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Parent Club Newsletter

ST. JUDE SCHOOL GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Parents,

Many exciting things are happening at St. Jude School during Catholic Schools Week. On Sunday, January 31st the school will be hosting an open house and Scholastic Book Fair for families. On Monday we will be celebrating faculty and staff. This is a great chance for families to write a note of appreciation to teachers who work with our children **each day**. Please send in any notes of appreciation on Monday, February 1st. On Tuesday we have over 100 volunteers that will be invited to a tea to celebrate the many people that give of their time and talent to our school. Wednesday, February 3rd we celebrate our parents with a visit to the classrooms, a scavenger hunt taking you all over the building, and of course doughnuts and coffee. Thursday the students are the focus with a dress down day, a movie and popcorn and throughout the day music will play over our speakers at different times for the children to get up and dance! I know Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Rokasy especially enjoy this day! Friday wraps up the week with a school Mass and students dressing in school colors or class colors. This week couldn't happen without the hard work and preparation of Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Swanson. Take a moment to thank them when you see them in the coming weeks. Some parents even volunteered on the two hour power hour form to help with this week so be on the look out for a phone call.

Speaking of volunteers, Jill Carmichael is looking for YOUR help with the Family Fun Night Dance on Saturday, February 6th. If you have some time, please contact Jill at 323-8825. The students really love this dance with the annual lip sync contest. LifeShare will be there from 5-8 pm so please consider donating. Last year we earned \$500 that went to buying supplies for our Art Department.

We are having a meeting with Campus Outfitters next month and we are looking for feedback. Do you like the convenient location (Westlake versus Cleveland)? Is the staff courteous and helpful? How's the quality? We need your input to make an informed decision. Please send in comments to the office.

We've had two remarkable additions to our faculty in recent weeks. Mr. Newman is teaching social studies to our junior high and the students are having a great time. They are enjoying the note taking process as well as how he ties the ancient events with current events. Ms. Jing Jing Luo has taken over our China Link program and I've heard several parents talk about how excited and thrilled their kids were to learn how to count. My own child wanted me to ask how many potatoes she wanted... sounds strange I know, but she was exuberant in her description of how to count with her hands in Chinese. ***Teachers really do make all the difference and impact our children on a DAILY basis.***

Last but not least, I'd like to remind parents about the help sessions that our teachers offer our students. Parents don't have to be alone with the homework battles! Each level has a session designed for the students to ask questions, review concepts, etc. in areas where they are having difficulty. The schedule is as follows:

4th & 5th grades:

Mrs. Griffiths – Mondays 2:30-3:15

Mrs. Pallardy – Wednesday 2:30-3:30

Mrs. Hibler – Monday 11:40-12:15

6th, 7th & 8th grades:

Mrs. Rowe – Monday or Wednesday 10:55-11:30

Ms. Muenchausen – Tuesday 2:30-3:15

Mr. O'Donnell – Tuesday 2:30-3:15

Mrs. Primm – Monday 2:30-3:15

I hope to see many of you during Catholic Schools Week. Please take a moment to stop me and let me know how you think Parent Club is doing this year. We will be working on a mission statement this month and would love your input. We are all in the together!

Blessings,

Kim Watson

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents,

With the approach of Catholic Schools Week, registration for the 2010-2011 school year is right around the corner. Registration forms will be coming home the week before our Catholic Schools Week Open House. Therefore, returning families will have the opportunity to re-register before opening up remaining spots to new families. Please consider re-registering on a timely basis to secure enrollment for your children.

Mrs. Lester and I have already begun talking about possible configurations for next year and are looking at several significant factors. Our state funding has significantly decreased while benefit costs continue to rise at alarming rates! In addition and possibly most importantly, enrollment numbers *hugely* impact the number of classrooms per grade and also class sizes. It is difficult today to know exactly what each grade will look like next year. However, our intention is to begin this conversation and to seek the input of faculty and of parents.

Mrs. Lester and I will be assembling an advisory group consisting of both faculty and parents to look at issues and to make recommendations about class sizes and the number of classrooms per grade. Because we are starting so much earlier and also do not have \$200,000 to cut from our budget, we have the opportunity this year to make the process more inclusive, to look at numerous possibilities and to make the best choices possible as we move from this year of change to a new school year.

Know that as we come together to begin to plan for the coming year we have new hopes for all that the year can hold. Our heartfelt wish is to work in close partnership with you so that we can provide the best educational experience possible for your children. We encourage communication and welcome your insights! It is our privilege and our pleasure to serve the children and families of St. Jude.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rozann Swanson

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for another exciting Family Fun Night, Saturday February 6th from 5-8pm. Cost will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family pre-sale tickets. Ticket prices at the door will be \$5.00 per person. A non-perishable food item is requested for donation to Elyria Hospitality House as a community service project.

