



# Saint Gabriel

## Consolidated School



### From the Desk of Joe E.

What a wonderful year we have begun! Enrollment is up, children are engaged and teachers have high praise for much of the work which has been done and anticipate bigger and better things as the year moves into fall and winter.

There are a few things to keep in mind for your calendar. At this writing, our PTO Candy Sale is well on its way. Hopefully each of you has found a way to participate. The PTO provides wonderful activities and opportunities with the profit from the sale.

In early November our 8th grade performs their play, The Headless Horseman, on the Glendale Elementary Stage on November 3rd and 4th. This play is a musical. Rehearsals have been a lot of fun and the play should be as well. A canned good or \$1.00 will get you into the show.

The first of our twice a year book fairs begins the week of November 7th in Saint Mary's Hall. This fair is a golden opportunity to put books into the hands of our children through a daily purchasing opportunity, or parents may wish to squirrel away some books for surprise gifts at Christmas time.

The book fair remains open during our parent conferences which will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th. Please stay alert for conference scheduling information which will appear in our "E" Envelope real soon.

We are thankful for the opportunity that each of our 279 families has given to us to educate your children in a Catholic/Christian environment designed to grow their faith as well as pursue academic excellence. Thank you and God Bless!

To all our St. Gabriel Families:

First, as P.T.O. president, I am proud to be a part of this school. As a parent of 4 students in our family to be graduates of this school, I am proud to be part of this school. As a computer instructor, I am proud to be part of this school. Whatever your connection to our school, I hope that you are proud as well. You should all be patting yourself on the back to be sending a student in this school because of the incredible education and preparation for the future they are receiving. The first quarter is about done (how did that happen?) and we continue to welcome all our new families and are grateful to our returning families for their support and encouragement. To thank all the volunteers who made the first days of school so successful would be impossible. But what a phenomenal job everyone has done responding to the call here for the Cougars in plaid and navy blue! The school and playground were ready for the largest enrollment our school has had in many, many years. The excitement for the year has been so wonderful and is still alive!

On the immediate horizon is the need for an audience for our 8th graders who will be having their 8th grade play on November 3rd and 4th. Even if you do not have an 8th grader PLEASE COME! Our oldest students have worked so hard and it would be great to see all of our St. Gabriel Family in attendance to cheer them on. Our 8th graders have quite a 'to do' list for them right now. Many if not all are shadowing for their new high schools, IOWA testing and preparing for their high school entrance tests. AND they are putting on a play for all of us?!! Please take a short break and come support this group and cheer them on. (Mrs. E., 6th grade teacher/play director)

Our Gala! On March 10th is need of volunteers. Please look thoroughly at the Gala! Information. If everyone assumed some part of the success of this fundraiser, we can all take credit on March 11th, the day after the Gala! For a job great done!! (Chairs; Lynda G. and Joan V.)

Finally, there are plenty of P.T. O. directories left and for \$10 you not only receive this directory, (designed by Ann E.) but are a voting, active member of this organization. Thank you for all those who joined so far, your support helps pay for the calendar magnets that P.T.O. provides free of charge.

Please enjoy the school year. If the way the first quarter flew by, we will be at Funfest any second now!  
-Patty H.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

*November 3rd & 4th: 8th Grade Play*

*November 7: Book Fair Begins*

*November 10: EARLY DISMISSAL*

*November 11: NO SCHOOL*

*November 10th & 11th: Parent Teacher Conferences*

*November 11: Book Fair Ends*

*November 16: Picture Re-take*

*November 16: Market Day Pick-up*

*November 23-25: NO SCHOOL!*

*THANKSGIVING BREAK!*

*November 28: Back to school*

PTO PAWRINTS

# ST. GABE'S GALA 2012 NEEDS YOU!

SAVE THE DATE 3.10.12

[www.sgcs gala.com](http://www.sgcs gala.com)

Your time and talent are required to make St. Gabe's Gala 2012 a huge success!

Which committee can count on your time and talent? Please sign up today!

See a friend on a committee below? Sign up to volunteer together.

Next Meeting: Stay tuned...

## **Auction Procurement/Corporate Sponsorship Committee**

Co-Chairs: Kim B. & Martha D.

Volunteers needed: **Need 8 sales-oriented, not afraid to take no for an answer go-getters!**

*Responsibilities include finding new and desirable items to be auctioned at the Gala's Live & Silent auctions and procuring corporate sponsorships and donations from local companies. Many businesses and individuals are interested in helping local schools... we just need to ask! Businesses that are interested in making donations to St. Gabe's Gala will receive acknowledgement & logo placement in our parish bulletins and signage at the event. Please share your suggestions of any potential donors with us-a quick email to any committee member with contact information would be great. Suggested auction items to secure include sporting or entertainment event tickets, store gift cards, services, specialty items, art, jewelry, etc. Any of your favorite shops and restaurants might be willing to make a donation. Once we have your suggestions, our committee members will be happy to take care of the rest! The St. Gabe's Gala is the single largest fundraising event for our school. Its success relies on us!*

Please email us at:

Kim B.

Martha D.

Jon K.

