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Saint Gabriel Consolidated School



From the Desk of Mr. Joe E.

Amid all of our Advent goals, Christmas Concerts, Space Week and Reconciliation Services, we have found the time to process the results of our IOWA tests for grades 2, 4, 6, and 8.

Our expectations are always very high when waiting for the results and wait proved to be fulfilling.

As compared to all Archdiocesan schools we have fared well at all grade levels and in all subjects tested.

Tests were taken in reading, language, math, social studies and science with the exception of second grade which were not required to test in social studies and science. Our range of comparison showed a minimum of six percentile above the Archdiocesan average in 2nd grade math and 6th grade science to a maximum fourteen percentile above the Archdiocesan averages in 4th grade social studies and 8th grade science.

A complete comparison will be shared with everyone when the test results are mailed to you within the next couple of weeks.

We are thankful for dedicated students, terrific teachers and supportive parents. Working together makes for great results. When we all work hard, we reap the benefit of our labor.



Dear SGCS Families:

Happy New Year! Here are a few reminders & announcements. If you are in need of spreading information to the school community, please use the Progress Book. Mrs. B. is more than happy to post your announcements to everyone for your group if received by Monday of the week you wish to have it published. Please do not forward information to our secretary Debb J. for e-mails! The weekly e-mails are only to announce our weekly activities and there is too much information and e-mails going out! If information is sent directly for Progress Book publication, everyone can stop one time a week and read about school news.

If you get a new calendar for Christmas, please mark these dates for the New Year:

January 10th: **St. Gabe's Gala!** Volunteer Meeting 7:00pm

January 18th: **PTO Meeting;** this meeting will focus on the GALA!

January 30-February 3: **Catholic Schools Week!** Don't forget our Open House on Wednesday of that week, February 1st!

March 10th: the **Gala!**

As we look ahead to next year, it is never too early to begin to think of your role at our school next year. It will soon be time to accept nominations for PTO Board positions, chair and committee positions as well. Do not hesitate to ask any of those listed in our directory for information. If we all work together we can only be a stronger school for our children. Please feel free to roll your eyes at this point as I am sure everyone is exhausted shopping/cooking/decorating/wrapping and this is not on your mind! SO don't worry, we know where you all live and will not hesitate to find you and encourage your help! St. Gabriel Consolidated is FULL of AMAZING students and they came from AMAZING parents!

Thank you for all that you do! Patty H.

St. Gabriel Boosters

Thanks to those who attended our Fall Meeting and heard comments from Jeffrey R., Hopewell Junior High Principal. Those in attendance appreciated Jeff's comments on what sticks with athletes over the years, how a coach can involve athletes of all abilities by being sure to give them a specific role, and his personal stories of successes and failures as a coach and a player that helped shape him. We also had a good discussion on volunteerism and practical fundraising ideas after the speaker. Mrs. R. class and Mrs. W. class won the ice cream parties for most parents in attendance. There were 2 winners for the spirit wear door prizes.

Mark your calendars for our Winter/Spring Booster meeting, February 29, where we will "Leap" ahead into thoughts and plans for next year in Sports at SGCS.

Boosters wants to know what's on your mind—do you have a question or suggestion about our Sports program? Please send our questions to Booster Secretary, Peggy P. and we will use our January Booster newsletter to provide answers or next steps for your suggestions.

We are in need of several volunteers to finish out the year and for next year. We need a Banquet Coordinator as well as those willing to help with the banquet so planning can start soon after the new year. And we are still in need of a gym coordinator, equipment coordinator and boys basketball coordinator in order to field any well dressed teams with court time next year. Please contact Teri D. or any member of the Booster Board for more information.

Thanks to Kerry W. for all her help behind the scenes handling registration for us. We registered over 200 athletes and Kerry responded to every registration.

Registration for Boys volleyball will begin after the holidays and run until January 13th. Please see the forms on the SGCS website, under Boosters, to sign your son up for this fast and fun sport that is growing in popularity every year. If you have any questions, please contact Bob K. who has volunteered to serve as Boys volleyball coordinator this year. We fielded one team last year, but it was so successful we are hopeful to have 1-2 more this year!

