

PS.11 PTA

SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting Sept 26, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Welcome – Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos

- Gratitude

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Gratitude to all staff, PTA and parent volunteers
- October 3 - first Family Friday - all Family Fridays this year are open to all families
 - Must have PS11 ID to enter, please reach out to Joan Brothers directly to obtain one (also ps11photoid@gmail.com)
- School tour scheduled for October 3, 8:00am
- New playground expected to open on September 30
- Swimming pool opened for classes
- MTSS - Multi-Tiered System for Support (similar to what we've been doing for years, with new name) - focused on improving core instruction, especially with respect to our new curriculum.
- Last year highest test scores in the history of PS11

SLT Report - Courtney Kapes Lewis

- SLT - School Leadership Team - mandated by the DOE; made up of parents and teachers in the school
 - Develops enrichment programs to support curriculum and school communities
 - Reviews enrichment proposals from parents - can be submitted at <https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/SLTEPA-2015d.pdf>
 - Last year SLT led "Lunch and Learn" program focusing on dealing with children and anxiety

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Gratitude
- Thank you to kindergarten helpers (older grade students)
- Lice checks program will begin later this year
- October 15 - Middle school application process begins (5th grade families)
- Send in contact emergency forms if you haven't yet
- Reach out if you need a Parent ID (also ps11photoid@gmail.com)
- Picture Day - Nov 3, possible retake date for Nov 17

President's Report -Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- Approval of June 2025 General Meeting minutes – Approved
- Introduction to PS11 PTA Executive Board. Can be found online at <https://ps11chelsea.org/for-families/pta/>
- Members-at-Large Election
 - Must be a new family to PS11

- Self nominations from Abigail Jones, Brittany Chiavetta and Ulla Kjarval
- Congratulations to Abigail Jones and Ulla Kjarval as new 'Members at large' on the Executive Board

Budget Report - Peggy Kauh & Andrew Saleh (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Gratitude to co-chairs
- Review of July-August budget numbers
- Budget proposed changes - Thanks to reaching 102% of our fundraising goals last year; we propose the following changes:
 - Funds returned to budget to support spending on student support (field day), school staff support (lifeguards, lice checks), student programs (puberty classes, phonics classes), field trips and school admin (staffing for school programs like chess, school musical, friend trips)
- Principal Bender reviewed how DOE budget is based on total student enrollments and PTA budget for admin expenses supports any request to pay back DOE and or to accommodate current school staffing needs
- Revised budget voted and approved

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jess Galland (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Fundraising goal discussed
 - 70% - Annual Fund and individual giving
 - 25% - Auctions & Events
 - 25% - Other (grants, sponsors)
- Currently we are at 7% to goal
- Next month Milestone-reach 15%
 - Mini Camp Auction (Winter & Summer camp)
 - Corporate Match - information can be found at <https://doublethedonation.com>

Events Report - Jess Kahn Marks & Genevieve Gorin (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Fall Festival -Held on October 25,2025
- Trivia Night- Held at Dicksons on November 10 at 6:30pm. Open to the Public.
 - Tickets can be purchased at:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ps11-trivia-night--2025>
- PTA morning coffee on Oct 1st after drop off

Membership Report - Gelsey Jeffries & Emma Wang (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Volunteer sign up:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRAYwkC8PKnKfCeerfdVwEdABcXi8GSzwUdy2XucK553XlhA/viewform>
- Garden days held on Saturday mornings at PS11 playground . Dates will be posted in the school digest
- Math club- 80+ kids signed up for classes starting October 6th during their lunch periods
- Scholastic Book fair- October 27th week; backpack flyers will come home with information
- Fall Festival (Mike Pezley)
 - Book fair will also sell books
 - Request for a Fall Festival co-chair email Mike directly at mdpezley@gmail.com
 - Request for volunteers to fall festival
<https://5e7gy8dab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001bcptr823EEMOetYSmTFKgprD0UaxAujfys>

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- Or donate by purchasing items at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3C77C0M4W8AJL?ref_=wl_share

Programs Report - Shelley O'Sullivan & Tara Murphy (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Spelling Bee; sign up at: ([Sign up](#))
 - Writing test will take place on October 8th
- Library: Request for volunteers and push for children to return their books on time
- Yearbook committee looking for volunteers and a photographer
 - Will be meeting outside the school October 6 right after drop off
- Chess; current 1st graders are doing chess school on Tuesdays. Kindergarten classes to start in November
 - [Team](#) sign up click in link to view tournament details: [Chess in Schools Tournament](#),
 - Volunteers request Needed ([Sign up for 4th and 5th graders](#))
- Intro to Young Artist program will start in November

Communications Report - Sara Burke & Kiran Patel (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Lookout for weekly digest in your inbox

Adjournment 10:22am