## **Auction Subcommittees**

### **Live Auction/Auctioneers/Special Events Committee**

Co-Chairs: **Need 2 maestros to make the evening 'Bust-a -Move' and bring the house down!**

Volunteers needed: **Gimme a shout out for 2 more smooth operators!**

*Responsibilities include arranging musical entertainment beyond 'Louie, Louie' and other entertaining activities to get the crowd involved. Here's the big one...securing a couple of peeps who love to talk...aka auctioneers! At press time, four talking heads have been secured!!!*

### **Class Baskets Committee**

Co-Chairs: Tiffany G. & Carolyn R.

Volunteers needed: **Need 9 parents, one from each grade (K-8) to rake in the goodies!**

*Responsibilities include securing items and assembling each grade's class basket! Please email Tiffany G. or Carolyn R. to add your name to the volunteer list below.*

Kindergarten –

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Tara M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade –

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – JoAnn O.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade –

5<sup>th</sup> Grade –

6<sup>th</sup> Grade –

7<sup>th</sup> Grade –

8<sup>th</sup> Grade –

## **Bar & Beverage Committee**

Co-Chairs: Erin F. & Bruce B.

Volunteers needed: **Calling out for 14 officially or unofficially certified mixologists!**

*Responsibilities include assisting with securing all beverage selections for the event such as soft drinks, water, beer, and wine. This team will also create the first annual St. Gabe's Gala Signature Cocktail contest! St. Gabriel's winning mixologist will get to display a "Martini glass style" trophy on their mantel for two full years! Additionally, this team will work a one hour shift in pairs of two (2) at the event's bar stations. All participating team members will receive free drinks throughout the night for your volunteer activity.*

## **Decorations Committee**

Co-Chairs: **Need 2 dynamic designers to take charge of the décor & set the mood for fun-draising!**

Volunteers needed: **Need 5 fun & festive party planners especially on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

*Responsibilities include set up and take down of event space. Mrs. O. is working with students to create centerpieces. Photography buffs would be especially desirable on this committee!*

## **Financial Reporting/Check-Out Committee**

Co-Chairs: Joe A.& **need 1 focused, analytical genius to join Joe!**

Volunteers needed: **Need 6 like-minded financial experts to count all the beans & bucks!**

*Responsibilities include database entry in the AuctionPay system. It's all in the numbers, baby! Bring your data input, accounting or database expertise. Crunch time at auction end/closing is critical.*

## **Food & Dessert Contest Committee**

Co-Chairs: Tori A. & Jen D.

Volunteers needed: **Move over Top Chef! We're drooling for 5 parent foodies ready to dive in, dig deep & dish it out!**

*Responsibilities entail selecting the entire dining experience including the "There's never-enough-chocolate" dessert contest! Martinos delicious Italian dishes will tease our taste buds finished off with la crème de la crème. Calling all foodies & chocoholics to assist with the presentation of this savory sight and judging the dessert contest. St. Gabriel's very own Top Chef will be awarded for their delectably delicious culinary creation! Plus, be featured on St. Gabriel's website proudly displaying the winning dessert! Bon appétit!*

## **Guest Services Committee**

Co-Chairs: **Need 2 detail-oriented, enthusiastic, hospitality-happy volunteers.**

Volunteers needed: **Looking for 8 concierges to meet & greet our guests, especially on the big night!**

*Responsibilities include RSVP's, Check-In Table, Check-In Packets, assign bid numbers, name tags and Cougar Bucks. Behind the scenes RSVP management can be done from home. Work in shifts throughout the evening to greet our guests, check 'em in, hand out packets and distribute purchased Cougar Bucks. Greeters can direct guests to coat check racks. Also need to assist distributing paid auction items/certificates at evening end.*

### **Specific 'Openings'**

**RSVP's:** Need 1 person to track RSVPs through mail & website & send attendees a thank you letter/receipt (ongoing, from home)

**Check-In Packet:** Need 1 person to compile packet of info for all attendees (3-4 weeks prior to event, done from home)

**Check-In Table Coordinator:** Need 1 person/couple to schedule 8 volunteer greeters-see below (4 weeks prior to event)

**Greeters:** Need 8 people (4 couples) to be greeters at the check-in table (1-hour shifts the night of event)

### **Guest Services Subcommittee**

### **Winning Class Surprise Party Committee**

Co-Chairs: Tiffany G. & Carolyn R.

Volunteers needed: **Need 2 parents to plan the partaaaaay!**

*Responsibilities include producing the winning class' post-St. Gabe's Gala surprise party! The class with the most par-ents attending St. Gabe's Gala wins a surprise party! Please email Tiffany G. or Carolyn R. to volunteer for this fun post-Gala party.*

## Marketing & Communications & Printing Committee

Co-Chairs: Stacy F. & Susan M.

Volunteers needed: **Need 8 marketing gurus to help promote our cause!**

*Responsibilities include designing & writing all marketing pieces, banners & signage, invitation ensemble, communications to all parishes & local media, in-school communications such as Progress Book, PawPrints & PTO weekly email updates, auction booklet, St. Gabe's Gala reference guide, etc.*

### Specific 'Openings'

**Local Press:** Need 1 person to communicate with the Cincinnati Enquirer and community newspapers to promote St. Gabe's Gala.

