

May 2009

Parent Club Newsletter

ST. JUDE SCHOOL

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Parents:

My last “President” letter...I have thought about this letter for a while knowing it would happen someday, but as with all my letters, I usually wait to be “inspired” as I call it, about what I am going to write about. So here it is...

Change [cheynj] to give and take reciprocally; interchange: *to change places with someone.* (www.dictionary.com) To **CHANGE** is to make a material difference so that something is distinctly different from what it was.

Without change, where are we? The same place we have always been, right? If we never change or try something new, how then do we grow? How do we become better than we are? We all have room for improvement and all need to keep learning. Sometimes other people see strengths in us that we don't see in ourselves.

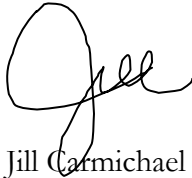
I worked at a hospital for 4 years and my job description changed at least that many times. Admittedly some of those changes were hard to swallow at first, but in those changes, I grew personally and professionally; all-in-all I am better for it. I accepted the changes as God's will...you know, that path that I didn't plan to go down, but God had His plan for each of us and like it or not you're along for the ride! Who am I to question Him?

We all have a choice when it comes to change. We can be angry and allow that anger to destroy us and who we are, not just who we are to ourselves, but who we are to others. Or we can embrace the change and trust that “everything happens for a reason” and we may not know or understand what that reason is right now, but we will in God's time. He will make it clear to us and when He does, how will we feel about how we handled ourselves?

I have truly enjoyed Parent Club. I have no regrets. I don't plan to become uninvolved it's just someone else's turn to be “inspired.” We have done some really great fundraising and I could not have done it without all the volunteers that stepped up to help. You know who you are and you are AWESOME!

My last "President" letter...yet another change. Thanks for the ride!

God Bless,



Jill Carmichael

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the school year is quickly drawing to a close. We have been hard at work planning for the next school year. We are quite excited about several programs and initiatives already underway for the upcoming year.

In an effort to communicate more information about upcoming changes as well as upcoming initiatives, we are planning another Town Hall meeting on Monday, 6/8 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Please plan to join us. In addition to general information, we will break into smaller groups by level. You will have the opportunity to hear from teachers about all they are preparing and planning. The year ahead will be an exciting one!

As we move forward, please know that we welcome your involvement, your partnership and your feedback. Your communication will be most important next year as we continue to move our school forward, striving to be the best that we can possibly be.

Yours in Christ
Rozann Swanson

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS & INFORMATION

Playground Coordinator

Spring is here and we need your help. Any group or family who would like to be in charge of maintaining the playground, please contact us at <mailto:sjsparentclub@gmail.com>. This could be a wonderful service project.

Window Clings!!!

Did you receive your St. Jude School Paw print window cling? If not, please check your youngest child's Wednesday folder or backpack. Window clings are compliments of our Parent Club. On behalf of this year's board members, we would like to extend a thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Show your Paw Print Pride! You can purchase extra paw print clings 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5 on the uniform order form or by contacting Tina Rankin at 366-5740.

Flower Sale

Parent Club held their annual flower sale again this year on Mother's Day weekend. A huge thank you to Pandy's for providing the flowers and to Elaine Perkins who organized and coordinated this fundraiser. Our profits were just over \$400.00. Thank you all who participated in this event.

Spring Supply Sale

The spring supply sale forms will be coming home soon. For those of you who are new to the school, Parent Club sells a few of the school supplies needed for the following year. The list includes academic supplies, gym clothes, and uniform sweatshirts. The items ordered in advance will be ready for pick up in August on student orientation day. If you have any questions, please call Tina Rankin at 366-5740.

Mother's Day Mass

We appreciate Cindy Kozma and her team for making Carrabine and the Family Center so pretty for the Mother's Day Mass breakfast. Everyone who attended enjoyed their breakfast and a stop in the classrooms for their memento.

Fun & Field Day

Have you sent your forms back yet? After a day filled with fun activities, be sure to sign up for the annual hot dog lunch sponsored by the Holy Name Club. Holy Name provides us with the lunch as a thank you for the fish fry desserts during Lent. Parent helpers are always needed on this day so if you find you have a block of time, please give the office a call.

Fundraisers in the Works

- ❖ Soon, you will start to see the blood bank bus at many of our activities including CYO sporting events. St. Jude School can earn \$500 per 25 units of blood donated. These units can be accumulative and our goal is 50 units for this school year. Please be on the look-out for these opportunities especially if you are a regular donor. Spread the word to friends and family members to help us out. This not only benefits our school, but our community as well.
- ❖ Personalized license plate frames with "St. Jude School, Elyria" on the top of the frame and "Going Above and Beyond" on the bottom of the frame are available for \$5. Send your requests to the office or contact Tina Rankin at 366-5740.

