



September 10, 2008 – PTO Announcements

THANK YOU to the families who provided refreshments this evening.

2007-2008 PTO DIRECTORIES are here! Directories are available to all registered PTO members. Please 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 any voting this evening. Join tonight and pick up your free PTO directory at the same time!

PTO EMAIL LIST – Everyone who requested to be added to the PTO email list on their PTO Registration form will be added within the next week. If you do not start receiving weekly emails in a week or two, please check your “Junk Mail” folder and/or add “sgcs_pto@yahoogroups.com” to your address book. Please send email to 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.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Share your time and talents with SGCS community! *Interested?* Please see a board member tonight, or contact us via phone or email anytime, and we will get you in touch with the right people! Current openings:

- √ **Community Relations Committee:** Looking for volunteers to contribute story ideas and to write *short* press releases. Help us promote all the wonderful happenings at SGCS! Contact either Ann E at AEverly@cinci.rr.com or 759-5451 or Laura H at Laura.Hendy@yahoo.com or 779-7466.
 - √ **Co-Chair Adult Social:** Work with Kim B and the PTO Board to plan a relaxing, fun evening out for SGCS Parents!
 - √ **7th and 8th Grade Plays:** *CURTAIN CALL!* Mike & Diane B will direct the play one last time this year. We are looking for 2 people to shadow them this year and take over full ownership next year. This is a rewarding experience for the SGCS students as well as for the directors! Contact Kris K at “kkoch.pampchf@fuse.net”.
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GOOD HAPPENINGS IN THE WORKS ...

Adopt-A-Book for your Birthday! Leave a legacy at SGCS!

This 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!

Fundraising!

Here are some of our SGCS fundraising activities:

M&M FUNDRAISER DEADLINE SEPT 12: Our M&M fundraiser is winding down and final deadline is Sept 12! This is an **important** fundraiser for PTO and helps fund many activities throughout the year like field trips. PTO gets 55cents from every bag sold! Please contact Jen D at mdemain@cinci.rr.com with all questions.

SCRIP GIFT CERTIFICATES (OR GIFT CARDS) are available for purchase tonight. National and local retailers sell to us at a discount. SGCS sells the certificates for full face value. When a gift certificate is redeemed for the full face value, our school keeps the difference as revenue. This is a great way to raise money for SGCS in everyday spending you'd do anyway at stores such as Kroger, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wendy's, Speedway, etc. There are many, many retailers!

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. Contact Melinda Y at mbyonchak@fuse.net for more information or check your Thursday envelope.

ZONE BOOKS are available tonight for \$20 with 40% of that price returned to SGCS. Contact Melony F at mnflip1987@zoomtown.com for your Zone Book.



BOX TOPS – Cash for Trash! You can earn our school money by clipping the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of products (eg cereals, Bisquick, etc). A full listing of products is available on boxtopsforeducation.com. Last year we earned ~\$1,100 from sending in box tops and over \$150 from those who shopped online shopping at the boxtopsforeducation.com website. Something to keep in mind for the upcoming Christmas shopping season! Send your boxtops to the school office whenever convenient. (Girl Scouts count them once per year, starting in February.) Contact Teri D, ttrimdean@aol.com, with all questions.



TYSON - Clip and save Tyson Project A+ labels and send to school throughout the school year. SGCS will turn into Tyson at end of the year and we receive 24cents a label!!! Saving these labels is something you can do over the summer as well. Contact Nancy S with all questions.



Clip and save Campbell's labels (or just the UPC), send to school throughout the school year, or bring to school and put in the container shaped like a Campbell's Soup Can at the flag door entrance. SGCS earns points for each label and redeem them for educational products from Campbell's at end of the year. Contact Joanne G with all questions.



Market Day is an ongoing monthly fundraiser in which the PTO earns a percentage of money from orders placed from the delicious selection of food including entrees and side dishes to snacks and desserts. An order sheet will come home in the Thursday Envelope each month. You place an order and pick it up and pay for it at SGCS on the designated date, or you can also order and pay online. Parent volunteers help to fill orders. PTO earns approximately \$4000 from this program.

September orders placed by September 16 can be picked up in the SGCS cafeteria on Wed Sept 24 from 4-5pm. Contact Cindy L at 266-1863 with all questions.

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SGCS Boosters

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION: Winter sports registration is now open for students in grades 3-8! Winter sports include boy's basketball and girl's volleyball. Please submit completed registration forms and fee to Laura H c/o Zach-1C. The deadline is September 19. For more information and forms, go to our [SGCS Website](#) and click on Activities, then Boosters and/or on "Forms" located in the left-hand column on the home page. For Booster forms, scroll toward the bottom. (Or type in www.stgabeschool.com/activities/sgcs_activities_booster_anncmnt.asp).

BOY'S BASKETBALL COORDINATOR NEEDED!!! Please contact Teri D, Booster President (ttrimdean@aol.com), ASAP if you are interested in helping to coordinate the Boy's Basketball program. This is a vital position and our season depends on finding a coordinator!

BOOSTER LAROSAS'S BUDDY CARDS: Our Athletics Boosters are again selling LaRosa's Buddy Cards as a fundraiser for \$10. We earn \$4 a card! This year's proceeds will help pay for increased gym costs. Cards can be purchased at the Coaches Meetings, PTO Meetings, or send \$10 per card to Teri D, c/o Becky 2M. Cards will be returned to you via school mail.

Any family selling at least 5 cards earns a free Buddy card themselves! Top 2 sellers are also entered in the LaRosa's Scholarship competition, and SGCS has had 5 winners in the last 3 years, so there is a very good chance you could earn \$200 towards your child's educational expenses!

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1. Mark your calendar for the next PTO Meeting on **January 14, 2009 at 7pm** in St Mary's Hall!
2. The SGCS Website is a great resource at your fingertips, 24 hours a day, for everything SGCS!!! For example, minutes from all PTO meetings can be found there as well as Volunteer recognition. Our website can be found at <http://www.stgabeschool.org>.