintjames.com](http://www.golfsaintjames.com).

## Get Ready to Shop, Eat, and Play Like

### [BAZAAR-bie](#) at the Saint James Bazaar!

The Saint James School [Bazaar](#), which takes place Oct. 18 - 21, is a wonderful event that is a key part of our school's community-building and fundraising efforts. Please go to the Saint James Bazaar [web page](#) for exciting details about the White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, entertainment, and dining options, including the Italian Cafe and Beer Garden.

### **Bazaar Volunteer Sign-Up Coming Soon!**

We cannot pull off this week of events without the help of our amazing volunteers. Please be generous with your time so we can offer the same great experience we always have. A few reminders:



- Every Saint James School family should volunteer for at least one shift during the Bazaar.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten parents MUST SIGN UP for a sorting shift in support of the White Elephant Sale. This has been a tradition for years and is a great way to get involved and meet other parents!
- Each completed shift will earn a dress down pass for your child(ren). You must check in and work your entire shift to earn the pass.
- Service Hours will be given to students in grades 6-12 who complete their full shifts.

Questions? Please contact Bazaar Chairs [Julie Marx](#), [Lila Paig](#), and [Anne Marie Brost](#).

## **PTO Calendar**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 4**

Dining for Dollar\$ - [taim mediterranean kitchen](#)  
4-10 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 11**

PTO Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 13**

Bazaar Collection Begins

### **Saturday, Oct. 14**

Uniform Exchange - 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 17**

Dining for Dollar\$ - [Chipotle](#)

4-8 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 18 to Saturday, Oct. 21**

[Bazaar](#)

### **Thursday, Oct. 26**

Alumni Reception - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **Friday, October 27**

[Rocket Classic](#) - 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2023 - 2024 PTO VOLUNTEERS!**

### **Board Members:**

President: [Bethany Scully](#)  
Vice President: [Alicia Carmody](#)  
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Communications: [Kathy Hite](#)  
Enrichment: [Mary Robertson](#)  
Fundraising: [Taylor Draim](#)  
Operations: [Betsy Strong](#)

Just a gentle reminder that we are all volunteers helping to make our school the wonderful place that it is. We also have families, students at the school, jobs, and other commitments. Please remember that if you have a complaint, recommendation, or suggestion, offer it kindly and with a solution. Better yet, jump in and help!

### **Keep In Touch**

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### **Committees & Event Chairs:**

Hospitality: [Alicia Carmody](#) & [Alex Guest](#)  
Campus Outreach Committee: [Tiffany Morris Palazzo](#)  
Uniform Exchange: [Suzy Fehr](#) & [Lisa Callaghan](#)  
Read-A-Thon: [Julianne Corley](#)  
Nun Fun Run: [Denise](#) and [Sean Mullin](#) and [Gina Steber](#)  
Bazaar: [Julie Marx](#), [Lila Paig](#) and [Anne Marie Brost](#)  
Rocket Classic Golf Tournament: [Kelly](#) and [Jay Cella](#)  
Square One Art: [Tasha O'Donnell](#)  
Chili Cookoff: [Mary](#) and [Elliott Oliva](#)  
Auction & Gala: [Taylor Draim](#), [Alex Guest](#), and [Gina Steber](#)

