



**September
2026
Parent
Club
meeting**

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



2026-2027 Parent Club board introductions

Kelly Hardwick- President

Nick Huston- Vice President

Lindsay McCarthy- Treasurer

Open positions :

Hospitality - Helps coordinate conference night dinners and teacher appreciation treats/ luncheons, popsicles for field day/end of school year treats

School website sjsamherst.org/parentclub

Parent club email SJSParentClub@sjs-amherst.org

Full Report will be given at the October Meeting.

Goals for this year:

- funding/completing the outdoor classroom
- last year's Coming Together profits to the school for religious supplies/school general fund
- Continue to pay for bussing for field trips
- Teacher appreciation
- Conference Dinners
- Support the needs of the school/teachers
- Funding various parent/family events
- Support fundraising efforts for the school

LORAIN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PLASTIC GROCERY BAG Recycling Contest



SEPTEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 28, 2026



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Lorain County Public and Private Schools



HOW IT WORKS

Collect clear, dry plastic grocery bags from your families and staff.

When your collection is full:

- Bring them to the Lorain County Collection Center, located at 540 South Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035
**Please note which school you're dropping off for.*
- We weigh every collection
- The school collecting the most pounds wins!

HOURS OF OPERATION:
MONDAYS:
9AM – 3PM
WEDNESDAYS:
12PM – 6PM
SATURDAYS:
9AM – 3PM



WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

1ST PLACE
Recycled Plastic Picnic Table



2ND PLACE
Two Recycled Plastic Benches



3RD PLACE
One Recycled Plastic Bench



IMPORTANT DATES



CONTEST BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 1



CONTEST ENDS
DECEMBER 28



WINNERS ANNOUNCED
JANUARY 2027



EVERY BAG MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Plastic bags collected during this contest are recycled into
Park benches, picnic tables, decking and more!

Help keep plastic bags from getting tangled in recycling equipment, out of landfills, waterways, and ending up as litter.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTEST?

Contact:

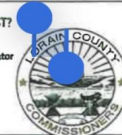
Brad Moore, Collection Center Coordinator

bmoore@loraincounty.us

or

Brandi Schnell, Projects Manager

bschnell@loraincounty.us



Learn more at loraincountyohio.gov/solidwaste



@lcsolidwaste

Looking for someone to be in charge of checking the collection bin and delivering collected bags to the facility.

Let Mrs. Makruski know if you're interested!



DRESS DOWN FOR A DONATION

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 9TH**

Help us raise money to support a former student, Madi, and her family as she fights lymphoblastic leukemia. Madi is 16 and this unexpected diagnosis has changed every area of her life. All donations will go to the family to pay for medical, travel, and loss of work expenses while the family attends to Madi's care. Please keep Madi and her family in your prayers.

Students may "dress down" in non-uniform clothing. Be sure they are school appropriate and weather appropriate. Please wear tennis shoes/playground appropriate shoes.

**PLEASE SEND IN A \$2
OR MORE CASH
DONATION TO DRESS
DOWN.**

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL

Help raise money for your school to improve your kids' education – every Box Tops counts!

Lifetime School Earnings

\$23,675.85

School Goal

Jul 2026–Jun 2027

\$80.00

Goal \$500

Earning Moments

4

This Month

[See All](#)

School Supporters

10

Jul

12

Aug

2

Sep

Give Credit Leaderboard

1

Grade 4

369 Box Tops

[View Standings](#)

My Support

\$1.10

Jul 2026–Jun 2027

Since Aug 2019

\$207.20

Want to see how a different school is doing?

Box top challenge

1st place class
pizza party
2nd place class
Popsicles

Deadline to scan
for challenge
Monday May 24,
2027



Give Credit Leaderboard

Check out the group that's credited the most at your school using Give Credit.

[See Past Leaderboards](#)



Grade 4

369 Box Tops

2 Grade 8

248 Box Tops

3 Grade 2

27 Box Tops

4 Grade 3

13 Box Tops

5 Kindergarten

10 Box Tops

298 days left

Jul 1, 2026 – Jun 30, 2027

Join us for a Back-to-School gathering!

When: Friday Sept 11 6-730 pm

Where: Amherst Township Park

44786 Amherst OH 44001

Pizza and snacks provided by Parent Club

We will meet in one of the pavilions. There is a playground, a walking track, and baseball fields. Also, porta pots! If the fields are not in use, we can have a kickball game. Come catch up with old friends and meet new ones!



Look for an RSVP
to come out via
email and text
tomorrow. This will
help us know how
much pizza to get!

Save the date!

SJS Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 23rd 6 pm

Prizes for best trunk and best costume



Meet the 8th graders

A look ahead at yearly events month by month:

September- Family Event- back to school evening picnic Fri. Sept 11th

October- Family Event- Trunk or Treat Friday Oct 23

November- Fall conferences- Nov 12- Dinner for Teachers

Family Stem Night- November 19th- Hosted by the SJS Teachers

Angel tag shopping for Kris Kringle Saturday Nov 28- Sign Up/RSVP Event

December-Family Event- Amherst Christmas Parade- Friday Dec 4

Pictures with Santa and bake sale fundraiser for DC trip- Saturday Dec 5-

WILL NEED HELPERS FOR THIS EVENT!

Set up for Kris Kringle Tues Dec 8 after parent club meeting

January - 31-Feb 6 Catholic Schools week

Family game night- date TBD

February- 11th winter conferences- Dinner for Teachers
Father/ Daughter dance- date TBD- in need of chairperson

March- 28th Easter

March 26-April 5 Spring Break

Mother/Son event- date TBD- in need of chairperson

April- 16th Coming Together event/fundraiser

April 23/24 Drama production

May- 14th Spring concert

Family movie night- date TBD

June- 2nd Field day, Kindergarten graduation

3rd- 8th grade graduation

4th last day of school grades 1-7

Parent club meeting dates:

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, November 10

Tuesday, December 8 (with set up for Kris Kringle after)

January - NO MEETING

Tuesday, February 9

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, April 13

Tuesday, May 11

Upcoming important dates:

Wednesday Sept 9- dress down for donation \$2 or more

Friday Sept 11-first whole school mass grades 1-8 led by 8th grade

Picture day K-8 and 4 year Pre K

Band paperwork due

Sunday Sept 13-Holy ground youth group begins

Monday Sept 14-picture day Pre K 3, candid volleyball, cross country and football- bring your jerseys

Friday, Sept 18-mass led by 7th grade, band begins for returning students

Friday, Sept 25-mass led by 6th grade, beginning and advanced band lessons begin

Friday, Oct 9- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct 13- Parent Club meeting 7 pm

It's almost Calendar Raffle Time!

We are still accepting donations
through this Friday, 9/11!

Be on the lookout for
information about the
calendar sales at the end of
the month.

Calendars are sold from
Oct. 1st-31st.

Prizes begin on November
1st!

Thank you for coming to the first meeting
of the year!

Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 13th

