



January 14, 2008 – PTO Announcements

THANK YOU to the K, 1st, and 2nd grade families who provided snacks this evening.

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.**

BAD WEATHER REMINDER: Mr. E makes the decision to close school or not due to inclement weather after his consultation with 5 school districts. Each household will receive a recorded message from Mr. E with the closing or delay information. The information will also appear on television and will state "St Gabriel Consolidated School".

CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE NEWS: Join SGCS in celebrating National Vocation Awareness Week Jan 11-17! Our school community chose to focus on the theme of vocations this year and activities are occurring daily this week to help parents and students prayerfully consider vocations and to raise awareness of all the possible life choices in which God is calling us. Students begin each day this week with prayers and reflections specifically about vocations. They will hear this theme at Mass on Thursday and upper grades will hear directly from those serving the Religious life (Sisters, Deacons, Priests) during Career Day in February and middle grades in early May as part of the curriculum and religious instruction.

There are activities parents can be part of as well. Join us after this Thursday's Mass to pray a Rosary for vocations or sign up to host the School Vocation Cross for a week to pray daily for vocations (among other related activities you can do with your family). This is an exciting week! Talk to your child/ren about what they think of these happenings and take the opportunity to be part of this effort. We just know God would love to have the support of every family!

For more information or to sign up to be host the Vocation Cross, contact Maria L at "maria.laib@fuse.net". Thanks!

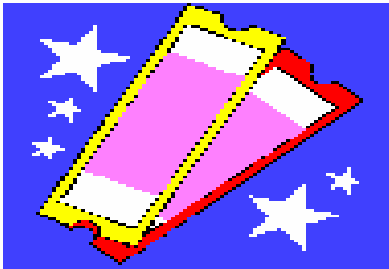
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Catholic Schools Fair: The St Max Catholic Schools Fair is on January 18th at St. Max after the 8:00/10:00/12:00 Masses. All SGCS families are encouraged to wear their spirit-wear to Mass and meet potential new families afterwards in Father Porter Family Complex. There will be baked goods and beverages available during the Fair. (*You Bake, We Take!!* If you are willing to donate baked goods, please contact Laura H at Laura.Hendy@yahoo.com.)

School representatives will also be present after all Masses at St John on January 24th and 25th.

Upcoming Events



Cougar Raffle

PTO is pleased to introduce the first-ever **Cougar Raffle** as a fundraiser! This is a VERY important fundraiser this year. This Raffle replaces last year's Cougars Night Out (CNO) Fundraiser. The idea is to raise funds without all the intensive labor and planning that CNO requires! (For lovers of CNO, it will be back better than ever next school year.)

All proceeds from the Raffle will be used for technology equipment and upgrades. Each family that sells a ticket will be entered into a drawing for a LCD Flat Screen TV! Tickets are \$50 each. Our goal is to sell 500 tickets! Winners drawing will be held on Saturday Feb 21, 2009 at the SGCS **R&R Night**. Contact Chairperson Charlie K at charlie-krusinski@cinci.rr.com with questions and/or if you wish to help.

*\$4,000 top prize assumes all 500 tickets sold at \$50 a ticket. If we sell fewer tickets, prize amount will decrease.

An Evening of Rest and Relaxation



PTO is pleased to sponsor a little Adult "Rest & Relaxation"! Come eat, play, and dance a little (or a lot!) on **Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 7-11pm at St Max**. The cost is \$10 per person and this Adults-only evening will include games and door prizes. The drawing for our Cougar Raffle will be held this evening too! Contact Kris K at kkoch@pampchf@fuse.net with questions and if you want to help!

FUNDRAISING ECONOMIC DOWNTURN EDITION

Keeping SGCS a “Quality Learning Place” requires fundraising and all our fundraisers are necessary in order to meet our school needs. We thank you for your continued support.

The reality is that budgets are getting tighter and tighter as the economic downturn continues. The good news is that many of our fundraisers do not require you (or anyone else) to spend extra money! Some of these fundraisers are featured on the next two pages.

SCRIP GIFT CERTIFICATES (OR GIFT CARDS):

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. **Earn money for SGCS while spending money on food, gas, etc. that you are going to spend anyway at stores such as Kroger, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wendy’s, Speedway etc!!!! Get friends, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and grandparents spending money for SGCS too!!!** There are many, many retailers and the gift cards can be used outside Cincinnati wherever the retailer exists!

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.



BOX TOPS DUE MID-FEBRUARY – The Girl Scouts will start counting this year’s BoxTops at end of February for redemption. (Please keep saving BoxTops and send in when school starts again in the fall.)

What are BoxTops? Cash for Trash! Earn our school money by clipping the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of products (eg cereals, Bisquick, etc) and sending to the office whenever convenient. 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.

Contact Teri D, ttrimdean@aol.com, with all questions.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS!!!

RENEW YOUR EXISTING MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH

www.QSP.com Order or a magazine through QSP.com (a subsidiary of Readers Digest Association) and SGCS earns money

1. Click on "Just Shopping"
2. Select St Gabriel School & use our account number 425005668
3. Choose from over 600 magazines, books and music
4. Pay with major credit card



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.



LABELS FOR EDUCATION & KROGER - BIG NEWS!! Use your Kroger Plus Card and **electronically collect Campbell's Label's points for SGCS!!** This is another PAINLESS fundraiser! Anyone can easily raise funds for SGCS - even grandparents, relatives, and friends in other cities and states. Kroger has stores in many locations across the USA.

The easiest way to create an account for electronic collection of points from eligible products purchased at Kroger is to sign your Kroger Plus Card up with Campbell's Labels for Education through the "www.elabelsforeducation.com" website. Make sure the "e" is at the beginning of the text. Just searching on "labels for education" on the web doesn't get you to the right site.

Make sure points are designated to Saint Gabriel Consolidated School. If you have questions, contact Cheryl B, School Secretary.

Don't shop at Kroger or don't use the Kroger Plus Card? Don't worry! The traditional method of clipping and saving Campbell's labels (or just the UPC) still works! Send those labels to the office, or bring to school and put in the container shaped like a Campbell's Soup Can at the flag door entrance, throughout the school year. 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.

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SGCS Boosters

BOOSTER BANQUET: Mark your calendars for the Booster Banquet to be held Friday, May 1, 2009 at St Max.

BOOSTER LAROSAS'S BUDDY CARDS: Our Athletic Boosters are 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.

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1. To set a goal to sell at least 1 Cougar Raffle ticket!! Buy a ticket with co-workers, family members, etc.
2. To mark your calendar for the Adult "Rest & Relaxation" Night on Saturday Feb 21, 2009 from 7-11pm at St. Max. (Adults only!)
3. To mark your calendar for the next PTO Meeting on May 13, 2009 at 7pm in St Mary's Hall!
4. To remember the SGCS Website is a great resource at your fingertips for everything SGCS!!! Our website can be found at <http://www.stgabeschool.org>.