



September 22, 2010 – PTO Announcements

THANK YOU to the families who provided snacks this evening.

SPLIT THE POT tickets are here! 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.**

CUB SCOUTS: The big fundraiser for cub scouts has begun! Our cub scouts will be selling popcorn through the middle of October. To place an order, please contact Kris Koch at kkoch.pampchf@fuse.net or 825-6539.

2009-2010 DIRECTORIES are in! Directories are available to all registered PTO members. Please stop by and pick up your copy. A printed copy is also here for the early bird members who registered before September 17.

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

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.

Adult Social: Will be held this year on Thursday, October 21 at Vinoklet Winery in Colerain Township from 6-9 pm. The cost of the event is \$21.00 per person and includes raffle tickets, full buffet dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, bocce ball, vineyard walks and a bon fire. A cash bar for alcoholic beverages will be available. We are still seeking donations for the raffle drawings that will be held throughout the evening. If you can help, contact Tara M. at tara.maddock@gmail.com or Tiffany G. at tiffgeers@hotmail.com.

CASH AND CARRY SCRIP: New for this year is the ability to purchase scrip gift cards every Friday morning outside the cafeteria. We will have a limited amount of the most popular scrip for immediate purchase from 7:30-8:10 am every Friday. Scrip is also 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. Contact Melinda Y. mbyonchak@fuse.net with questions.

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THANK YOU to the volunteers who are providing babysitting this evening.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Share your time and talents with the SGCS community! If interested in volunteering, 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:

- Red Cross Babysitting Chair: run the Red-Cross Babysitting certification classes for students in grades 6-8 who are interested. Certified students are great resources for SGCS families looking for a sitter. Our previous chair, whose child graduated last year is happy to provide information/guidance to the new chair.
- Boxtops Help - SGCS receives 10 cents for each boxtop sent in to the office. Currently, Teri D. our chairperson, also coordinates with St. Max to collect Boxtops for SGCS from the parishioners. We are looking for someone from St. Gabriel and St. Matthias parishes that would be willing to work with the parish to set up a collection spot for Boxtops and run reminders in the bulletin now and then. For more information, please contact Teri D. at TTrimDean@aol.com.

FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

We want to share stories about our students - their sports successes, field trips, speakers, community projects, and classroom special events & achievements! Contact us in advance and we may be able to help with photography, press releases and publicity.

Please do NOT submit any articles or photos directly to the newspaper. Please submit them through the Community Relations Committee for screening as there are families who have requested their children not appear in newspapers.

Publicity is *extremely* valuable to Saint Gabriel Consolidated School. It helps our school to maintain a high, positive profile which in turn helps to boost our fundraisers, our enrollment and the support of the community.

Send your ideas, articles and photos to Laura H. c/o Caroline-8E, John-6E or Zach-3S or Laura.Hendy@yahoo.com.

We are also looking for volunteers to write press releases. Contact Laura if you are interested. Remember to send in articles about Saint Gabriel's that you find in your local newspaper!

FUNDRAISERS!

Here are some of our SGCS fundraising activities:

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE BARS FUNDRAISER: This important fundraiser is currently underway and will run through October 1. This fundraiser helps fund many activities throughout the year like field trips. Please visit the candy sale table tonight for a look at the prizes the kids can receive and an opportunity to sign up to sell the Worlds Finest Chocolate at retail locations and/or after mass. Contact Tori A., Jen D. or Karen S. with all questions.

DISCOVERY SAVINGS BOOK (FORMERLY ZONE BOOK): Still has all of the great savings for restaurants and other establishments you already frequent plus it now comes with special savings cards. Books are available for \$20 with 40% of that price returned to SGCS. For further information, contact Melony F. at mnflip1987@zoomtown.com.



Market Day is an ongoing monthly fundraiser in which the PTO earns a percentage of money from orders placed. Market Day has a delicious variety of food in many categories, from breakfast and entrees to desserts and snacks. 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. First time users online will have to create an account. When creating an account, the market day number for SGCS is 5923. Parent volunteers help to fill orders. PTO earns approximately \$4000 from this program. This year there is a new profit tier for Market Day: in the past, the school earned 10% profit regardless of the sale total. Now, we can earn up to 20%:

- Up to \$3,499.99 = 10% profit
- \$3,500 - \$5,499.99 = 15% profit
- \$5,500+ = 20% profit

Contact Cindy L. at 266-1863 with all questions.



BOX TOPS – 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. SGCS receives 10 cents for each boxtop collected.

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

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 grandparent's spending money for SGCS too!!!!** There are many, many retailers and the gift cards can be used outside Cincinnati wherever the retailer exists!. Contact Melinda Y. at mbyonchak@fuse.net for more information or check your Thursday envelope.



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!! Contact Nancy S. with all questions.



CAMPBELL'S LABELS – SGCS earns points for each Campbell label (or just the UPC) turned in. These points are then redeemed for educational products from Campbell's at the end of the year. 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. Contact Joanne G. with all questions.

NOTE: Boxtops, Tyson and Campbell's labels are counted by different groups. It would help greatly if they are sent into the office separately.

BOOSTER SPIRITWEAR – The Boosters have a great selection of clothes and other items that display the SGCS name and/or logo on the item. It is a great way to show your school spirit and help fund the SGCS sports teams. The selection of available items can be found on the SGCS website under 'Forms' and 'Spiritwear Catalog'. The order form can also be found under 'forms'. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Brenda T..

THANK YOU FROM PTO! We've had a lot of volunteer activity over the summer and these 1st few weeks of school. Thank you for making a difference:

- * Kris K. - Welcome back sign
- * Maria and Tony L., Dave L., Heather & Ethan & Jacob B., Alex & Rachel & Austin & Brenda T., Cheryl B. and Joe E. for washing the walls in the school during the summer.
- * Mallory B., Morgan E., Tommy T., Christopher B., and Mitch B. for helping with some miscellaneous tasks that needed to be done during the summer.

- * Elizabeth C. and the mentor families who attended and helped at the new family get together and ice cream social
- * Cindy L. for helping stuff the packets for meet the teacher
- * Jen D., Karen S., Tori A. and EVERY family who is either selling or helping with the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser
- * Ann E. for her hard work on getting the PTO directory organized and ready for all of us!
- * Sarah W. for organizing the school supply sale
- * Jessica M., Ron R., Mike H., Teri D., Stacey F., Mrs. S., Elizabeth C., Angie E., Carolyn R., Sherie B., Martha D., Laura H., and Sarah W for helping scoop out ice cream for our blue ribbon celebration on September 14th.