

PS.11 PTA

SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting October 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Meeting opened - 9:00 am

Welcome – Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos

- Gratitude to Family liaisons, volunteers and PTA Executive Board members
- Attendance ([Sign-in form](#))

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Gratitude to all staff, PTA and parent volunteers
- District 2 Superintendents and principals meeting at PS11
- Halloween Friday! Kids encouraged to come in costume; no masks, face coverings, or weapons or costumes that are "too scary"
- Specialty Teachers Curriculum night on October 23rd
- Family Safety Meeting will be held on October 30th
- Encouragement to show gratitude to our teachers by the students and parents

SLT Report - Courtney Kapes Lewis

- Parent workshops to be offered: Helping children deal with anxiety (time TBD)

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Middle School Applications open October 15, 2025 - any questions please reach out to Joan Brothers or Christine Leonhardt
- Save for College NYC program for Kindergarten student email went out to parents to opt in
- Picture Day - November 3 and make up day on November 17th
- Lice checks coming up; November 13 and 18

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

- Approval of [September 2025 General Meeting minutes](#)

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

- September Update
 - Front-loaded yearly expenses able to be covered by our cash position
 - Spent 21% of Budgeted Expenses include Rosie's Theatre Kids and science programming, 5th grade DC trip and recess and lifeguard programming cost

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jess Galland (give@ps11pta.org)

- Currently at 12.5% of Fundraising goal; looking to reach 15% by end of October
- Mini Camp Auction (Winter & Summer camp); link will be sent out in next weeks Digest
- Give! Give! Give! Link: ps11chealsea.org/donate
- Encourage to use corporate match for donations: doublethedonation.com/matching-gifts-UBS-AG

- Questions, volunteers and suggestions can be sent to give@ps11pta.org

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

- Fall Festival
 - Review of Amazon donations to be sent to the school
 - Additional volunteers for bouncy castles needed
 - Student volunteer spaces are all full
 - Chairs for fall fest next year is strongly encouraged
 - PS11 students have free entrance, community member tickets are \$10
- 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>
- Gala Committee volunteers needed
- PTA morning coffee November after drop off

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

- Volunteer sign up:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRAYwkC8PKnkfCeerfdVwEdABcXi8GSzwUdy2XucK553XlhA/viewform>
- Math Club Started
- Garden Day Highlights
- Scholastic Book fair - October 27th week; backpack flyers will come home with information

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

- PS11 Post starting up - still looking for parent volunteers, kids to be notified about participation, first meeting will be Wednesday Morning Oct 29th.
- Chess Program - 26 kids participated.
 - The in school chess curriculum will start their Kindergarten class schedule in November.
 - Signup for Tuesday after school is rolling admissions.
<https://impactcoachingnetwork.org/ps11chess>
- Young Artist Teacher Info Meeting - the morning of Thursday November 20th, directly after drop off in the cafeteria.
 - The program starts at the end of January
 - Looking for parent volunteers for different arts activities for classes
- Lost and found; co-chairs needed. Parents encouraged to label all items
- Spelling Bee next Thursday
- Garden work day last Saturday

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

- Look out for weekly digest in your inbox

Adjournment - 9:40am