**Parish Communications:** Need 1 person to keep parishes up-to-date about event & coordinate info into parish bulletins & weekly announcements.

**Invitations:** Need 2-3 people to help with production and distribution of invitations (approx. 3 hours, one weekend day).

**Banners & Signage:** Need 2 people to design & print as needed for the event (mostly the 3 weeks prior to the event).

**Website:** Need 2 webmasters to keep the site up-to-date & informative! *Jodie H. & Ryan N. have graciously done the set-up including reserving domain name, getting site up and running, set up PayPal for ticket purchases and uploading photos from previous Gala's. Ongoing responsibilities will be uploading auction items as they come in and maintaining the website with any other updates as needed. 100% of this can be done from the comfort of your Lazyboy while watching reruns of Jack B. saving the nation or Cosmo Kramer watching the Junior Mint fall into the patient's open cavity as the final sutures are being stitched!*

Please contact us with any questions or to volunteer!

Lynda G. Joan V.

It's never enough to simply say 'Thank you' for all you do for St. Gabriel Consolidated School, but it's always appreciated to hear it!

Many thanks for all you do for our kids,

Lynda G. & Joan V.  
2012 St. Gabe's Gala Co-Chairs



Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading even that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, plans to visit our Book Fair.

Our Scholastic Book Fair has been an important fundraiser for SGCS for many years, not only in monetary form, but also providing books for the teachers, students, classrooms and library. With the ONE for Books program we have the opportunity to donate books to non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids and families in need.

And remember...A great Book Fair can never have too many volunteers! So please join our volunteer group to help support whatever form it takes!

Hope to see you there!

Carolyn R.

Book Fair Dates: Monday, November 7 thru Friday, November 11

Shopping Hours: Mon-Weds 7:30am to 3:30pm Thurs: 7:30am to 6:30pm Fri: 8am to 11am

# Enrichment Assembly

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On September 22nd, the PTO welcomed Wonder Wheels BMX Bike Assembly to St. Gabe's. The assembly was held outside in beautiful fall weather. The Wonder Wheels program showcased positive messages about achieving your goals through hard work and practice in a show which included BMX bike tricks and jumps. "Anti-Bullying" was another message in the session. The two performers from Wonder Wheels were Bill N., owner, and Tyler S., a 3-time winner of the "King of BMX" title. The kids were impressed when Tyler jumped over an adult volunteer (on his bike) :}. It was obvious that Wonder Wheels were passionate about riding their bikes and used that to encourage kids to be tenacious about their goals and dreams. You can check out Wonder Wheels at :

<http://www.wonderwheelsbmx.com/education.html>.

The next assembly compliments of the PTO is the mobile "Dome Theater: with a Space theme in December!

## ABOUT THE WONDER WHEELS BMX STUNT TEAM:

Bill N., Owner of Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Team Worldwide, has been performing BMX Stunt shows since 1984. The Wonder Wheels brand was created in 2001 from its parent company Indy Industries. Bill created the Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Team to focus more on performing BMX shows for schools and companies directly. Instead of using booking agents, customers are able to book shows through WWBMX without paying additional agency fees. His goal for Wonder Wheels BMX is to make a high quality and professional BMX show affordable and available to everyone. The show is much more than just BMX stunts. It is also a motivational opportunity. Every show is intended to "Educate Through Entertainment"

-Lori M.

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## THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Our 8th graders are putting on the first musical EVER at SGCS! With dancing, singing, and acting, this play is sure to be sensational. Based on The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The Headless Horseman (version adapted by Vera M., music and lyrics by Bill F.) is the tangled story about the proud Brom Bones who is in love with self-assured Katrina, who is leading the schoolmaster Icabod Crane into frenzy! Then, there is always the tale of the mysterious Headless Horseman that will keep the audience on their toes. With laughs and a few uncanny moments, this musical is perfect for this time of year. Support our 8th grades as they sing, act and dance on November 3rd and 4th at 7pm at the Glendale Elementary Theater. Admission : \$1 or a canned good.

-Mrs. E.

## Girl Scouts

The 5th grade Girl Scout troop is planning a field trip to the SPCA, working on the Business Sense and Creative Cooking badges, and planning a November campout.

The 7th grade Girl Scout troop 41831 is working on The Plays: The Thing Interest patch. (Thanks to Mrs. E. for the behind the scenes look in to production of the 8th grade play!) We hope to share our own play on the topic of cyber bullying with other SGCS troops after the holidays

- Teri D.

Troop 41864, 4th grade Girl Scout troop will be bridging over to become Junior Girl Scouts . These girls have already received their "wings" to fly up to Juniors from Brownies. The bridging over badge is something that the girls have to earn. They will be celebrating their bridging over ceremony in November.

-Debb J.

Teri D. is looking for volunteers from St. Gabriel and St. John's parishes to coordinate a collection for Boxtops for Education. She is hoping to increase our collections for this very easy fundraiser. Please contact Teri.