



**January 12, 2011 – PTO Announcements**

**THANK YOU** to the families who provided snacks this evening.

**BABYSITTING** is available in the Cafeteria.

**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.**

**GOOD HAPPENINGS IN THE WORKS:**

- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** – will be the week of January 31, 2011.
  - Wednesday, February 2 - Our CSW Open House will be held in the evening on Wednesday Feb 2, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 pm. New families are encouraged to attend from 6:30-7:30, while current families are encouraged to attend from 7-8:30.
  - Thursday, February 3 – Teacher and Staff luncheon. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to bring in food for this event. You will be contacted via email or phone with a reminder of what you signed up to bring. Also, if anyone has any storage containers for leftovers, please send them.
  - Thursday, February 3 – All school mass at St. John at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- There are 2 remaining **Enrichment Assemblies** in this school year sponsored by the PTO.
  - **Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance** – Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Bi-Okoto is a drum/dance company presenting customized authentic live West/South African Drum and Dance performances.
  - **“There’s More to Lent Than Giving Up Candy”** – April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an assembly from Jim “the Spoonman” Cruise which emphasizes the true meaning of Lent. Jim plays the spoons as an attention-getter and way to emphasize his key points.

Planning for Enrichment Assemblies for the 2011-2012 school year is under way. Send suggestions to Lori M. ([merz67@msn.com](mailto:merz67@msn.com)).

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- **7<sup>th</sup> grade play** will take place March 24 and March 25.
- **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 2011-2012 school year, please consider sending in the nomination! We are on the lookout for all good candidates!

## **THANK YOU FROM THE PTO!**

- **SGCS Blue Ribbon Committee** – Kim K., Carol W., Stacy F., Rita A. and Jessica M. have done a fantastic job of planning events to celebrate St. Gabriel being named a 2010 Blue Ribbon School.
- **Julie A.** for all her hard work for the teacher and staff luncheons in September and December. There will also be another luncheon during Catholic Schools Week in February. Thank you also to all those who help to serve the day of the luncheon and those who contribute food. We couldn't do it without your help.
- **Christine E.** – for directing a great 8<sup>th</sup> grade play. A fun time was had by all.
- **Tiffany G. and Tara M.** – for the wonderful job they did organizing the Adult Social at Vinoklet Winery. It was an enjoyable evening.
- **Lori M.** – for the great enrichment programs she has organized for our children.
- **John and Monica T.** for their hard work on Catholic Schools Week, which is just around the corner.
- **Jen D., Karen S., and Tori A.** for the great job they did on the candy sale.
- **All of the committee chairs of our yearlong fundraisers:** Melinda Y. – Scrip, Cindy L. – Market Day, Teri D. – Boxtops for Education, Joanne G. – Campbell's Labels, Nancy S. – Tyson Chicken Labels, Melony F. – Zone Books
- **TO YOU** - without your volunteerism and financial support, the PTO could not accomplish all of the things it does.

**Marketing/Community Relations** – To all those leaders at our school...from sports to Scouts to PTO chair persons. Please send photos and information about your activities to Laura H. so we can spread the word about St. Gabe's through our newspapers. The recognition we receive in local papers helps enrollment and fundraisers.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** – Boxtops deadline is the end of January - please send in your General Mills boxtops in the next several weeks so we can total them off and wait for our check.

**January 2011 Market Day** - Help our school earn a \$250 Borders Gift Card by placing a Market Day order for January. Our sale goal to earn this card is \$3,402. Order online at marketday.com (school account number 5923) by Friday, January 21. Cutoff time is 11 PM.

**SCRIP** - Don't forget the scrip program. We are still working to raise funds for the PTO. What's new with SCRIP?

- Scrip now has TARGET(!) as a retailer. If you were already buying Target gift cards with your Kroger Rewards card, continue to do that. You would earn more for PTO buying them through Kroger with your rewards card (4%) instead of the scrip company (2%). Keep your Kroger Rewards card in mind for any scrip retailers that give us less than 4% in rewards!
- The Friday morning scrip sales will no longer occur. We have limited scrip left on-hand so email or call if you are looking for something.
- Coming soon to the scrip program...on-line scrip ordering, or reloading, from the comfort of your home. You can submit a check weekly to PTO to cover your order or use Presto-Pay, an automatic checking account withdraw, to be totally automated. Was there an unexpected shopping you wish you could have done with scrip? There are now 17 retailers that allow you to print your scrip IMMEDIATELY on your printer at home. We've heard rave reviews of these programs from Scrip customers that have kids swimming for the Marlins. It is almost time for SGCS to give it a try. Watch your Thursday envelope for details. This new on-line option will be in addition to our regular scrip program. You will still be able to order scrip in our traditional manner. Want more details? Check out <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/>.