Put on your dancing shoes; invite all your family and friends to dance the night away in Carrabine Hall with the DJ, and don't forget to bring your requests.

Gather your friends for the Annual Lip Sync Contest. Keep an eye out for flyers for the Lip Sync tryouts. They will be held on Thursday, January 28th, 2:45pm in Carrabine Hall. 10 acts will be chosen to participate the night of the show. 1st place winners will receive a cash prize, so bring your "A" game.

Concessions will be available in Carrabine Hall for a small fee, children's games will be held in the Family Center. There will also be a Teen-only area for grades 6-8 in the Jr. High area and the gym. Corn Hole and other young adult games will be available as well as a teen movie which will begin at 7pm. The movie will be Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian. Popcorn and beverages will be available during the movie for an additional fee.

50/50 raffles and our amazing Homeroom basket raffles will be held during the event.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to make this event a successful one, if you can donate 1 or 2 hours before, during or after this event, please contact Jill Carmichael at 323-8825 or contact any one of the Parent Club officers.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Box Tops For Education

A new Box Tops challenge will be coming home very soon. Keep saving so your class can win this month's prize.

Market Day Bites

Please continue to support Market Day! Cookie Dough Bonus Days, available this month only. Extra profit to St. Jude on every box of cookie dough sold! Order now through Friday, January 29th at 11pm on-line. Pick-up will be Wednesday February 3rd from 4:30 – 5:30 in Carrabine Hall. Place your order today.

**** Financial Tidbits...Did You Know?

Did you know that when the school year ended in June 2009, the total cost to operate the school for one year surpassed the tuition and fees collected by over \$440,000.00? The only way the school can operate is for the Parish to fund this difference with offertory collected throughout the year and this amount was nearly half of the annual offertory collected.

EVENTS & INFORMATION

National Geographic Bee

Congratulations to our National Geographic Bee finalists and our school winner. The 10 finalists in grades 4-8 are Sarah Stephens (4S), Melanie Ellingson (4), Lauren LaPointe (5S), Brandon Netzel (5), Michael Filiaggi (6A), Sam Tollett (6B), Sarah Ziegelmeyer (7S), Thomas Wetzel (7), Claire Miller (8S), and Rachel Kozma (8)! Rachel was the runner-up for the third year in a row and Claire Miller is our school winner! Claire knew that Greece was the country at the southern end of the Balkan Peninsula which is the leading producer of cotton in Europe. Claire will now take a test to see if she can once again make it to the State of Ohio Geographic Bee.

Secret Santa Shop

I would like to thank all of my wonderful volunteers for last year's 2009 Secret Santa Shop. As always, we had a fun and festive time. I hope all of our families enjoyed the gifts that their children picked out especially for them.

Poinsettia Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the poinsettia sale this year. A special thank you to Elaine Perkins for volunteering to head this up for us. However, due to the lack of volunteers and participation, Parent Club has decided to discontinue this fundraiser next year. Thank you again for your continued support.

Extended Day

Extended Day is no longer looking for the Lego Green Boards. A special thank you to the Menner Family for donating 6 Grey Lego boards. I'm sure the students in extended day will make some amazing creations with them.

Teacher Wish Lists

Pre-school is looking for a 10-gallon fish tank. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please contact one of the Parent Club officers.

Volunteer Positions Available

- Would you like to help out with Parent Club, but don't have much time to commit to? Please consider helping out with Hospitality Sunday. It's only twice a year and it's on a Sunday. All you have to do is get a check from Parent Club for the doughnuts, go to Convenient on Cleveland Street who will have your order ready and deliver them to the Family Center. Make some coffee, do a little clean up after the 10:30 Mass and take the extras down to Carrabine is all that it involves! Contact Kim Watson at 284-6680 to volunteer for the next Hospitality Sunday on May 2nd.
- Newsletter: We are looking for someone who is able to attend the monthly Parent Club meetings and has a computer at home to take over the monthly newsletter. Please contact Tina Rankin @ 366-5740.

Marketing Committee

Check us out! Several St. Jude students are currently being featured along with students from St. Mary's and Elyria Catholic on five area billboards through the end of January. The purpose of these billboards is to promote Catholic education in Elyria. Additional information on the schools in the Elyria cluster can be found at www.CatholicSchoolsofElyria.com. Thank you to 7th grader Sarah Ziegelmeyer, 5th grader Danny Gutierrez and 2nd grader Jillian Netzel for representing St. Jude School!

Head Homeroom Parents

Head Homeroom parents are working out wonderfully this year. Thank you for your dedication. Mrs. Primm would like a parent from her homeroom to help out with fast food lunches. If you're interested, please contact Kim Watson at 284-6680 for more information.

