Dear SJS Families and Teachers, 

This sounds trite, but I don’t know where the past few months have gone! It seems like not too long ago I was questioning if we would ever see sun again, and here we are at the end of May. Your PTO has been busy this year creating opportunities to support our school community, and we could not have done it without each of you. Each family contributes in their own way. Some parents dedicate their time by taking on a leadership role in the Parish, School or larger SJS community. Others tirelessly answer the call for ‘help’ when it is so often sounded, and are quick with a smile and a ‘yes’! And many others work behind the scenes, in ways that are unseen and yet are critical to our success as a community. Those parents who volunteer for recess or lunch duty, help lend an extra hand in the classroom, bring in items for a service drive, or take the time to offer a smile to a child walking in to school for the day.

**You are PTO.** Your time, commitment, support, talent and feedback make our community stronger, and will help us grow! So, thank you. I have cherished these past two years, and I look forward to PTO having many great years to come!

I would also like to recognize those of you who are ‘moving on’ from either PTO or SJS. You will be missed and your contributions will not be forgotten. For those who are reading this saying ‘well, I didn’t do any of those things she mentioned’ I say this: It is never too late! Think about how you want to give back to our school. It does not have to be through PTO, as there are many ways to get involved. Sharing details of your positive experiences at St. Joseph School with others is a great way we can all give back!

Currently I am in the process of identifying open PTO Chair and Co-Chair opportunities, and I will share those soon in the hopes that you may find something that calls you to become involved in a new and different way. As always, please reach out if I can provide help in any way, or if you have ideas on how to make your PTO better. Enjoy these last few days of this school year, as it has been filled with many blessings and lessons.

**Thank you for the opportunity, and I look forward to crossing paths soon.**

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