



John F. Kennedy Catholic School

Family Guide to Fundraising and Events

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Joining Faith and Knowledge

Timeline

Summer (Late June-August)

Fundraisers:

Festival

Steelers Football Pool

Events:

STEAM Camp

Meet and Greet

Fall (September-November)

Fundraisers:

Lucky Money Calendar

Hoagie Sale

Fall Gala

Book Fair

Sarris Christmas Candy Sale

Events:

Halloween Candy Drive

Parent Teacher Conferences

Winter (December-February)

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Super Bowl Pool

Night at the Races/Cash Bash

Hoagie Sale

Events:

Santa's Workshop

Penny War

Open House

Spring (March- Early June)

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Steeler Raffle Ticket

Men's Night Final Four

Ladies Day

Hoagie Sale

Walk A Thon

Golf Outing

Book Fair

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Musical

Field Day (5th-8th grades)

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Raise Right App

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John F. Kennedy Catholic Families,

Welcome to the JFK School Family. We are thrilled to have you here. Fundraising is a fact of life in a Catholic School, and we ask all of our families to take an active role in our fundraising efforts. Fundraising events at our school provide a special way to build community as well as a way to keep our school financially strong. This year (2020-2021) our financial obligation is upwards of \$200,000. With all of our families working together, we can definitely meet this goal!

This booklet contains fundraising opportunities as well as social activities and events. It is our hope that this booklet will keep you informed of the many opportunities available to you to become involved in the John F. Kennedy Catholic School community, as well as aid you in reaching your volunteer and fundraising obligations. Please note that some of the events and fundraisers may be moved or eliminated due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Discover the many ways to become involved at John F. Kennedy Catholic School. You belong here!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly N. Stevenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kimberly N. Stevenson

Principal

Chairperson Responsibilities

When a family member commits to chairing a fundraiser or event at John F. Kennedy Catholic School, certain responsibilities are required to make the event successful. The Chairperson will be responsible for communicating with school families. It is important to be in contact with the school secretary to get the information sent out in weekly Comet emails. The chairperson is responsible for forming committees to help manage the event or fundraiser. The chairperson is responsible for getting volunteer hours and fundraising profit reported. There are also financial regulations one must adhere to in regards to one's position.

Clearance Requirements

All volunteers that interact with students or children are required to complete all clearance requirements. The requirements from the Diocese of Pittsburgh can be found on the John F. Kennedy Catholic website (jfkatholic.com). No one will be permitted to volunteer until all steps are complete and certificates are sent into the office.

Welcome Back To School

John F. Kennedy Catholic School has a Meet and Greet Event for parents of 1st-8th graders that welcome families back to school. The Meet and Greet is for parents only and gives them the opportunity to meet their teachers, review curriculum, and see the classroom before school begins.

Kindergarten and Preschool each have their own separate orientations where parents will learn important information for the coming year.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher Conferences are held at the end of the first quarter. Parents are required to make an appointment with their child(ren)'s teachers via OptionC to discuss academic progress and development.

SUMMER

Festival

This fun fundraiser joins our parish and school families and community together. The summer festival offers food, carnival games, raffles, kid's area, prizes and entertainment nightly.

The summer festival typically takes place at the end of June each year and runs Wednesday through Saturday. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours for the upcoming school year. Volunteers are needed for set up and tear down as well as food and game booths. Middle school students are able to receive volunteer hours in game booths and during set up and tear down.

Raffle tickets are distributed to each family to sell prior to the festival. Stubs and monies are due prior to the first day of the festival. Drawings are held nightly for cash prizes. These sales will be credited to your assessment fee for the upcoming school year.

We can't wait to see you and your family there!

*Volunteer hours available
Fundraising credit*

Steeler Football Pool

If you are a Steeler Football fan, you will love this fundraiser! The school offers a Steeler Football pool which runs for 16 weeks during the regular season. The pool is displayed on a grid of 100 squares with numbers along the top for the Steelers and down the left side for the opponent. Once the grid is filled with names, numbers will be drawn.

Each square costs \$80.00 (which is \$5.00 per week). Families earn \$32 towards their fundraising assessment for each square sold. The payout is \$100 at half-time and \$200 for the final score. Pools will be emailed prior to the season beginning. If you have winning numbers, a check will be mailed to you. Questions regarding the football pool can be directed to footballpool@jfkatholic.com.

\$32 fundraising credit per square

STEAM Camp

Here at John F. Kennedy Catholic, we strive to provide learning opportunities where children are able to create, communicate, collaborate, and think critically in a technology-rich environment to prepare them for their future. Our STEAM lab has created a more versatile space for the students to engage in hands on activities that compliment classroom learning. The middle school STEAM camp (5th-8th) allows students to explore various disciplines through scientific discovery, robotics, and computer applications, such as computer programming and 3D printing. In the elementary STEAM camp (2nd-4th) have fun with engineering projects and enjoy learning to drag and drop programming using Lego WeDo 2.0 robots. The camps provide a fun, interactive experience for the students.