Praise-A-Pella Concert

Praise-Apella Concert...Save the date! On Sunday evening February 7, 2010 at 7:00pm, there will be a wonderful concert at St. Jude Church. This is a special family event for all the Elyria Catholic Churches. Ticket sales will be after the weekend masses in the gathering area. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15.00. The class that sells the most tickets will receive a dress down day. If you would like for your child's class to get credit, please use the form that was sent home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mass 1-3 (Tuesdays at 8:30am)

Mass 4-8 (Fridays at 8:30am)

Dollar Dress Down Day	1/13
NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr.	1/18
Early dismissal 1:00pm	1/22
End of Second Quarter	
Report Cards	1/27
Hoodie Day	
Student Council Food Collection	
Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 5	1/31-2/5
Sunday – Open House 9am-1pm	1/31
Blood Drive 9:30-1:30pm	
Monday – Faculty Day	2/1
Tuesday – Volunteer Day	2/2
Groundhog Day	2/2
Women in History Assembly 8am 4-8; 9am K-3	
Wednesday – Parent Day	2/3
Parent Board Meeting – Please join us, All ARE WELCOME	2/3 @ 8am in Family Center
Market Day Pick Up in Carrabine Hall	2/3
Thursday – Student Day	2/4
Friday – All School Mass celebrating catholic education	2/5
Family Fun Night 5-8pm	2/6
Blood Drive, 5-8pm	
Dollar Dress Down Day	2/10
Science Fair	
NO SCHOOL	2/15
Ash Wednesday Mass K-8	2/17
Early Dismissal 1pm	2/18
Fish Fry Dinners Begin Dessert grades 6-8	2/19
Interim Reports	
Solo & Ensemble concert	2/20
Hoodie Day, SC Food Collection	2/24
Fish Fry Dinner, Dessert grades 3-5	2/26

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Accrual Basis

St. Jude Parent Club
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2009 through January 6, 2010

	Jul 1, '09 - Jan 6, 10	Jul 1, '08 - Jan 6, 09	\$ Change
Income			
Box Tops for Education	-60.78	0.00	-60.78
Dividend	13.79	19.13	-5.34
Donation Fund			
Dress Down Day	1,110.51	1,476.60	-366.09
Ink Jet Cartridges	324.60	88.20	236.40
Donation Fund - Other	0.00	-1,564.80	1,564.80
Total Donation Fund	1,435.11	0.00	1,435.11
Early Dismissal Lunch	1,932.42	1,129.00	803.42
Fundraiser			
Basket of Blessings	0.00	-7.96	7.96
clings	79.00	0.00	79.00
Fall Sale	13,002.62	13,430.00	-427.38
Gym Bags	150.00	128.20	21.80
Halloween Dance	217.15	349.45	-132.30
license plates	20.00	0.00	20.00
Macy's shop for a cause	0.00	65.00	-65.00
Market Day	1,733.56	3,349.39	-1,615.83
Poinsettia Sale	-350.97	16.25	-367.22
Santa Secret Shop	3,501.51	3,894.34	-392.83
Spring Flower Sale	30.00	0.00	30.00
Thrift Shop	555.50	1,042.50	-487.00
xmas fun day	0.00	188.33	-188.33
Total Fundraiser	18,938.37	22,455.50	-3,517.13
Service			
Supply Sale			
calendar/directory	-182.22	913.50	-1,095.72
Gym Uniforms	158.00	512.00	-354.00
imprinting	12.00	0.00	12.00
sweatshirts	549.53	727.64	-178.11
Total Supply Sale	537.31	2,153.14	-1,615.83
Total Service	537.31	2,153.14	-1,615.83
Total Income	22,796.22	25,756.77	-2,960.55
Expense			
Classroom Enrichment	850.00	800.00	50.00
Copy Machine Contract	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
Donations			
Teacher Wish List	481.45	734.00	-252.55
Total Donations	481.45	734.00	-252.55
Events			
Grandfriends Day	89.50	85.23	4.27
Hospitality Sunday	12.00	0.00	12.00
Total Events	101.50	85.23	16.27
Field Trips	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00
Miscellaneous			
Returned check	0.00	5.00	-5.00
Miscellaneous - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous	0.00	5.00	-5.00
School Supplements			
Diocesan Assessment	3,370.00	3,530.00	-160.00
Teacher In-Service/ Reimburse	67.50	1,300.00	-1,232.50
Total School Supplements	3,437.50	4,830.00	-1,392.50
Total Expense	5,920.45	8,954.23	-3,033.78
Net Income	16,875.77	16,802.54	73.23