



September 2023

Dear Families,

Enclosed please find the Development packet for the upcoming school year at St. James.
In this packet, you will find:

- List of Events/Fundraisers for the upcoming year
- Tracking sheet
- Development FAQ
- Opt-out form

What is Development? The St. James School Development Program seeks to involve families in a quality program with the result of a sound financial footing for the future.

The Average cost per student to educate a child in Connecticut is \$22,170; at \$4,950 per student tuition at St. James School does not cover our everyday expense, which is why we have Development. Without the help of Development, the tuition would need to be raised substantially to keep the school open. This year our goal is \$100,000. In order to reach this goal and keep St. James School affordable, we need 100% of St James School families to participate and support development.

All families are required to volunteer 10 hours of time during the school year. In addition to 10 hours of volunteer time, all families are required to raise money for Development. The amount of money required by each family is based on the grade of the oldest student you currently have in St. James School. Families whose oldest student is in our preschool program are required to raise \$250.00 in Development and families with students in kindergarten through 8th grade are required to raise \$500.00 in Development.

At the end of the year, if your goal for fundraising has not been met, you will be responsible for paying the balance. If you prefer to opt out of development, an up-front payment option is available. If you do not meet your required 10 hours of volunteer time you will be required to pay off the balance at \$15.00 per hour.

We will be sending periodic updates on what we have for your development credit throughout the year. Please use the tracking form to keep track for yourself. We still need a few chairs for events during the year. Please see listing for vacancies. If you have any questions or are interested in chairing an event listed, please contact us at Development@stjamesdanielson.org.

Sincerely,

Tina Banks
Co-Chair, Development

Kristen Houle
Co-Chair, Development

Mission Statement

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SJS Development Calendar of Fundraisers/Events – 2023-2024

***All events are subject to change**

Year Round

- 1000 Club – Chair: Kathy Hall Halloween Challenge will take place in October
- Bingo – Chair: Kathy Hall

September

- Pop4kids – Chair: Jim and Sarah Rand
- Oktoberfest (NEW) – Chairs: Jennifer Lehto, Kayla Trant, Mandy Gruslin

October

- Fall Super Raffle – Chairs: Joe and Kerri Beaudreault
- Nut Sale – Chair: Carrie Bauch

November

- Nutmeg Spice Co. (NEW) – Chair: Carolyn Lepine

December

- Celebrity Bartending Night (NEW) – Chairs: Casey Hardell, Jennifer Lehto, Alexandra Robin

February

- Holiday Calendar Raffle – Chair: Sara Wesolowski
- Maine Popcorn Fundraiser – Chair: Donnel Dillon

March

- Munson Easter Chocolates (NEW) – Stephanie MacFarland
- Spring Super Raffle – Chairs: Joe and Kerri Beaudreault

April

- Mother/Son Event – Chair(s) Needed
- St James Gala (NEW) – Co-Chairs: Donna Sabourin, Jessica Hanley, Jennifer Lehto, Alexandra Robin

May

- Golf Tournament – Chair: Joe Beaudreault
- Father/Daughter Dance – Co-Chairs: Korey Seney, Sara Wesolowski
- Spring Flower Sale – Chair: Samantha Vadeboncoeur

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2023-2024 St. James Development Hours

Family Tracking Sheet

Families in K-8 are required to raise **\$500** in development credit total
*Families in Pre-K only** are required to raise **\$250** in development credit

CHAired EVENT/COACHING:

Chairs of any fundraiser and athletic coaches will receive \$300 towards development. If there are two or more chairs/coaches, this credit will be split between each chair/coach. Reason being that coaching and events are more time consuming to organize, however, the more chairs/coaches, the amount of time is reduced/shared which reflects in the development credit split. Example: Soccer Coach, Nut Fundraiser. Please note all coaches receive their 10 hours of required volunteer time.

Chairs of any "fun events" or clubs will receive \$150 towards development. Reason being that these events do take time to plan and organize, however they do not generate any money towards our development goals. Example: Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Event

Tracking

Event	Development Type	% Towards Development Credit	Total \$ Earned
1000 Club	\$60 per ticket sold	100%	
Pop4Kids	Total dollar amount	30%	
Fall Super Raffle	Face value per ticket sold	100%	
Oktoberfest	Face value per ticket sold	100%	
Nut Sale	Total dollar amount	30%	
Celebrity Bartending	TBD	TBD	
Gift Card Fundraiser	Total dollar amount	% varies by gift card	
Nutmeg Spice	Total dollar amount	TBD	
Holiday Calendar Raffle	\$20 per ticket sold	100%	
Maine Popcorn	per bag sold	\$5-\$6.50 per bag sold	
Munster Easter Chocolate	TBD	TBD	
Spring Super Club Raffle	Face value per ticket sold	100%	
St James Gala	Face value per ticket sold	100%	
Golf Tournament	Tee sponsor	100%	
Spring Flower Sale	per item sold	\$2.50-\$7 per item sold	
Chaired Event/Coaching	See above	100%	
	Total	\$	

**More events may be added throughout the year*

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Minimum of 10 hours required for each family. Any hours over 10 will count \$15/hour towards your development credit.

