CTK FAMILY/SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

FSA NEWS FROM THE NEST



- Volunteer Handbook/Amnesty Period January 2023
- Poker Tournament
- 2023 Policy Announcements
- Protecting God's Children Class Scheduled
- Bylaws Meeting POSTPONED

22/23 VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

Thanks to the top-notch work of our Volunteer Handbook Committee, we finally have a Volunteer Handbook! We hope this will eliminate confusion and make volunteering a little easier. Please note this version applies to the rules governing the 2022/23 school year, and there will likely be slight changes for the 2023/24 school year. A copy of the handbook is attached to this newsletter email and has been posted on the CTK website https://ctkschooljax.com/volunteeratctk.

To thank everyone for their patience and cooperation on volunteer matters, the FSA is offering an amnesty period for those who had hours denied related to the policies in this handbook that were either unwritten or unclear. To submit, sign up for the post on Volunteer Mark "Amnesty Period: January 2023" then submit your hours with as much information as you can (this assists us in verifying). The amnesty period will end January 31, 2023. We will not approve amnesty requests related to previously published policies, such as being cleared to work with children.

2023 POKER TOURNAMENT

The CTK Poker Tournament is back! A huge "thank you" to Sunville Lawn Care (https://www.sunvillelawncare.com/) and Stitt Investments (https://www.vrbo.com/143752) for being our first sponsors! There are still planning and volunteer positions available; contact Brianne Andrews at ctkpoker@gmail.com.

Sponsorship information is here: https://checkout.square.site/buy/FIFSSZFOSXED7TJWUMNQ WMKQ

Our marketing partners are getting ready to start their promotions. Hurry and secure your spot in the tournament before they are snapped up! The last day to purchase poker tickets is February 1st, but we anticipate a sell out. https://checkout.square.site/buy/USSBLN7E5X6EMX5SIR7PDB6H



Postponed

We have to cancel our first Bylaw Public meeting, initially scheduled for January 10. We will announce a new date soon!

Scheduled

Sign up for the next Protecting God's Children class! This class is the first step in being cleared to work with children at CTK. The next class is January 26 at 6pm in the media center. Register on the DOSA website. https://safe.dosafl.com/virtus-pgc-training-overview/

2023/24 Changes

FSA Structure and Policy Changes for the 2023/24 school year:

- Head Class Parent and classroom parents will move under the FSA umbrella.
- Head Class Parent will be a full voting member of the FSA Executive Board.
- The number of class parents decrease to one parent per grade plus three resource parents
- Class parents will be designated before the school year begins and chosen in conjunction with teachers.
- SCRIP: Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, SCRIP will no longer be an option to fulfill service commitments. Please see the meeting minutes for rationale and details. Families will still be able to use their kickbacks to pay school-related fees.
- Non-service fee will increase to \$400 for the 2023-2024 school year. The money collected from non-service fees will be earmarked for the FSA Scholarship/Grant Pilot Program.

FSA SCHOLORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

In response to the changes in tuition and billing, FSA will be piloting a Scholarship/Grant program to help families access a CTK education. The 2023/34 pilot program will offer thirty \$500 Scholarships and be available to families that take on leadership and planning roles within the FSA beyond their required service hour commitment. It will be available to all families at CTK. The full structure of this pilot program is not finalized, but will be announced soon. There will be an official announcement once the criteria and terms are set.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2022/23

The FSA is actively talking to those interested in filling committee, chair, and leadership positions for the 2023/24 school year. A list of available opportunities are attached to this newsletter and published on the CTK website under "Volunteer at CTK".

REMINDER: ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS MUST BE SERVED AND APPROVED BY MAY 1, 2023. THERE ARE OVER 100 FAMILIES THAT HAVE NOT LOGGED A SINGLE HOUR FOR THIS YEAR. IF THIS IS YOU, PLEASE FORMULATE A PLAN TO FUFILL YOUR SERVICE HOUR REEQUIREMENT AS OPTIONS MAY BE LIMITED. IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING A WAY TO COMPLETE YOUR HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT JANNA AT FSA@CTKSCHOOLJAX.COM

Check it out!

We are slowly updating the FSA portion of the CTKS website! Send your corrections and suggestions to Janna at fsa@ctkschooljax.com.

DID YOU SEE THIS GIVEAWAY POST ON THE FSA FACEBOOK? https://www.facebook.com/christthekingcatholicschoolFSA

To enter to win one FREE week of Raven Basketball summer camp:

- 1. Tag someone who has the BEST poker face. Extra entry per tag.
- 2. Vote for the best poker face in the photo.
- 3. Share the poker tournament event (https://tinyurl.com/ctkpoker) to your page. Must do all 3 to enter. Winner announced January 12th.