Volunteer hours available

FALL

Lucky Money Calendar

Order forms are sent home at the beginning of the school year. You may order as many calendars as you wish to sell. Each calendar is numbered and plays daily on the evening 3 digit PA Lottery drawing. Daily winnings are \$30, weekends are \$75 and holiday amounts vary. Calendars that have been ordered will be sent home in October. Stubs and money are due by a designated date in December. All calendar money and stubs must be turned in prior to January 1. If you have a winning number, a check will be mailed to you. Families earn \$10.00 per calendar sold towards their assessment fee.

\$10.00 fundraising credit per calendar

Hoagie Sales

Hoagie Sales are held throughout the school year, fall, winter and spring. Order forms are emailed and allow a couple weeks to sell. Typically, there are two varieties to pick from, Italian or Turkey. Orders and money can be sent into the school office. Pick-up time and place will be on the initial order form. Volunteer hours are available during delivery day. Please, contact Liz Ondrejko at cr2607@comcast.net for additional information.

*Fundraising credit is 20% of total sale
volunteer hours available*

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is held in the library. Students visit the Book Fair during their designated class time. Money can be sent in with your student in an envelope marked "Book Fair." Children love the idea of shopping for their own books! * Chairperson is needed.

*No fundraising credit available
Volunteer hours available*

Gala

The Fall Gala is one of our major fundraisers and has opportunities for families to earn both fundraising and volunteer credit toward your assessment. It is a fun adult only event that is held on a Saturday evening in November. The event consists of Live and Silent Auctions, Chinese Auction, assorted raffles, a Wine Pull and of course appetizers and dinner. All items auctioned and raffled are donated by businesses in the surrounding communities and by our families.

Families are asked to sell raffle tickets in advance and will receive fundraising credit. Winners are drawn at the Gala, but the winners need not be present. There are beautiful items made by each class that are auctioned each year as well as one of a kind teacher experiences that can be bid on.

Planning for the JFK Gala is year round but is most intense August through November. Two co-chairs help to lead the organization of the event but the details are decided on amongst committees. Families can earn volunteer hours by joining a committee.

Make it a night out with your spouse, friends or family members and reserve a table or just plan on attending and meeting other families and parishioners. Questions can be directed to fallgala@jfkatholic.com

*Volunteer hours available
Fundraising credit available*

Sarris Candy

We hold two sales each year, both of which are a family favorite. Many out of town families also love this fundraiser. This is a great way to start all of your holiday shopping and 35% of each sale will go toward your fundraising assessment.

Prior to Christmas and Easter, a Sarris Candy packet will be sent home with your children. There will be a detailed colorful brochure outlining available items as well as an order tally sheet. The brochure can be shared with friends or family members to purchase from your child. Online orders can also be made. The online code is 10-0549. Once you have completed your sale, complete the master order form and return it and payment to the school office. The pick-up time and location will be shared via email when the sale begins.

35% fundraising credit

Winter

Super Bowl Pool

If you enjoyed the Steeler Football Pool, you will want to get in on this pool! The pool is displayed on a grid of 100 blocks with numbers along the top and left side for each of the teams playing in the Super Bowl. Once the grid is full, numbers will be drawn.

Each square costs \$20.00. Families earn \$10.00 towards their assessment fee for each block sold. The payout is 1st Quarter= \$125, Half-Time= \$250, 3rd Quarter= \$125 and Final Score

= \$500. If you have the winning numbers a check will be mailed to you. Good Luck! If you have additional questions, email footballpool@jfkatholic.com.

\$10 fundraising credit per block sold

Santa's Workshop

You won't want to miss this winter wonderland! Each class will shop away at Santa's shop for their family and friends. Our elves work very hard to make this a very special event for the students.

Volunteer hours available

Night at the Races

Night at the Races is held every January and this event is a great way to meet other JFK families and parishioners. Horses (100) are sold in advance to the event. Throughout the evening, the race caller shows prerecorded races from around the country. No one knows who will win the race, including the caller! If your horse wins their race, you win \$50! There are 10 regular races and the last race is an Auction Race. You may bet yourself or go in with friends to own a horse in this race. This is a big race to win, in the past winnings were over \$600!

In addition to the races there are door prizes, Chinese auction, paint stick 50/50, a reverse raffle and other raffles to make the evening a lot of fun! The committee provides a light buffet, beer and mixers. Families are allowed to bring any additional food/drinks they may want. This is a 21 year old and over event. Be sure to get your horses ahead of time, they sell out fast! See you at the starting gate!

*\$5 fundraising credit for each horse sold/purchased
volunteer hours available*

Penny War

The annual JFK Penny War is held every year during Catholic Schools Week. The students bring in their pennies and place them in their classroom jar. Students then have the opportunity to “bomb” other classes by placing silver change in their class jars. Bills are available to be changed in for coins of their choice. Each jar is counted and daily winners are announced each day. The weeks overall winner wins an ice cream party! This is a fun event that all students and staff look forward to each year.

Volunteer hours available

Open House

Every winter John F. Kennedy Catholic holds an Open House that invites new families to visit our school. This is an opportunity to show prospective students and families what all JFK has to offer. The school relies on current families, alumni and student council members to tour new families. Please contact Lauren Bodart at lbodart@jfkatholic.com with additional questions.