Event	Date	Hours Worked

CHAired EVENT/COACHING/OTHER

Event	Date	Development Credit (See attached list of credit)

NOTES:

- Development credit is determined by the grade of the oldest child in the school and is per family, not for each student enrolled
- Donations to the classroom based on teacher requests and fundraisers planned by the Student Council, 8th grade class or the Parent Group do not count towards development credit.

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St. James Development FAQ

Q. Why does the school need Development?

A. The Average cost per student to educate a child in Connecticut is \$22,170; at \$4,950 per student tuition at St. James School does not cover our everyday expense, which is why we have Development. Without the help of Development, the tuition would need to be raised substantially to keep the school open.

Q. If I raise more than my development goal, can I transfer the excess to another SJS family?

A. Unfortunately, no. Development credit cannot be transferred to another family. Any additional money raised does not transfer or roll over.

Q. I work full time and do not have time to volunteer. How can I meet my development goal?

A. Every family's development goal can be easily reached. Many events that require volunteers take place after hours or on the weekends. If you are having problems earning your volunteer hours, please let us know. We are here to help.

Q. I really don't want to participate in development. What can I do?

A. There is an "opt out" form that you should have received in your Development packet. There are two options:

1. You pay \$500 and still participate in the required 10 hours of volunteerism.
2. You pay \$650 total to completely opt out of fundraising and hours of volunteerism.

Q. How will I know when volunteers are needed?

A. Information will be sent home with your child prior to any event asking for volunteers as. Development will send emails as well outlining what events are coming up and which ones need volunteers. For planning purposes, in your packet, you should have received a full list of events for the school year. You will also find the list on your tracking form that we have provided as well.

Q. I just bought raffle tickets from the Student Council. Does that count?

A. No. Any fundraiser by the Student Council, 8th Grade, or the Parent Group does not count towards Development. That money goes specifically to those groups for certain purposes and not to the school as a whole.

Q. How are the monies calculated from the sales of fundraisers?

A. We calculate the development requirement in monetary value. Every family is either required to “raise” \$500 or \$250 depending on the grade of your child(ren). Each fundraiser has a certain dollar amount that you earn when selling tickets or items. For example, if you are selling candles from the Meadow Farms sale, you “earn” 40% of your sales towards your overall development requirement. (The percentage is based on what each company gives back to the school.) If you sell \$100 worth of items, you will earn \$40 towards your development requirement because that is the dollar amount that the school receives back from your sales.

Q. How are the hours calculated after I reach my required 10 hours of volunteerism?

A. After the required 10 hours of volunteerism, in order to include the volunteer hours into your overall development requirement, we calculate each hour volunteered as \$15 per hour. For example, if throughout the school year you volunteer a total of 15 hours. The required 10 is subtracted and then you would multiply the remaining 5 by \$15 to get \$75 which then gets subtracted from your \$500.

Q. What happens at the end of the year if I don’t reach my development goal?

A. If you do not reach your development goal, you will be required to pay the difference. If you meet your fundraising goal but not your volunteer hours, you will be required to pay \$150. As with any financial obligation to the school, bills must be paid before transcripts are released.

If you still have questions, please let us know. We are here to help. You can email us any time at development@stjamesdanielson.org

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I'm still confused!



Development “Opt Out” Form

2023-2024

By signing this form, I choose to not participate in Development/Fundraising during this school year.

I understand that by doing so, I am required to pay the \$500 plus \$150 for my required hours up front (\$250 plus \$150 for Pre-K Families) and cannot receive any monies back if I do choose participate in fundraisers at a later date.

Parents Name: _____

Child(ren's) Name: _____

Grade(s): _____

Amount Enclosed (please check):

- ☐ \$650 Fundraising & Volunteerism (K-8 Families)
- ☐ \$500* Fundraising ONLY (K-8 Families)
- ☐ \$400 Fundraising & Volunteerism (Pre-K only Families)
- ☐ \$250* Fundraising ONLY (Pre-K only Families)

*With this option, you may choose to opt out of fundraising for the year, but still wish to fulfill the required 10 hours of volunteerism.

Please note: if the hours are not fulfilled, you will be assessed \$150 at the end of the school year.