

St. James Families,

The 2012-2013 school year is off to a great start and the PTO officers are looking forward to working with all of you. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you:

I am the PTO President, **Brenda DePalma**. My husband and I have been married for 18 years and have 2 children, Ana Marie (4th grade) and Giovanni (1st grade). We have been members of St. James for 16 years. I grew up in Liberty and attended St. James Church and CCD at the old church on Water Street since 1973.

My name is **Kathleen Ervie** and I am the PTO Vice-President. My husband, Eugene, and I have been married for 16 years and have been members of St. James for 7 years. We are the parents of four children Olivia (6th grade), Samuel (4th grade), Maxwell (1st grade), and Luke (2 years and future St. James student).

I am **Nichole Stewart** and will be serving as PTO Secretary. I have been a member of St. James for 39 years. I attended St. James School at the old church on Water Street for 1st grade, at the Seminary for 2nd grade, and at the new church for 3rd through 5th grades. I have 2 children at St. James - Ellie (4th Grade) and Lauren (1st grade).

I am **Danny Boteler** and I am the PTO Treasurer. My wife, Cathy, and I have been married for 9 years and we have been members of St. James for 2 years. Prior to St. James we were members of Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia, MO. We have 2 children – Megan (1st grade) and Molly (3 years and future St. James student).

Next, we would like to outline some future key dates for you to include on your calendar:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th, at 6:50 pm – *PTO Meeting* and Parent Information Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th at 6:50 pm – *PTO Meeting*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 6:00 pm – *St. James School Auction* - THE MAIN EVENT AT BRIARCLIFF

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 6:50 pm – *PTO Meeting (Budget Meeting)*

JANUARY 26th thru FEBRUARY 1st - *Catholic Schools Week (CSW)*

TUESDAY, April 16th at 6:50 pm – *PTO Meeting*

Please note that the dates of the PTO Meetings are subject to change. Make sure to read the weekly school newsletter to be apprised of any changes and/or updates. Also, for a complete calendar of events for the school year, visit the school website, www.stjames-school.org, and click on the green button entitled 2012-2013 Calendar Information.

We know that the success of the PTO is not possible without the help of our school families. There are many opportunities to get involved by volunteering for the various activities that occur throughout the year. Here is a list of volunteers that the PTO helps coordinate:

Head Room Parent Coordinator
Room Parents
Parent Teacher Conference Meals
Catholic Schools Week
Staff Appreciation Week
Field Day
Buddy Families
St. James Feast Day

We hope you seriously consider these and other opportunities to become involved. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Kathleen Ervie at ervie5@sbcglobal.net.

Once again, we are excited for another school year and look forward to working with each of you. You will receive more detailed information on all the PTO activities throughout the year, so please make sure to read the school newsletter each week and look for communication to come out via your head room parents as well.

If at any time you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. In addition, you can always communicate with the PTO at the following email address: pto@stjames-school.org.

We wish you and your children a successful 2012-2013 school year!

Sincerely,

St. James PTO Officers
Brenda DePalma, President
Kathleen Ervie, Vice-President
Nichole Stewart, Secretary
Danny Boteler, Treasurer