

2009/10 PTO BOARD

Co-Presidents: Sangita Bone & Michelle Zerhusen
Co-Vice Presidents: Rose Curnutte & Charlotte Henry
Co-Secretaries: Sue Karwisch & Jen Watkins
Treasurer: Carrie Bear
Co-Memberships: Linda Threm & Chris Roettker
Co-Advisors: Denise Greene & Kathy McNally
Teacher Representatives: Donna Hayes & Shannon Peters
Principal: Rick Harrmann

2010/11 PTO Board

The PTO Board welcomes the following new members to the board for the next year:

Becky Wesser – Secretay
Anne Traum - Membership Co-Chair
Thank you ladies for stepping up to fill these positions!

Carrie Bear will remain on the Board next year as treasurer. Michelle Zerhusen will become an Advisor as Rose Curnutte and Charlotte Henry transition into the President role. Linda Threm and Chris Roettker have been elected as Vice-Presidents, and Sue Karwisch has volunteered to move to Membership Co-Chair next school year. Thank you Jen Watkins, Denise Greene, Kathy McNally, and Sangita Bone for the time and talents you contributed to the PTO Board this year!

2010/2011 PTO BOARD MEMBER NEEDED:

We are still looking for a **co-secretary** to join the fun and share the duties of taking minutes during the monthly board meetings and the general membership meetings.

EXCESS FUNDS FROM 2009/2010

PTO had an **exceptional** year for available excess funds. We are pleased to be able to provide funds totaling over \$30,000 for the following items and activities:

- New laptops for every homeroom teacher
- (4) \$250 tuition credits to PTO families
- Boxed lunches for field day volunteers
- Donut reception after Confirmation
- Digital cameras for each grade level
- An Eagle Scout project to enhance the playground area
- Totally Lent/Absolute Advent books for three classrooms
- New gym equipment
- A digital camcorder and SLR Camera for school use
- A river tank for the 6-8th grade science classroom
- Curtains for the stage in the parish center
- Funds for the enrichment programs offered at St. Johns

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the PTO this year. Your membership and the time you volunteer for PTO activities and fundraisers has made all of this possible!

PAST EVENTS:

Spring Fling

Lisa Hillman and Jena Richter organized another fabulous trip to Chicago for the ladies! Looking for a weekend getaway next spring? Look for details about next year's trip in September.

Box Tops/Playground Equipment

We have wrapped up another year of collecting box tops. This program supplies our children with indoor and outdoor recess items such as balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, puzzles, and board games.

A special thank you to Suzi Roth and Shannon Meyer in their final year as coordinators, all the volunteers who count and cut, and for **YOUR** support in collecting! We are pleased to welcome Renee Bell and Mary Klei as our new co-chairs for next year.

Please keep clipping this summer!

Grandparents/Special Persons Day

Again our Grandparents/Special Persons Day was held on Holy Thursday, April 1. All the grandparents and special guests truly appreciate spending the morning with the children. Thank you to all the parents who sent in food items for the event and those who served breakfast. Special thanks to MJ Speed and Michelle Burke for organizing this event and to Christy Weintz for organizing a peanut-free treat table.

Everybody Counts

During the weeks of April 12-23, all students participated in a grade-specific program to help students understand and accept people with disabilities. Thanks to the parents who volunteered in the classrooms and especially to committee chairs Diann Fischesser and Amy Mallory who worked with the teachers and parents to schedule the presentations and provided the materials for the classrooms.

Field Day

The weather was looking pretty threatening, but held out for another fabulous day of games and fun for all the students. Thanks to Stephanie Stegmuller, Suzi Roth and all the parent volunteers who made it happen!

Dance Program

Another great year of dancing under the direction of Mindy Shaw came to an end with a fantastic dance recital on May 13. Thank you to Angie Dodd for chairing this program.



PAST EVENTS CONT.

Blue Jay Pride Awards

Students who were awarded Blue Jay Pride Awards were treated to ice cream treats. Thank you to Lori Bollin, Susan Porter, and all their volunteers.

1st Communion Party

Our 2nd graders enjoyed a lunch party to celebrate receiving their First Holy Communion. Pizza was provided by the PTO.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

It's time to clean out your closets of any gently used uniform items. Drop them off anytime during school office hours during the summer. The uniform exchange is located in the Parent Resource Room around the corner from the school office. **This is a free service. You do not need to donate items in order to take items!** Thank you Ellen Smith for running the uniform exchange.

PTO Library

The newly established PTO library is located in the Parent Resource Center by the lost and found and offers information from past PTO speakers and workshop presentations.

8th Grade Scholarships

Two 8th graders (1 girl and 1 boy) will be awarded a \$500 scholarship each from the PTO for Catholic High School education. The recipients are chosen by 8th grade teachers and will be announced at graduation.

NEW COMMITTEES FOR 2010/11

We are pleased to announce our new committees and their chairs for next school year.

- Fingerprinting:** Rose Curnutte
- Volunteer Coordinators:** Natalie Bollin & Jeana Wiesman
- We Care Committee:** Mrs. Art Smith

We're on the Web

www.stjohnbluejays.org

Find PTO information under the Parents section

2009/10 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Blue Jay Pride Award Treats:* Lori Bollin & Susan Porter
- Breakfast in Bethlehem:* Janet Lees
- Box Tops/Playground:* Suzi Roth & Shannon Meyer
- Carnival:* Candy Moore
- Casserole Committee:* Lori Bollin
- Catholic Schools Week:* Jennifer Hollstegge & Pam McLaughlin
- Dance Program:* Angie Dodd
- Everybody Counts:* Diann Fischesser & Amy Mallory
- Field Day:* Stephanie Stegmuller & Suzi Roth
- Grandparents/Special Persons Day:* Michelle Burke & MJ Speed
- Room Parents:* Denise Greene & Peggy Gilbert
- Santa Shop:* Cathy Dreyer & Anne Johns
- Spring Fling:* Lisa Hillman & Jena Richter
- Surveys:* Donna Murphy
- Technology Walk-A-Thon:* Meredith Milbourn & Angie Naylor
- Uniform Exchange:* Ellen Smith

Please contact any member of the PTO Board if you would like to become a committee chair.

-:|:- Special Thanks -:|:-

We are especially grateful for all of our committee chairs for the entire school year! PTO would not be able to do all that we do without these wonderful people giving of their time and talents. Also, thank you to **ALL** parents who have helped with any of our committees during the school year. We are truly blessed to have such a generous family of volunteers at our school!

As you can see from this newsletter, PTO does SO MUCH for our students and school. We hope you will join PTO next school year so that we can continue to provide all of these great services!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!