Volunteer hours available

Steeler Raffle Ticket

Order forms for Steeler Raffle Tickets will be emailed as an attachment in the Comet Email blast or are available outside of the office. Tickets can be ordered on the form and will be sent home with your child or are available to be picked up in the office. Tickets are \$20.00 each for 4 chances to win 2 Steeler season tickets which include preseason and playoff games. Stubs and money should be sent into the office. What a great way to enjoy some Steeler Football!

*\$10 fundraising credit per sold ticket
volunteer hours available*

Spring

Walk A Thon

The JFK student body and families love this fun event! It works just like any other “thon” where students ask family and friends to sponsor them during their walk a thon. This is an easy way to earn fundraising credit towards your assessment.

Families are asked to provide 10-15 envelopes, stamped and addressed with which you would like to send a donation letter to. Students will write donation letters and send them from school. All donations are tallied and recorded towards your assessment fee. Preschool through 2nd grade walks laps around the church and school on the day of Walk a Thon while upper grades walk to W&J football field. All students meet back at JFK to eat a picnic lunch and spend the remainder of the day outside.

*20% of total donations-fundraising credit
volunteer hours available*

Golf Outing

The annual JFK Golf Outing is held during the month of May. It is a day of fun for men or women golfers. Golfers will have food and drinks throughout the day as well as many raffles and giveaways. Many sponsors are needed to make this day a big success!

*Fundraising credit
Volunteer hours available*

Ladies Day

This is a day for only the ladies! Year to year this event gets switched up to keep us on our toes. We have done a paint and sip event, calendar parties, etc. There are plenty of opportunities to gain volunteer hours helping with this event. The event is held in early spring.

Volunteer hours available

Men's Night- Final Four

This is a fun night out for the men! The Men's Final Four is held on the Saturday of the Men's NCAA Basketball Final Four. Games are played on the big screen. The night will include dinner, snacks and mixers. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, prizes and more will be available to participate in.

Year Round

Box Tops for Education

In 1996 General Mills created a program to support education. Over the years the program has continued to grow. Originally, Box Tops were asked to be "clipped" from participating boxes or packages and sent into school. Now, on your smart phone you can apply the app to your phone, choose John F. Kennedy as the receiving school, and simply snap a picture of your receipt. The receipt is scanned for participating items and our school will benefit. JFK gets \$.10 from each Box Top.

*No fundraising credit
Volunteer hours available*

Cafeteria

The cafeteria staff needs help regularly with daily lunch preparations. This is a great opportunity to spend time at school and earn volunteer hours. Hours are 9:00am-1:00pm.

*No fundraising credit available
Volunteer hours available*

Gift Card Program

John F. Kennedy sells gift cards year round. When you purchase gift cards, the selling family can earn between 2%- 20% of the card purchase price toward their fundraising assessment. There are over 700 cards available to purchase including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, clothing, entertainment, etc. You can meet your fundraising assessment in no time by purchasing your gift cards for weekly groceries and gas for an example.

There are three ways to purchase gift cards.

1. You can send the completed gift card form that is emailed in the Comet, available on the JFK website or outside of the school office with payment to school. The order will be sent home with your child the following week.
2. You can purchase certain cards directly from the school office. The office keeps popular cards on hand for easy pick-up. This is a quick way to grab and go.
3. You can also order from the **Raise Right** app on your mobile device use code-9F426AL71643

*2%-20% fundraising credit
volunteer hours available*

Shop N' Save

Shop N' Save has a program that provides free assemblies from the Pittsburgh Zoo, PPG Aquarium, Carnegie Museum of Natural History and the Carnegie Science Center. You just register your Perks Card online at the Shop N' Save website (shopsavefood.com). When you log in, go to the SEED Program link and select John F Kennedy. Start Shop N' Savin!

*No fundraising credit available
No volunteer hours available*

Giant Eagle

By enrolling your Giant Eagle Advantage card, our school can earn points for free school materials every time you shop. Enrolling is easy, just follow these steps:

Enroll at www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students JFK code- 0532

*No fundraising credit available
No volunteer hours available*

JFK Fundraisers

Assessment Credit

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| Hoagie Sales | 20% of total sales |
| Steeler Football Pool | \$32.00 per block sold |
| Lucky Money Calendar | \$15.00 per calendar sold |
| Steeler Ticket Raffle | \$10.00 per ticket sold |
| Sarris Candy Sales (Christmas/Easter) | 35% of total sales |
| Gift Cards | % varies on cards purchased |
| Night at the Races (Horses) | \$5.00 per horse sold |
| Festival Raffle Tickets (cash tickets) | \$1.00 per ticket sold |
| Festival Wheelbarrow of Cheer tickets | \$2.50 per ticket sold |
| Festival Quilt Tickets | \$.50 per ticket sold |
| Gala | 2020- 2021 Gala Details coming soon |
| Golf Outing | \$40.00 per golfer registered |
| Walk- A- Thon | 20% of total collection |
| Super Bowl Pool | \$5.00 per block |