We love our sponsors! Thank you







2022- 2023 FSA Executive Committee

- President: Janna Diorio
- Vice President: Kevin Aldefer
- Treasurer: Lynn Walker-Stringfield
- Secretary: Joanne Walter
- Volunteer Coordinator: Ashley Peeler

Questions? Want to get involved? Contact: FSA@ctkschooljax.com

Chairs

Fundraising: Kira Fisher

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- Trunk or Treat: Ximena Rivas/Rita Vera Rodriguez
- Ravens Run: Jilissa Hamlin
- Christmas Boutique: Heather Wnorowski
- Poker Tournament: Brianne Andrews
- Head Class Parent/Member at Large: Anthony Shrubshall
- Scrip: Open
- Faculty Liaison: Kristin Hale

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MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2023 CTK Media Center.

Total CTK Parents Present: 31 individuals

Executive Board Members Present: Janna Diorio, President; Kevin Alderfer, Vice President; Ashley Peeler, Volunteer Coordinator; Joanne Walter, Secretary; Lynn Walker-Stringfield, Treasurer; Anthony Shrubsall, Member at Large/Head Room Parent

The regular meeting was called to order by President Janna Diorio at 6:34 PM. The opening prayer was said by Jill Alderfer.

Chair Updates

Christmas Boutique – Janna Diorio, on behalf of Heather Wnorowski

-The event brought in approximately \$4,600. Children had a lot of fun shopping. It was noted how much work it takes to plan and execute this event, next year FSA will plan to spread out the manpower with additional volunteers.

Poker Tournament – Brianne Andrews

- -February 16, 2023, 7pm at bestbet Jacksonville
- -Previous history of the Poker Tournament:
- Chaired by a former CTK parent and bestbet frequenter this parent was able to get many non-CTK poker players to participate in the school's fundraiser. Coming out of COVID, this tournament will be the first in-person tournament in several years.
- The previous chairman's child graduated, so the connection with the poker community is no longer an active option for easy ticket sales. This provides an opportunity for the tournament to be a community-building event, allowing parents and sponsors to connect and share in the uniqueness of CTK.

-Overview of event:

- February 16, 2023: 6pm registration, 6:30pm training for beginners, 7pm start
- Adults 18 and older are welcome to attend with purchase of \$125 ticket, no spectators permitted due to bestbet policy
- Ticket includes: 2,000 chips to play, heavy hors d'oeuvres (assorted cheeses, dip, and crackers; pasta salad; egg rolls; Italian sausage and peppers; meatballs; sushi), and a welcome beverage (an open bar will also be available)
- Tickets available for purchase now, sales close on February 1, 2023; only 150 tickets will be sold, per bestbet policy
- Rebuys: at certain intervals during the beginning of the tournament, pay \$20 to receive 1,000 more chips to stay in the tournament longer
- -Current status of fundraiser:
- Of the 150 player maximum, 29 tickets purchased and another 47 players have verbally committed
- Sponsorships will pay for staff to attend at no cost.

Current sponsors:

- Martha Andrews sponsoring 4 staff members
- Table Sponsor: Sunville Lawn Care and a commitment from Nimnicht Chevrolet
- Grand Prize Sponsor: Stitt Investments

-Bounties:

- Secured:
 - Justin Cousart, WAPE
 - Lewis Turner, First Coast News
 - Chris Parisi, Jax Raceways 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee and 9x Drag Racing Champion
 - Nate Mayo, Nate Does Food
 - o Chris Jackson and James Heff, Chris James Country Band
 - o Mrs. Englehardt and Mrs. McCook
- Hopeful:
 - Local athletes like Trevor Lawrence and Tim Tebow
- -Prizes: A three-night Panama City Beach stay, luxury picnic, massage, Ruth's Chris gift card, bourbon basket, TV, ax throwing, Jumbo Shrimp tickets, BJ's Brewhouse gift card, Miller's Ale House gift card
- -A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn at Jacksonville East Regency Square with a fantastic rate. Use this link to get the CTK special pricing. Offer expires on February 2nd.
- -Current needs please reach out to ctkpoker@gmail.com
 - Purchase tickets
 - Share FB event and/or ticket link
- Help passing out flyers/donation and sponsorship letters
- 5 more prizes
- Event photographer

Head Class Parent – Anthony Shrubsall

-Upcoming structure change for this position: Beginning next school year, the Head Class Parent and classroom parents will move under the FSA umbrella. Head Class Parent will be a full voting member of the FSA Executive Board. The number of class parents decrease to one parent per grade plus three resource parents (lower school STREAM, upper school STREAM, and a combined Art/Music/PE). Class parents will be designated before the school year begins and chosen in conjunction with teachers.

