

## PSA Newsletter February 2026

### Mission of the PSA

The Parent School Association (PSA) brings together parents, school administrators and teachers to fundraise and provide valuable information about our school and its events. PSA meetings are usually held once a month at 7pm in the Parish Lounge (first classroom to the left in the school building). Parents are invited and encouraged to attend to discuss how to support fundraisers and share ideas. Attendees of the meetings also receive 1 PIP hour. The mission of the PSA is to fundraise for the school while encouraging togetherness, fun and provide opportunities for families to come together in support of our children. Look for announcements for when the next PSA meeting will be held.

### PSA Initiatives & PIP Hours

Each family from Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4 are required to complete 10 PIP hours. At least 5 of those hours must be volunteer hours. Families with students in grades K through 8 must complete 20 PIP hours. At least 10 of these hours must be volunteer hours.

### Fundraising to Date

To date, the PSA has raised \$36K! There are still a lot of events coming up to raise more money for our self-funded school. The Christmas Cash alone raised over \$11K after prizes were awarded. The big incentive with this fundraiser is the jeans and sneakers week. This year, if you sold enough tickets, the dress down week is February 9-13<sup>th</sup>. You should have received an e-mail if you qualified. Thank you to Mr. Bucher & Ms. Sweeney!

The Family Game Night/BINGO event that took place in September was a huge success. A fun night was had by all and the school came together for the first event of the year. A special thanks to Frances Addiss, Kim Messick and Anne Marie Leamy.

The Holiday Tea Party raised over \$8K, but we are waiting on the expense report. It was a successful day where girls and their families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together. A special thanks to Marilyn Lashlee & Nicole Farmer, event chairs.

The Christmas Shoppe was a one-day event this year, the PSA may make it a two-day event next year to allow children more time to buy. Thank you to Lorena Meza and Flavia Powers for coordinating this event.

### Upcoming Events

The next event is the Annual SMDP Gala. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year. Last year we were able to raise over \$60K. **This is important because SMDP is the only self-funded school in Dutchess County.** Tickets are available through the QR code to the right and are now \$150 each or you can purchase a table of 8 seats for \$1000 or 10 seats for \$1250. The gala is being held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-10:30pm at the Villa Borghese for a "Night in Italy" with full open bar, appetizers, dinner and dessert. There will also be a photo booth (free) and a permanent jewelry station (the jewelry will be very affordable). We will also have a silent auction that is available to everyone. You do not have to attend the event to participate in the silent auction. The link will be sent via e-mail and we encourage parents to send the link to both friends and family. There are great items/experiences being auctioned. There will also be a live auction at the gala which has always been popular.

The pasta dinner is on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The food is amazing and it is a wonderful event to bridge both the school and the Church parishioners.

The pancake breakfast (due to snow) is postponed until April. There will also be a golf outing at Casperkill this year. We are awaiting final pricing, but the day will include golf, a golf cart, lunch, dinner and a giveaway. We will need donations and sponsors to offset the cost of the event and raffle tickets. If you are interested in donating or sponsorship, please contact the PSA via e-mail.

### SCRIP

Another great way to participate in supporting the PSA throughout the year is through the SCRIP gift card program. This program sells gift cards at face value. However, the business has agreed to share a portion of the sale of the gift card usually as a percentage with our school. This means no extra cost to you! The program also has VISA gift cards with NO ACTIVATION FEE. This is a major savings of up to \$9.95 per card as opposed to purchasing a VISA gift card in the store with high fees. An order form is sent home once a month that will list cards available for sale. Please consider purchasing these cards for your weekly shopping trip to stores such as Adams Fairacre Farms, Stop & Shop and ShopRite, among many others.

### SMDP ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, March 7, 2026 from  
5:30pm-10:30pm  
with host Anne Marie Leamy  
(formerly the co-host of  
Q92.1's "Annie in the  
Morning") one of our own  
parents from the school!



The SMDP gala is the school's biggest fundraising event of the year.

**SMDP school is self-funded, we cannot stress this enough. We do not depend on the archdiocese for funding compared to other schools in our area.**

**Over half the money raised by the PSA last year came from this event.**

We are asking for your participation by bidding on our silent auction, which will be online (the link will be sent out via e-mail) and also through our live auction at the gala with many experiences and wonderful items to bid on.

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**Have questions, want to get involved?**

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