

Dear St. Mary School PPA Members,

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school! Because of our fundraising we were able to pay the \$25,000 assessment which is our obligation to the Catholic School Region of Dutchess County. In addition, we were able to provide some informative assemblies, fun events, and equipment for the students.

We started off in September with the Family Picnic. The children and their families were able to socialize at Geering Park and enjoy some Kona Ice. We were able to purchase new sports equipment in the fall and spring for all the bins in the school yard and school planners for the students. Also, we provided a school directory for the parents and held a uniform exchange. In addition, we gave each teacher \$300 to purchase materials for their classroom.

In the fall, we sponsored Spooky Bingo for the children and held the Craft Fair Kitchen and Doll's Tea Party fundraisers. In December, the children had fun shopping for gifts at the Christmas Shop and our parishioners appreciated our home baked cookies at the Cookie Walk fundraiser. In addition, the students attended a Superhero assembly.

In January and February we had Catholic Schools Week and an ice cream social compliments of the PPA. Also, we had a Glow in the Dark dance for the fathers and daughters. We held our annual Spring Gala which had a fun Retro Cocktail Party theme and honored the wonderful Fr. Adolf. In April and May we got active with the 5K and the father-son sports event at the Field. The students attended an assembly with Joe Odhiambo, a former NBA All-Star performer, who spoke to them about working hard and perseverance and used basketball examples to reinforce his message. We also purchased sports equipment and new bins for the schoolyard and provided lunch for the students on Field Day.

Throughout the school year, we provided the faculty and staff with breakfast and gift cards to show our appreciation. Lastly, we gave each class \$300 to subsidize field trips. We are currently making plans to purchase new chairs and tables for the school auditorium/lunchroom. These wonderful things could not have happened without your support. We look forward to another successful school year in 2017-2018. Have a safe and blessed summer!

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