

# PS.11 PTA

SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

## PTA General Meeting January 16, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Meeting opened - 9:00 a.m.

### Welcome – Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos

- Attendance (Sign-in form: [PS11 PTA General Meeting - 01/16/26 sign in](#))
- Gratitude to school staff and community for smooth transition to LAB school in December during street-level utilities emergency

### Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Gratitude from 2nd grade students for office staff!
- Gratitude to school staff and community for smooth transition to LAB school in December during street-level utilities emergency
- Thank you to PS11 afterschool team for support that same day
- 2nd grade performance on January 23
- 5th grade performance for Rosie's Kids will be on January 29, 2026
- Report cards going out end of January
- Promotion-in-doubt letters will go out, these are not decision letters; parents may schedule meetings with teachers to discuss if a letter is received
- February 2 new schedules will start for specialty teaching services for students

### SLT Report - Courtney Kapes Lewis ([ps11SLT@gmail.com](mailto:ps11SLT@gmail.com))

- Gratitude to Gelsey for leadership of Gratitude Week
- March 2nd at 7pm - Book club workshop on resilience (3rd workshop in series)
- Considering a Parent-Child book club series (The Anxious Generation / The Amazing Generation)

### Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers ([Jbrothers@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Jbrothers@schools.nyc.gov))

- Gratitude to all the students and community for adoration during Gratitude Week
- Pre-K applications opened on January 14, closing on February 27; offers will go out on May 12; sibling preference remains in place
- NYC Scholarship Account, open to Kindergarten and newly enrolled K-4 students, automatically enrolled unless opt-out
- Please don't send children to school with fever, vomiting, diarrhea for 24 hours after symptoms

### President's Report - Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos ([ps11ptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptapresident@gmail.com))

- Approval of [December 2025 General Meeting minutes](#)
- Update on budget committee - expecting to present initial findings by next PTA General Meeting

### Budget Report - Peggy Kauh & Andrew Saleh ([ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com))

- December update

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

- Thank you to all 2025 donors and end-of-year donors
- Fundraising YTD update - we are behind; but have a close-able gap!
- Comedy night auction preview - come ready to bid! 🍷🍸🥳
- Give! Give! Give! Link: [ps11chelsea.org/donate](https://ps11chelsea.org/donate)

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

- Comedy for a Cause - Tickets:  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dara-and-gilbert-gottfried-comedy-night-for-ps11>
- Gala Committee - Volunteer request for planning committee, reach out to [ps11ptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

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

- Gratitude to 1st grade parents for last night's parent event
- Gratitude to Bob and SLT for support of our first Gratitude Week, and parent volunteers for helping make and hang gratitude ribbons
- Volunteers requested for Feb 12 to help distribute gratitude cards written by students
- 100th Day celebration on Feb 23 for Grades 3-5
- 100th Day celebration on Feb 24 for Grades K-2 (volunteers requested)
- Flexible Volunteer opportunity sign up request:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRAYwkC8PKnkfCeerfdVwEdABcXi8GSzwUdy2XucK553XlhA/viewform>

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

- Grateful to 26 volunteers to teach as part of Young Artists program
- Today is final day to enter child into random lottery for Young Artists program slot
- Chess - reach out to Programs Committee for info on various programs
- Yearbook - please submit photos
  - Please use this link: <http://ybkpix.com>. Sign in using this login info: ps11yearbook@gmail.com, PASSWORD: ps112026!

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

- Look out for weekly digest in your inbox

**Adjournment - 9:54 a.m.**