The Boosters have a new fundraiser this year! Instead of working a booth at the Zoo's Festival of Lights in December, we'll be working the Bank of Kentucky Center during NKU's women's and men's basketball games and concerts. Thanks to Mr. McHugh for helping us make the connection! Also thanks to Kate S. for coordinating scheduling for the events. Each team will be asked to provide volunteers for one event over the next several months. Thanks for being responsive to request from your coach to help!

-Teri D.





CANDY SALE RESULTS!



The Candy Sale was very successful this year! 286 students participated. The final net profit to PTO was **\$13,898.57!!!!** The first place winner was Alexis D. from 4H. She won \$100.00! Peace E. from 1C and Luke S. from 4J tied for second for \$75.00! The winning class was Mrs. B. 6th grade class!!!! Mrs. B. received \$50.00 to spend at the Book Fair. 55 students won the pizza lunch. K-5 received pizza at school. 6th through 8th grade students received pizza on a limo ride! **575 boxes were sold! The most ever!!!**

-Jen D.



ST. GABE'S GALA 2012 NEEDS YOU!

SAVE THE DATE 3.10.12

www.sgcsgala.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.

Open Volunteer Positions listed below in GREEN. Thank you for your consideration!

Next Meeting: Individual Committees are meeting now before the holiday season gets too busy.
Next general meeting (open to all) will be scheduled for January.

Countdown to St. Gabe's Gala: As of December 1, 2011.....102 Days

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! Need 1 more!**

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!

Volunteers:

- Leslye F.
- Debbie S.
- Kelly A.
- Tony F.

Please note: If you see an error in your volunteer listing, name spelling or email address, please email Susan M. with corrections. Thank you!

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, three talking heads have been secured!!!

- Volunteers: Open, Open
- Auctioneers: Chris C., Vince F., Matt M.

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! **Need Spiritwear Help!**

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

- Kindergarten – Julie Katz, Amy H., Natasha B.
- 1st Grade – Tara M.
- 2nd Grade – Mary N. & Natasha B.
- 3rd Grade – JoAnn O.
- 4th Grade – Annette J.
- 5th Grade – Katrina H.& Michelle K.
- 6th Grade – Elizabeth C. & Jen B.
- 7th Grade – Lisa F., Kristen O., Lori M.
- 8th Grade – Mary M.

Spiritwear

- Moeller HS – Patty H.
- Mt. Notre Dame HS– Cheryl B.
- St. X HS- Open
- Ursuline Academy – Open

Bar & Beverage Committee

Co-Chairs: Erin F.& Bruce B.

Volunteers needed: **Calling out for 14 officially or unofficially certified mixologists!** Still need 4 volunteers to work 1 hour shifts at the bar stations.

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.

Volunteers:

- Jen & Mike D.
- Mariah & Kole .
- Jodie & Scott H
- Kristen & Michael O
- Patty & John H
- Sue S.
- Jan K
- Amy H
- Karen S
- Debbie S
- Susan M
- Open
- Open
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- Open

Psst.... It's never too late to volunteer.

St. Gabe's Gala can always use your help.....

....especially as we get closer to the big event!

Decorations Committee

Co-Chairs: Lynda G & Joan V

Volunteers needed: 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 9th & 10th, 2012

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

Volunteers:

- Holly T
- Annette J

Michelle K
 Jennie B
 Tina B
 Laura L
 Stacy L
 Sandy O
 Photographers: Kelly C, Mary R

Financial Reporting/Check-Out Committee

Co-Chairs: Joe A & need 1 focused, analytical genius to join Joe! Open -Still need another genius!

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.

Volunteers:

Mike H
 Web B
 Lori M
 Lance L
 Alphonso V
 Katrina H

Food & Dessert Contest Committee

Co-Chairs: Tori A & Jen D

Volunteers needed: Move over Top Chef! We're drooling for 2 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!

Volunteers:

Debbie J
 Amy H
 Alisha C
 Open
 Open

Guest Services Committee

Co-Chairs: Kelly W & Mara D

Volunteers needed: Need 2 detail-oriented, enthusiastic, hospitality-happy volunteers. Filled! Thank you Kelly & Mara!

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)

Volunteer: Erika B

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

Volunteer: Cheryl B

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

Volunteer: Open

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

Volunteers: Open