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## January 9, 2008 – PTO Announcements

**BABYSITTING** is available tonight in the Cafeteria.

**SPLIT THE POT** tickets are here tonight at the door! Purchase a ticket for \$1.00, 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.

**MENTOR FAMILIES** please remember to keep in touch with your mentee family. The second half of the year brings about a whole new list of experiences and questions for new families. Consider proactively talking about: Catholic Schools Week, Everybody Counts, May Crowning, Funfest, uniform sale and 8<sup>th</sup> grade send-off.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Montour Family (Andrew - 4H) for winning the Scrip Holiday giveaway! The scrip program posted record sales from Thanksgiving to Christmas earning just over \$1,400 for the PTO in that same time frame. We'd love to see sales continue at this record pace! A new scrip incentive starts Friday, January 11. Watch your Thursday envelope for details.

### GOOD HAPPENINGS IN THE WORKS ...

- ◆ More great enrichment assemblies are scheduled during the next few months! In January, the cheetahs came to visit. This will be followed by a visit from Abraham Lincoln in February and "Our World and Environment" in April to recognize Earth Day.
- ◆ The 7<sup>th</sup> grade play is scheduled for April 24 and 25. Please note that the date has changed. Watch your Thursday envelope as we get closer for more details.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week (CSW) kicks off on Sunday, January 27 with a faith-filled week celebrating "Catholic Schools Light the Way". Activities you won't want to miss include our Open House on Wednesday, January 30 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm, and an All School Mass on Thursday, January 31, 9:30am at St. Max. Watch your Thursday envelope for details!
- ◆ PTO Board nominations are coming soon! If you think that you or someone you know would be a good fit for a board role for the 2008-2009 school year, please consider sending the nomination! We are on the lookout for all good candidates!

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#### PTO Board :

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## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

The Catholic Identity bulletin board titled 'Why Do We Do That?' has been completed and is in the main hall outside second grade rooms. We encourage students, parents and faculty to participate by submitting questions.

## **HELP WANTED**

- ◆ Market Day is in need of two co-chairs for the 2008/2009 school year to work with Cindy L. It is a one Wednesday afternoon a month commitment with a little "homework" in between. If you need more information please call or email Mary B. (mbiehle@yahoo.com or 513-868-9163).
- ◆ Boosters are currently looking for someone to coordinate Spirit Wear for next year. Angie E. has done a great job for Boosters and is looking for someone willing to work with her this spring and transition into the coordinator role over the summer. If you are interested, please contact Angie for any questions or a booster board member.
- ◆ The M&Ms fundraiser is in need of 2-3 chairs for next year's event. Please contact the PTO board for more information about this position.
- ◆ Everybody Counts is coming up soon. Please watch your Thursday envelope for information regarding the opportunity to volunteer.

## **DATE CHANGE**

The May Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be on Wednesday May 14th. The date has been changed, so please mark your calendars for May 14, 2008.

## **BOOSTERS MEETING**

Booster's General Meeting will be held on January 14 at 7:00pm. Discussion will include Spring Sports, Fall Sports for the 2008-09 school year and nomination process for the new Booster Board. All are welcome!

## **THANK YOU FROM PTO!**

To all of our volunteers, thank you for making a difference!

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

*Special thanks to ....*

- ♥ Our 2 CNO committee chairs, Katrina H. and Tiffani W., and all of our sub-committee chairs for a WONDERFUL event! It takes a great deal of planning to ensure a terrific event, and we appreciate all that you did to make it happen!
- ♥ Mike and Diane B. for directing a great 8<sup>th</sup> grade play. A fun time was had by everyone and all of the hard work definitely paid off. Well done!

- ♥ All of the committee chairs of our year-long fund raisers: Melinda Y. – Scrip, Cindy L., Janet B., Mary B. - Market Day, Teri D. - Box Tops for Education, Joanne G. - Campbell's Labels, Nancy S. - Tyson Chicken Labels, Melony F. - Zone Books, Amanda M. – Scholastic Book Fair. Your commitment to keeping things running smoothly has helped keep the budget healthy. You make a big difference!!