

Fall Craft Fair – THANK YOU!

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I write to thank the army of volunteers who helped to make our Fall Craft Fair such a success. Students in grades 1-8 helped to set up tables and chairs after school on Friday. Saturday morning, many students and their parents, got up extra early to help the vendors unload their cars/vans and bring their wares to their table spots. We had high school and elementary school students, two lovely girls from our Religious Education Program, parents, teachers and staff volunteer their entire Saturday to help with this event. It was a glorious day for our vendors and our entire community.

Thank you, Diane Stellacci, who spearheads this event and makes it look easy. Diane works tirelessly planning, contacting vendors, advertising, gathering feedback and organizing the vendors. Thank you, Diane for all you do for our parish and school!

Thank you to Pat Stellacci, Joe Manente and Theresa Stellacci who began preparing the zeppole set up and dough in the wee hours of the morning before anyone else arrived. Theresa picked up the rolls for our food court and worked all day at our zeppole stand with her dad. There is rarely, if ever, an event that they are not on the front lines volunteering.

Thank you to Ralph Fleischman and the Knights of Columbus for donating and cooking the sausage and peppers and hamburgers for this event. I have had the privilege of working with these faith-filled, hard-working men at various parish events. They unceasingly dedicate themselves to the service of others. We are so blessed by their dedicated service to our school and parish.

Thank you to Roland Chapdelaine, “MC Extraordinaire”, who volunteered his Saturday and his voice for this event. He is another parishioner who will do anything and everything you ask of him, with a smile and a song!

Thank you to Joe Manente, SJ Facilities Manager, and his staff, who spent hours measuring the lines for each vendor placement and helped to set up and break down this event. There is nothing this staff won't do for our school and parish.

Thank you to Pat Denota-Keene, our parish office manager. Pat consistently volunteers her time and talents to make sure all parish events run smoothly.

Thank you to Joanne Mascia for working side by side with Diane Stellacci to plan and execute this event. Joanne is the heartbeat of our school and is behind every successful event we run.

Thank you to Elaine Wilson, Deborah Barnett, and Leah Decker-McLaughlin who volunteered their entire Saturday to set- up, run and break down our Food Court. Thank you all for a great team effort!

Thank you to my incredible staff, Christine Ambrosino, Gracemary Bocchino, Michele Verga, Patricia Littler, Donna Vitrone, Kristin Glaviano, Christopher Tychostup, Rose Moffatt and Jim Vignola, who always go above and beyond for our school and our students. Not only do they volunteer their free time to help, but almost every fun and profitable event is planned and carried out by them. I am blessed to work with such dedicated and loving professionals every day.

And last, but certainly not least, to Monsignor Marchitelli, who has supported our every event with his love and spiritual guidance.

*May every work and act of ours begin in Thee, and through Thee, be happily ended, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*