

PTA Meeting Notes – November 13, 2025

1. Principal's Report

Parent–Teacher Conferences

- Sign up through HCPSS Connect.
- Virtual appointments: November 24
- In-person appointments: November 25
- Each appointment is 15 minutes.

School Rating

- SJLES received 4 stars and 68.8% for academic ratings.
- Rating combines MCAP results and progress across subjects.

Attendance

- Goal: Improve overall attendance.
- Students should attend even on half-days unless sick.
- House System encourages attendance with points.

American Education Week

- Families invited Nov 18–22.
- More details in the SJLES newsletter and class schedules.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Forecasted income for the school year is \$6,920.
- Income so far: \$6,920 (down \$3,000 but still on track).
- Fundraiser income lower than expected:
- Back-to-School Picnic, Turkey Trot, Trunk or Treat, Restaurant Nights.
- Most major fundraisers occur in the spring.

3. Committee & Events Report

Volunteer Coordinator

- Check weekly newsletter for volunteer opportunities.
- Many open committee roles for May Day.
- Ongoing needs: Kindergarten lunch and media center.

Spirit Wear

- Working on house-themed shirts/hoodies for winter sales.
- Facebook group will allow families to swap spirit wear and offer suggestions.

4. PTACHC Update

- Assistance available for government families during furloughs.
- Winter donations underway.
- HB1450 School Revenue Task Force reviewing funding distribution.
- School budget cuts continue year after year.
- Discussion of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Howard County.
- Upcoming Dates:
- Nov 20 – Board of Education Meeting, 4:00 PM
- Nov 21 – County Council Session, 9:30 AM

5. Casual School Meetup Events

- General Facebook page allows families to share open-invite activities.
- Example: Apple picking at Larriland Farms.
- STEM Night Idea:
- Hammond Robotics Team offered to participate.
- Possible monthly STEM night (e.g., first Friday).
- Could poll families via Facebook.