

2015-16 Preview

PGA planning fewer fundraisers; more fun



Students enjoyed a PGA enrichment program last school year.

Last spring the Parent Group Association (PGA) asked SJS families to take part in a survey on the PGA fundraisers. Based on parent feedback, PGA decided to eliminate the annual plant sale fundraiser and combine the Sticky Lips fundraiser with a new Homecoming celebration as a way to re-focus efforts on community-building events.

Several new features will debut for the 2015-16 school year. They are:

- A new online volunteer-management system called SignUpGenius is helping the PGA to fill its annual volunteer

slots and enabling families to plan ahead.

- Enrichment offerings have been expanded and the enrichment booklet has been streamlined.
- A new talent show featuring students has been set for Jan. 22; tryouts are in early January.
- The new Homecoming celebration will take place Sept. 25.
- Families requested more social activities for the school community, so a Father/Daughter Dance and a Mother/Son Bowling night are being planned.

Important PGA dates for 2015-16:

- **Late August** - Magazine drive kicks off.
- **Aug. 26**—Beginning of school hospitality (PreK meet/greet, Kindergarten Playdate, Opening Day Coffee, welcoming parties.)
- **Aug. 28**—School picnic to meet SJS's new Principal, Mr. Hogle.
- **Sept. 25**—Homecoming party (5:30—7:30 p.m.)
- **Oct. 30**—Halloween Sock Hop
- **Early Jan. 2016**—Talent show tryouts
- **Jan. 22**—New event! SJS Talent Show
- **Jan. 24**—Catholic Schools Week activities
- **Feb. 1**—Easter Candy Sale begins
- **Feb. 26**—Winter Carnival
- **May 6**—New event! Mother/Son Bowling
- **May 20**—New event! Father/Daughter Dance

For details, e-mail pga@sjspenfield.com.

Have fun and get to know other St. Joseph's School families by getting involved with PGA! Meetings are at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

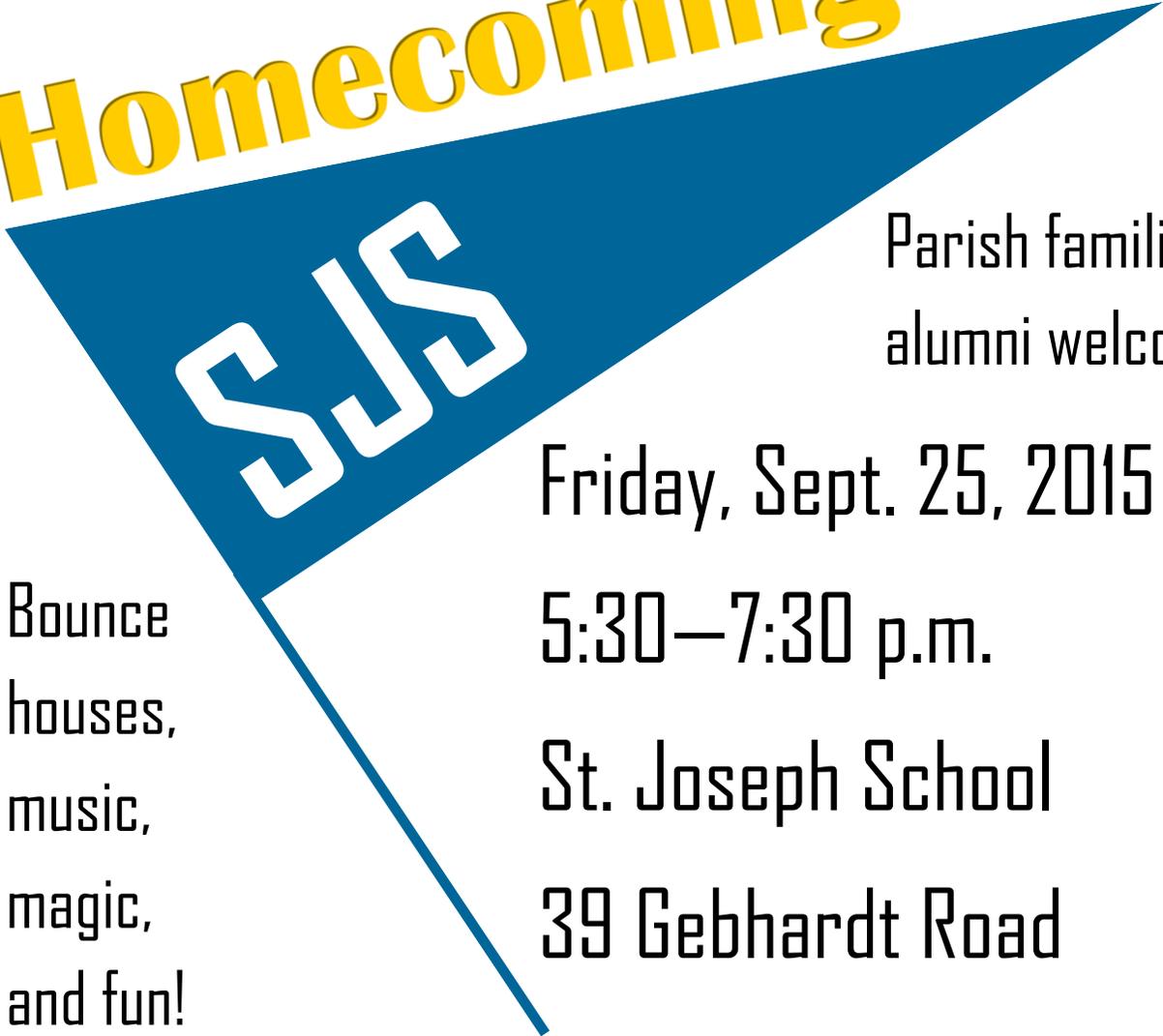
The Parent Group Association (PGA) supports St. Joseph School's mission through the efforts of dedicated parent volunteers. These parents participate in committees to enhance the SJS educational experience, including social events, incoming student hospitality, fundraisers and enrichment.

Through a strategic planning process, PGA has identified the following as primary organizational goals:

- To represent SJS parents and students and provide feedback and direction to SJS staff and administration
- To facilitate and support an enrichment program that includes activities that promote the development of confident and well-rounded children and a strong sense of community that reflects the values of SJS.
- To contribute to and support the finances of the general operations of SJS.



Homecoming 2015



SJS

Parish families and
alumni welcome!

Friday, Sept. 25, 2015

5:30–7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph School

39 Gebhardt Road

Bounce
houses,
music,
magic,
and fun!

Sticky Lips BBQ available for purchase: \$11 preorder/\$12 day of the event. Fill out this form and send it with cash or check made out to St. Joseph School in an envelope marked Homecoming to school office.

_____ quantity of Sticky Lips BBQ chicken/pulled pork combo dinner with fresh cornbread and two homemade sides.

_____ Total quantity

_____ Total payment enclosed