

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2010/11

We are currently seeking board members for the 2010/11 school year. The Co-Vice Presidents position is currently open for next year, however all positions are open for election annually. Voting for the PTO Board Members will take place at the General Membership Meeting April 28.

We are also currently seeking individuals interested in chairing the following open committees:

Survey Committee: This position involves organizing a few market research studies and/or a few small fundraisers (like a St. John's night out at a local restaurant, selling buddy cards, etc.) to help generate money for our school.

Volunteer Coordinator: This NEW position involves coordinating the volunteer lists that we receive in the beginning of the year with the committee chairs and confirming the volunteers have been fingerprinted and have attended the Child Protection workshop. This person will also assist in helping fill open roles throughout the PTO.

Please prayerfully consider joining your PTO Board or chairing one of these committees. PTO provides so many great experiences and activities for the children, teachers, and parents. If you have any questions or are interested in any of these positions or any other position, please send an e-mail to pto@stjohnbluejays.org or contact any current PTO Board Member. All member names and contact information are listed on the second page of this memo.

WELCOMES AND THANK YOU'S

Please help us welcome Renee Bell and Mary Klei as our new co-chairs of Box Tops/Playground Equipment. They will be taking over for Suzi Roth and Shannon Meyer.

Also please welcome Megan Gehring, Patty Siemer, and Michelle Zerhusen as our new co-chairs for Walk-a-Thon for Technology. They will be taking over for Angie Naylor and Meredith Milbourn.

Thank you ladies for donating your time and talents to the PTO.

A special thank you to the previous chairs of these committees for all their hard work and dedication given to the success of these events.

PTO is proud to announce the formation of several new committees!

The Fingerprinting Committee will offer fingerprinting onsite twice a year to help busy parents meet the requirements of The Archdiocesan Child Protection Decree. Fingerprinting will be offered at the Open House at the beginning of the school year as well as at the second PTO general membership meeting, held in January each year.

WELCOMES AND THANK YOU'S (continued)

The WE CARE Committee is being formed now. If you would be interested in making a meal or providing a food gift card a couple of times a year to a St. John family who is going through a difficult time in some way, please email Carrie Smith at casmith@stjohnbluejays.org. This is a great way to express the caring support of the living Body of Christ here at our school. Watch for more details soon!

PTO Membership

It is still not too late to join the PTO. Your membership dues allow your PTO to do so much for our school, including the Christmas program, teacher appreciation lunches, ice cream treats for Blue Jay Pride awards, Catholic Schools Week events, Special Persons Day, 8th grade trips, 2 high school scholarships, and more!

In addition to all the wonderful things PTO provides for the benefit of the school, we also provide you a student directory and handy PTO notepads.

Also, please remember that in order to be eligible for the 8th grade PTO scholarships (1 boy and 1 girl); your family must be a member.

We will be offering an "Out of Uniform Day" to the grade K-8 with the highest participation. Watch for more details to come.

To join, send your \$10 membership fee to school attn: Linda Threm/Chris Roettker- PTO.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO General Membership Meeting - April 28

Our next PTO General Membership Meeting will be April 28th at 7:00p.m. in the cafeteria. Look for more information to come home in the Blue Jay Folder.

Spring Fling March 26-28, 2010

Spring Fling is a ladies only, kid free weekend that raises money for PTO and lets you get away! This year nearly 300 ladies are getting ready for this fun filled trip to Chicago. We wish you all a safe and relaxing trip!

Consider joining this trip next year. Details will come in September. Lisa Hillman and Jena Richter are our co-chairs for this committee.

BOX TOPS/PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Please continue to turn in any box tops, Campbell's soup labels, and Tyson labels to school. This provides our school with valuable playground equipment and classroom games. The next counting and turn in date is May 4th. All volunteers are appreciated and welcomed.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY APRIL 1, 2010

This event is a way to share our school with each child's grandparent or special person. It is held on Holy Thurs. April 1 and begins at 8:30 with the Living Stations in the church. Students and their guest(s) enjoy breakfast and spending the morning together. MJ Speed and Michelle Burke are our co-chairs for this committee.

EVERYBODY COUNTS - April 12- 23

Students will participate in grade-specific programs to help children understand and accept persons with disabilities. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help this year. Diann Fischesser and Amy Mallory are our co-chairs for this committee.

FIELD DAY - MAY 14

Field day is a fun outdoor day of games for our children. Parents volunteer to help work events, serve snacks, and chaperone classes. If you would like to help with this exciting event, please contact Stephanie Stegmuller or Suzi Roth.

Past Events

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Students enjoyed a fun-filled week to celebrate being a Catholic school united in Christ. PTO provided funding for a sock hop with a DJ. Teachers were treated to a special luncheon while parent volunteers watched the classrooms. A big thank you to our co-chairs Jennifer Hollstegge and Pam McLaughlin for all their hard work and talents in putting this week together.

TEACHER CONFERENCE DINNER

Our teachers enjoyed a home-cooked dinner during the 2nd quarter conferences from the PTO Casserole Committee. Thank you to Lori Bollin and all her parent volunteers for this delicious dinner. It is a wonderful way to thank our teachers for all that they do.

Miscellaneous Information

Uniform Exchange

It's time to clean out your closets of any gently used uniform items. Drop them off anytime during school hours. The uniform exchange is located in the Parent Resource Room around the corner from the school office. This is a **free service** so please help yourself!

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.

2009/10 PTO BOARD

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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

Fingerprinting: Rose Curnutte

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

WE CARE Committee: Carrie Smith

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

We're on the Web

www.stjohnbluejays.org

Find PTO information under the Parents section