

PS.11 PTA

SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting December 12, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Meeting opened - 9:00 am

Welcome – Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos

- Attendance ([Sign in sheet](#))

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Thank you to PTA for attending 3rd grade performance, funding puberty lessons, and funding the 5th grade Washington DC trip
- Request that children dress warmly for winter recess
- Report cards will go home in January
- Student Council elections today for President and Vice President
- December 23rd school will host a Surprise Bus event for the kids at morning drop off!

SLT Report - Courtney Kapes Lewis (ps11SLT@gmail.com)

- Held first parent workshop last week (children's executive functioning)
- Family Workshop Schedule:
 - January 12, 2025 at 12pm - Topic: Anxiety
 - March 12, 2025 at 7pm - Topic: Resilience
- Week of January 12 - gratitude week
- June 25 - PS11 Potluck
- Enrichment activity proposal form:
<https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/SLTEPA-2015d.pdf>

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers (jbrothers@schools.nyc.gov)

- Gratitude to PTA for PS11 hooded sweatshirts to staff
- Middle school applications closes today December 12th, 2025
- Kindergarten applications opened on December 9th, as well as G&T applications - closes January 23rd.
 - You must apply to be enrolled even if currently enrolled in pre-k at PS11
 - Offer letters will go out by March 31
- Picture Day Make-up date is January 12th, 2025 (must fill out form by January 5)
- Please complete family income inquiry form: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

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

- Approval of November 2025 General Meeting minutes ([11.14.25 General Meeting](#))

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

- November Update - Review of monthly and YTD revenue, expenses & net income
- Currently at 24% of expected budget revenue for the school year

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

- Thank you to individual donors
- Currently at 23.7% of Fundraising goal; looking to reach 45% by end of December
- Give! Give! Give! Link: ps11chelsea.org/donate
- Questions, volunteers and suggestions can be sent to give@ps11pta.org

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

- Gratitude to families joining the Morning Coffee meeting in front of the school
 - Next one scheduled for Jan 3rd, 2025 after drop off
- Comedy for a Cause renamed 'Dara and Gilbert Gottfried Comedy night'
 - Will be held on January 28th- Early VIP tickets will end 12/31/2025
 - Purchase your tickets at:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dara-and-gilbert-gottfried-comedy-night-for-ps11>
 - Comedy night specific merchandise will be sold at Comedy night

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

- Gardening Club hosting the first ever Sing along on December 12th at 6pm.

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

- Gratitude to all the PS11 kids and shoutout to the grade wide trips sponsored by the school for all 4th and 5th graders
- **Young Artists Intro Meeting**
 - Limited number of available spots; not all students will be selected (random selection)
 - Parent volunteers are guaranteed spots for their children to participate
 - Program will start Mid January
 - If interested in teaching a class or volunteering please reach out to ps11youngartistprogram@gmail.com
- **100th day committee** looking for co-chairs
- **Chess**- January 10th Tournament for chess in the schools.
 - We will be calling for more volunteers in December.
 - Rolling tuition for new sign ups year round: <https://impactcoachingnetwork.org/ps11chess>
- **Merch** - you can also buy online at our school website:
<https://ps11chelseanyc.square.site/more-merch>
 - New hooded sweatshirts will be put up on the website this week
 - George T-shirts individually designed can be ordered at:
<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/9G89EMSGBVPK1/checkout/6E7SYSWH7I5YNQ/SXSK2JM6E7?src=sheet>
- **Yearbook** Upload photos requested!
 - Please use this link: <http://ybkpix.com>. Sign in using this login info: ps11yearbook@gmail.com, PASSWORD: ps112026!
 - Photo request from Family Fridays and 5th grade DC trip
 - For questions please email: ps11yearbook@gmail.com

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

- Look out for weekly digest in your inbox

Adjournment - 9:41am