



August Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026 | Meeting held 6:05–7:05 p.m. | Approximately 24 attendees

Meeting Opening

- The meeting opened with a prayer led by Jessica Brown.
- PTO Executive Team introductions were completed.
- Roman, representing Dad's Club, provided an update on the upcoming Top Golf event.

Event Updates and Discussion

Dad's Club Top Golf Event

- The Top Golf event is scheduled for August 30.
- A sign-up will be shared soon.
- Volunteers will be needed, especially for check-in, to help speed up the arrival process.

Recent Event Feedback Survey Results

- Survey results from recent events were reviewed. Overall feedback was positive.
- Detailed data points will be shared with the PTO Executive Team and then shared out to respective teams for planning next year.
- New Family Night feedback included a request for clearer preschool-specific information because preschool rules differ from the regular school.
 - Bescak noted that additional preschool information may be shared as a separate portion of New Family Night or more intentionally called out throughout the evening.
- Ice Cream Social feedback was very positive, with strong attendance and appreciation for the available flavors.
 - Suggested improvements for the Ice Cream Social included adding multiple serving lines, ordering more chocolate and vanilla, and increasing dairy-free options.

Gala – September 28

- The Gala is fully sold out. Interested families will still be able to participate through online bidding.
- Silent auction items and bronze sponsors are still needed.
- Anyone interested in joining next year's Gala planning team should email the Gala email address. Planning for next year begins in March 2027.

- Room mom leads will be asked to help ensure younger grade-level creative gifts are completed and ready.
 - For younger grades, room moms were asked to send photos of completed Gala auction items to classroom families so families can see what students contributed.
- Upper grades will purchase an item for the auction.
- Volunteers are needed to display Gala auction items in the courtyard a few days before the event. Sign up to come.
- Families were reminded that experience bidding does not have to be individual; classrooms may coordinate group bids for shared experiences.

Harvest Fest – October 24

- **Event leads:** PTO is still looking for a Harvest Fest team lead. Interested volunteers should email the PTO email.
- **Food and vendor planning:** Discussion included whether to use food trucks, local vendors, parent-owned food businesses, or Knights of Columbus volunteers.
 - Bescak suggested connecting with Bileski regarding food trucks and possible contracts, including sending any draft contracts for legal review.
 - Knights of Columbus volunteered to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Mr. Acosta may be a helpful contact.
 - Potential vendors discussed included a parent BBQ vendor, Waffle Crush, Goldwater Brewery, Kalashi Cafe, Buster's Ice Cream, and a possible tea vendor connection through Mr. Macdonald.
 - Buster's Ice Cream has offered to donate 20% of sales if selected as a vendor. – Romina (3rd Grade mom) has contact information
 - Buzz Goat was not recommended due to prior follow-through concerns.
 - If local vendors are used, PTO may offer advertisement on Harvest Fest signage and in the Bulldog Bite leading up to the event.
- **Snack Shack:** Additional Snack Shack donations are needed to support sale items for 7th and 8th graders.
- **Church coordination:** In need of still. Shared that Mariola Fabilina may be a great contact. Jessica Brown reaching out. Bescak will meet with the church on Wednesday to confirm additional event details.
- **Raffle baskets:** PTO will share raffle basket themes soon. Families may send basket theme ideas to PTO email for consideration.
- **Ticket sales and pricing:** Jocelyn will send last year's ticket sales information to PTO email so it can be shared with the Harvest Fest planning team for cost planning.
 - Current child pricing is expected to remain \$15 per child, with a \$30 family maximum.
 - A survey vote is being shared through the Bulldog Bite to gather feedback on adult admission pricing. Options discussed included a small \$1–\$2 fee and/or a canned food item.
 - The purpose of adult admission tracking is to help better estimate attendance for food planning and site safety.

- Bescak suggested that SJB alumni wearing their alumni pin receive free admission.
- **Volunteer structure:** PTO plans to continue 15–20 minute volunteer rotations, with each rotation counting as one hour of volunteer time.
 - Each grade will be responsible for one of the four activities.
 - 7th and 8th graders will support the dunk tank, Snack Shack, setup, and cleanup.
 - Kindergarten through 2nd grade volunteers will be coordinated through a SignUpGenius sent by the lead room mom.
 - Room parents were asked to help guide families to their designated grade-level activity, share schedule reminders, and provide maps when available.
 - Additional setup and teardown volunteers are needed, especially for moving heavy tables from the MPR.

Running with Rosco – November 25

- Booster meetings will begin soon, with more information to come.
- The Bulldog Bite survey will include a vote related to the Running with Rosco shirt color.

Grandparents Bingo Night – December 13

- Grandparents Bingo Night is a new event this year.
- Families were encouraged to add the event to their calendars and notify grandparents early.
- The event is intended to include a grandparent blessing at Mass followed by bingo in the MPR.
- Planning is still in progress, and volunteers are needed to join the event team.

Pancakes with Santa – December 17

- PTO discussed updating the event experience to make it feel more magical and focused on meaningful Santa interaction.
- A survey vote will ask families whether to shift from individual photos with Santa to class photos, allowing Santa and Mrs. Claus more time to engage throughout the event.
- A Gala experience will be available for bidding that allows a class to have one-on-one time with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the classroom, including individual photos for students in that class.
- Preschool room moms were encouraged to consider less food-focused classroom parties before the event so preschoolers are ready for pancakes.
- PTO is still looking for a Pancakes with Santa team lead. Interested volunteers should email the PTO team.

Upcoming Survey

- A PTO survey will be shared in the Bulldog Bite at the end of the week.
- The survey will remain open until the following Friday.
- Families can share input on Harvest Fest needs, Running with Rosco shirt color, and the Santa experience at Pancakes with Santa.
- The survey will also include space for general event comments or improvement ideas, including feedback on events not included in the formal vote.

- The PTO Executive Team will review survey responses to support event planning.

Volunteer Needs

Event	Volunteer Need	Details
Top Golf	Check-in volunteers	Needed to help speed up arrival and check-in at Top Golf
Gala	Courtyard auction display volunteers	Needed a few days before the Gala to help show auction items.
Harvest Fest	Team lead	PTO is still looking for a lead; email PTO if interested
Harvest Fest	Grade-level activity volunteers	Each grade will support one activity; room parents to help coordinate reminders and guidance
Harvest Fest	Setup and teardown volunteers	Additional support needed, especially for moving heavy tables from the NPR
Grandparents Bingo Night	Planning team volunteers	New event; volunteers needed to help shape and run the event
Running with Rosco	Team volunteers	PTO is building the team; email PTO if interested
Pancakes with Santa	Team lead	PTO is still looking for a lead; email PTO if interested