Fundraisers AT Work

Some of the items that our fundraising efforts went to this year are:

- The renewal of ExploreLearning which is a program that allows teachers to simulate experiments in the classroom .
- Provide antivirus protection for the buildings computer system.
- Provide faronics insight which is a computer lab monitoring software. It allows the instructor to see what students are doing on their computer screen as well as use the student's screen for instruction.
- Provide funds toward the purchase another mobile computer lab. Currently our teachers are using these labs for various instruction including science, art, and reading.

2009-2010 New Board Members:

President – Kim Watson

Vice President – Elaine Perkins

Treasurer – Laura DeVengencie

Secretary/Communications – Tina Rankin

Marketing – POSITION OPEN

If you are interested in the marketing position, please ask any board member or Rozann what this entails. We'd LOVE to have you join!

TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached 2008/2009 budget.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DDD, Choir	6/1
8 th Grade Brunch, 1:45 Missioning Service, 8 th Grade Graduation 7pm	6/2
1:00 Dismissal, Fun & Field Day, Market Day Pick-Up	6/3
1:00 Dismissal, Mass K-7, Report Cards Sent Home, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	6/4

7:40 PM

05/26/09

Accrual Basis

St. Jude Parent Club
Profit & Loss
August 1, 2008 through May 27, 2009

	Aug 1, '08 - May 27, 09	Aug 1, '07 - May 27, 08	\$ Change
Income			
Box Tops for Education	2,349.26	0.00	2,349.26
Dividend	37.59	12.02	25.57
Donation Fund			
Dress Down Day	2,514.85	3,200.40	-685.55
Ink Jet Cartridges	398.05	416.95	-18.90
Donation Fund - Other	-3,911.90	0.00	-3,911.90
Total Donation Fund	-999.00	3,617.35	-4,616.35
Early Dismissal Lunch	2,551.65	3,340.21	-788.56
Fundraiser			
Basket of Blessings	-7.96	0.00	-7.96
Easter Candy Sale	1,973.66	2,504.16	-530.50
Fall Sale	14,380.00	19,014.25	-4,634.25
Family Fun Night	2,439.00	0.00	2,439.00
Frosty's	0.00	94.00	-94.00
Gym Bags	128.20	-1,438.73	1,566.93
Halloween Dance	349.45	600.10	-250.65
License plates	125.00	0.00	125.00
Macy's shop for a cause	65.00	225.00	-160.00
March Madness	180.00	0.00	180.00
Mardi Gras Dance	0.00	432.00	-432.00
Market Day	5,271.81	5,867.51	-595.70
Parent Night Out	0.00	1,014.00	-1,014.00
Poinsettia Sale	235.25	408.80	-173.55
roller skating	0.00	-200.00	200.00
Santa Secret Shop	2,644.34	2,099.00	545.34
Spring Flower Sale	405.40	0.00	405.40
Thrift Shop	1,374.50	1,521.31	-146.81
xmas fun day	188.33	396.80	-208.47
Total Fundraiser	29,751.98	32,538.20	-2,786.22
Service			
Hopitality Sunday	0.00	-38.00	38.00
Supply Sale			
calendar/directory	913.50	0.00	913.50
Gym Uniforms	596.00	0.00	596.00
sweatshirts	691.52	0.00	691.52
Supply Sale - Other	0.00	529.38	-529.38
Total Supply Sale	2,201.02	529.38	1,671.64
Total Service	2,201.02	491.38	1,709.64
Total Income	35,892.50	39,999.16	-4,106.66
Expense			
Arts and Education	3,000.00	4,500.00	-1,500.00
Classroom Enrichment	800.00	1,300.00	-500.00
Copy Machine Contract	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Donations			
Donation fund	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00
Teacher Wish List	2,694.88	1,063.29	1,631.59
Total Donations	2,694.88	4,263.29	-1,568.41
Events			
Grandfriends Day	85.23	66.43	18.80
Mother's Day Reception	225.00	0.00	225.00
Parish Festival	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Events	310.23	366.43	-56.20
Field Trips	7,900.00	7,900.00	0.00
Marketing	516.67	242.78	273.89

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Miscellaneous			
bank fees	0.00	116.37	-116.37
Operating Fees	0.00	32.67	-32.67
Returned check	-86.00	20.00	-106.00
Miscellaneous - Other	109.00	27.00	82.00
Total Miscellaneous	23.00	196.04	-173.04
School Supplements			
Arts Fund	1,000.00	1,250.00	-250.00
Diocesan Assessment	3,530.00	11,620.00	-8,090.00
Playground Maintenance	0.00	2,443.53	-2,443.53
Teacher In-Service/ Reimburse	1,400.00	480.00	920.00
Total School Supplements	5,930.00	15,793.53	-9,863.53
Technology Fund	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
Total Expense	23,674.78	47,062.07	-23,387.29
Net Income	12,217.72	-7,062.91	19,280.63