



## September 12, 2007 – PTO Announcements

**CHILDCARE** is available tonight in the Cafeteria. Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl scouts!

**THANK YOU** to the families of grades 6, 7, and 8 for providing our refreshments this evening.

**2007-2008 PTO DIRECTORIES** are in! Directories are available to all registered PTO members. Please stop by and see Eileen H. to pick up your copy tonight! CDs are also here for the early-bird members who registered before September 1.

**PTO MEMBERSHIP** dues (\$10) are still being accepted. Remember, you must join PTO to participate in the voting this evening. Stop by to join tonight at the PTO table, and then pick up your free PTO directory at the same time!

**SCRIP** is available for sale tonight. Stop by for cash & carry, to pick up an order form, or to ask questions about the program. Scrip order forms are always available inside the flag door or on the website. All orders are placed on Fridays with delivery in the following Thursday envelope. Give this program a try! Contact Melinda Y. with questions

**PTO EMAIL LIST** – Everyone who requested to be added to the PTO list on their PTO Registration form has been added. If you are not receiving weekly emails, please check your “Junk Mail” folder and/or add “sgcs\_pto@yahoo.com” to your address book. Please contact us at PTO@StGabeSchool.org with any questions.

**SPLIT THE POT** tickets are back again this year! Purchase a ticket for \$1.00 at the door, have your child(ren)’s classes marked for your attendance and see who wins at the end of the evening. 50% of the money collected goes to the lucky ticket holder, and the remaining 50% (and, more importantly, the coveted Cougar) goes to the class with the most parent representation.

**ZONE BOOKS** are available tonight for \$20 with 40% of that price returned to SGCS. Contact Melony F. for your Zone Book.

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**BOX TOPS** – Cash for Trash! Last year we earned approximately \$1050 from sending in box tops and over \$150 from those who shopped online shopping at the [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) website. Something to keep in mind for the upcoming Christmas shopping season!

**HELP WANTED.** Details are outlined below for each open position. Interested? Please see a board member tonight, or contact us via phone or email anytime, and we can get you in touch with the right people!

- √ **Room Parents** are needed for the following classrooms 1H, 3S, 5S, and 6D. Contact Sherie B. if you can help.
- √ **Community Relations Committee:** We are looking for volunteers to contribute story ideas and to write \*short\* press releases. Help us to promote all the wonderful happenings at SGCS! Contact Ann and Laura H.
- √ **Red-Cross Babysitting Co –Chair:** Work with Kathy C. to run the Red-Cross Babysitting certification classes for students in grades 6-8 who are interested. There are a few certifications you will need to attain before running the certification classes for the students. Certified students are great resources for SGCS families looking for a sitter!
- √ **Mentor Family Co-Chair:** Work with Kim C. to coordinate mentor family activities like the Ice Cream Social and Mentor Family Get-together in the late summer. It's a terrific opportunity to work with the new and "veteran" families at St. Gabe's.
- √ **Catholic Schools Week Committee:** Looking for a rewarding way to give? Consider joining the Catholic Schools Week Committee! Catholic Schools Week is coming this January, when all 8,000 Catholic Schools around the country celebrate the amazing gift of Catholic Schools Education. It's a faith filled fun week with opportunities for volunteers! Only have a little time in the evenings? We have low commitment level opportunities! Like to lead? We have big opportunities! Like the Catholic Education St. Gabe's gives your children? Join us! Please contact Aimee D.
- √ **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Plays:** The Breens have agreed to continue directing the plays through the 2008/2009 school year but are looking for people interested in taking over from there. They would love to have you join them during the next couple of plays to see why this has become such a rewarding experience for the St. Gabriel students.

#### **GOOD HAPPENINGS IN THE WORKS ...**



Order up one "Heartbreak Hoagie," some "Love Me Chicken Tenders" and an "All Shook Up Shake" as our very own St. Gabriel 8th graders bring this comedy to life.

The Verelli family holds an Elvis impersonation contest at the "Elvis Ate Here" Inn. They get more than they bargained for when thieves, thugs, high schools students, Elvis fans, and a fortune teller show up adding to the general chaos. It's Elvis hysteria! Please bring your family and support the 8th graders as they bring you the joys of this comedy.

**Play Dates:** Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 PM (About 1 hour 30 minutes long)

**Location:** TBD

Parent Volunteers from all grades welcome - even if your students aren't involved. (Contact the Breens)

- ◆ Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Cougars' Night Out** is set for November 10. Come out and show your Cougar Spirit! Bring friends and family for "Night in the Big Apple"! Mark your calendars and we'll see you at the Father John Porter Family Life Center at St. Max Parish.

- ◆ **Adopt-A-Book** for your Birthday!

This PTO sponsored program allows St. Gabriel Consolidated School to continually enhance the selection of books in our library by giving our very own students a chance to select which books are available.

It's simple:

1. During your child's birthday month (or half-birthday month for summer babies), you will be sent a special birthday card from St. Gabriel P.T.O. inviting you to purchase a book (or books) in honor of your child's birthday.
2. You return the birthday card to your child's teacher, along with a check (made payable to St. Gabriel P.T.O.) or cash in the amount of your choice. Books start at \$5, with most books in the \$10-\$15 range. Please take this into consideration when making your donation.
3. Your child will be called to the library by Mrs. M., our librarian, to select a book (or books) from our birthday cart, which will be donated in his or her name to our school library.
4. Your child's name will be stamped in the book, and he or she will be the first one to take the new book home to read before they are placed in the school library.

Thanks to all the September birthday children who have already supported this program. We look forward to your continued support throughout the school year!

**THANK YOU FROM PTO!** We have had oodles of volunteer activity buzzing around all summer. Thank you for making a difference!

*Special thanks to ....*

♥ The E. & Y. Families for the Welcome Back fence sign!

♥ The summer painting crew for the giving the school a fresh coat! Ann A., Ann and Meg R., Ray, Brenda and Taylor T., Tony L., Kerry W., Debbie and Monica F.,

Doug and Aimee D., Laura and Matt E., Karen A., Cindy L., Teresa K., Jane R., Donavan and Drake F., Cheryl B., and Mr. E. Babysitters: Ellen G. and Maggie E.

- ♥ Jeff and Virginia B. and Melinda Y. for landscaping over the summer and keeping our bushes and flowers looking pretty
- ♥ Kim C. and the mentor families who attended and helped at the Ice Cream Social.
- ♥ Melony, Marin and Michael F.i, Victoria and Elizabeth W. and Abby W. for helping Mrs. B. stuff packets for Meet the Teacher
- ♥ Pam M. and her crew Iris B., Ellen G., Josie L., Rachel M., Ricky S. and Loretta M. for being tour guides for students at new parent orientation
- ♥ Kathy C. and Connie M. for organizing the hospitality breakfast for the first day of school
- ♥ Amy Z., Laura E. and Debbie S. and EVERY family who is either selling or helping with the m&m fundraiser – it is a HUGE success!
- ♥ Ann E.y and Eileen H. for their hard work on getting the PTO directory organized and ready for all of us!
- ♥ Melinda Y. for her stellar skills organizing the Library Card Catalog over the summer – what a task!
- ♥ Jane G.r for organizing the school supply sale.
- ♥ Kathy G. and her team for their dedication to ensure your Thursday envelopes are stuffed every week.

Did you know that there is a special section on the school website dedicated to KUDOS! for our PTO volunteers? Check it out at <http://www.stgabeschool.org>!