Officer Updates

President – Janna Diorio

- -SCRIP: Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, SCRIP will no longer be an option to fulfill a family's volunteer hour commitment. Several reasons contributed to this decision: there will no longer be a volunteer to run the program, and the school is not getting enough return to continue the program. There is more value in having families volunteer than participating in SCRIP. The average yield from \$1500 of SCRIP is \$95 for the school, but this amount varies greatly depending on the type of cards purchased. Families will still be able to use their kickbacks to pay school-related fees.
- -Non-service fees will be increased to \$400 for the 2023-2024 school year. This brings CTK more in line with other DOSA schools. Another jump to \$500 is suggested for 2024-2025. The money collected from non-service fees will be earmarked for the FSA Scholarship/Grant program (see VP report).

Vice President – Kevin Alderfer

-FSA Scholarship/Grant program: In response to the changes in tuition and billing, FSA will be piloting a Scholarship/Grant program. FSA will commit \$15,000 to the 2023-2024 program and will offer thirty \$500 scholarships. For the 2023-24 school year, each school family that takes on leadership or planning roles within FSA beyond the required service hour commitment will be eligible to receive \$500 in tuition assistance. The structure of this pilot program is not finalized. The floor was opened for questions/input on this topic:

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- -One parent asked for the rationale behind one scholarship per family when the multi-sibling discount was being removed. Response was that with the pilot and limited funds, this was an easy first step.
- Another parent questioned if DOSA and/or CTK planned to offer an educational forum for state scholarship levels. One parent said she received a phone call from school to explain the upcoming changes to her tuition. The suggestion was made to have a presentation to educate families regarding scholarship eligibility.
- Another parent asked for details about FSA and what personal information FSA has
 access to. Janna explained that FSA does not have and will not gain access to
 personal information regarding scholarships/finances. Only information FSA has
 regarding families is names, phone numbers, and parishioner status. Janna
 continued by saying that the FSA is the parent community-building organization
 with roles that include fundraising, party throwing, and providing volunteer service
 opportunities.
- A parent inquired about how non-service fees are collected and who is the beneficiary of the money. Janna explained that FSA receives the money collected through non-service fee payment and Anahi bills through FACTS. A brief history was provided by a parent who stated that the non-service wasn't collected for 14 years, and the collection process restarted two years ago (this will be the third year).
- A parent suggested that CTK may want to investigate how other independent schools administer scholarships/grants and encouraged talking to other schools to gather information on development practices. She suggested that families possibly pay into the scholarship program

Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator – Joanne Walter and Ashley Peeler Volunteer Handbook presented to membership. Thank you to committee members Christina Thomas and Carolina Liu. This handbook details the current volunteer practices. No need to submit hours after earning 20 hours.

Amnesty period: Any family that previously had service hours denied for reasons not explicit in the 2022-2023 Volunteer Handbook may resubmit their hours in the month of January for approval, as long as the 20-hour threshold has not yet been met.

- An example of an exception would be if a parent worked in a supervisory capacity and wasn't appropriately cleared by DOSA
- Volunteer Mark will not be used next year, there are other programs available, FSA wants to make volunteering more accessible to families.
- A parent suggested looking into using SharePoint and having a volunteer hour leaderboard

Treasurer – Janna Diorio, on behalf of Lynn Walker-Stringfield

- -A copy of the November balance sheet was made available to attendees. It does not include Christmas Boutique.
- -A parent questioned why there is a debit on tshirts. It was explained that FSA purchased the reordered shirts and hasn't sold the entire inventory yet. Janna shared that Erica Housend will lead the spirit gear sales next year; all shirts will be dryfit/athletic material and other CTK spirit gear will be available for purchase.
- A parent asked if her donations to the used uniform sale could be resubmitted for volunteer hour credit during the amnesty period. Janna said yes.
- A question regarding FSA future spending was asked. Janna and Kevin said FSA is looking into buying a Ravens mascot and marque.

The regular meeting was adjourned by President Janna Diorio at 7:46 PM. A social hour immediately followed adjournment.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Joanne Walter