

St. Patrick Interparish School Parent Teacher Organization

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<http://www.stpatrickschoolgmv.org/index.php/pto/37-pto-insider>

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Letter from the President...

Dear Parents and Teachers,

We are more than half way through the year and things are going great!

Catholic Schools Week brought such great joy to your PTO Officers who were able to hopefully express our deep gratitude to our teachers and staff for all the guidance, education and love they provide to all of our children. With the help of many fantastic parents/cooks we were able to provide them with two events to express our gratitude.

A reminder to everyone that the deadline for service hours for the 2009 - 2010 school year will be here before you know it. Be sure and update your

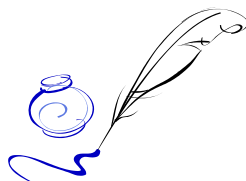
volunteer hours and if you're short we have many opportunities in this newsletter to catch up.

Three PTO Officer positions have to be filled in the upcoming election. Susan Blount who has been the treasurer for 4 years will be stepping down. I would say she has hit term limits and certainly fulfilled any duties expected of her after such a long commitment to this organization. Des Veilleux has filled the position of Secretary for 2 years and has been an integral part of this organization's and growth and improvement over these past 2 years. Her son will be in the 8th grade next year which requires a strong commitment to many activities so she will be stepping down from her position. As President I will have finished my role in this organization at the end of this

school year. Now it is time for some new faces and minds to continue the successfulness of this parent and teacher organization. Please join us, and many more officers before us (50 years worth), that have had the great pleasure of serving St. Pats in such an influential and pivotal way.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy St. Patrick's Day, a safe Spring Break, and blessed Easter holiday!

In Him,
 Orianna Snook-Myers
 2009-2010 PTO President



2009—2010 PTO Committees

Used Uniforms Committee - Contact Cookie Lewis

Lost & Found Committee - needs a coordinator

Pot O' Gold Committee - Contact Rosie Hall to volunteer as

Chairperson for 2010 POG

50th Anniversary Committee - Melissa Orth,

Catherine & Jason West

SCRIP Committee - Contact Pam Worsham

LRC Committee - Contact Elena Mitchell

2009—2010 Advisory Board Committees

Marketing Committee - Contact Bill McKeen & Deanna Uhl

Facilities Committee - Contact Kirstin Stinson

Spiritual Committee - Contact Father David

Finance Committee - Contact Don Niesen

(contact information can be found in your School Handbook/Directory)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick PTO Insider



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Catholic Schools Week Celebrated

Another fantastic week celebrating Catholic Schools Jan 31 - Feb 5. The teachers and staff thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast and luncheon. Hopefully all of you enjoyed your treat bag that was passed out during drop off on Feb 3rd.

Our thanks go out to the many fantastic volunteers that made these events possible:

- Amy Abernathy
- Amy Pagano
- Amy Sweeney
- Barbara Powell
- Belinda Manukin
- Brad O'Hara
- Catherine West
- Cathyann Soloman
- Cindy Cambron-Thorne
- Deborah Lupi
- Elizabeth Rouhani
- Elizabeth Walsh
- Geralyn Ryan
- Karen Pevrin
- Keri Steele

Special thanks and appreciation goes to our sponsors. Your support of these businesses will prove our appreciation:

- Lane Niesen
- Layla Ward
- Maureen Upshaw
- Melissa Pardue
- Nicole Steadmad
- Pam DeMichele
- Sheryl & Rick Eddie
- Staci Williams
- Tami Smith

Tina & Jason Haska
 Theresa Murphy
 and all our other wonderful volunteers who made these events so special.
 If we missed your name, we apologize. Don't forget, you are very much appreciated.

Prayer Requests:

- Father John Phillips for his mother's health
- Mrs. Henehan and her new baby girl! Congratulations.
- Gloria Wessels passing of her grandmother.
- Our students and families who have been struck by the flu.
- For all our families for a safe Spring Break and Easter Holiday.

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OFFICER ELECTIONS

There will be three PTO Officer positions open for election for the 2010 - 2011 school year: Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. Nominations are being accepted and should be e-mailed to

Orianna@emmergroup.com or they can be dropped off in the school office by March 12th. Nominees will be asked to submit a bio to be reproduced and distributed to all members/families. Bios will be due

by March 19th. Voting will take place from April 12th through the 23rd. Ballots will be available before April 12th and can be deposited into the "Ballot Box" in the office from April 12th though April 23rd.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and really make a difference in your child's school. The relationships you will build through this service are priceless. Please consider serving and sign up today!

50th Anniversary Celebration

Save the date!!!

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Touchdown Terrace

The day has come to officially celebrate our great school and its 50 years of superior education based in the faith of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. We have all been looking forward to this celebration and are ready to PARTY with our friends, teachers, staff, alumni and community.

This event won't be possible without your support. Please contact Melissa Orth at orthma@hotmail.com or Catherine and Jason West at catherine@pinkgator.com. You can also sign-up in the school office.

There will be a committee meeting soon, so keep a look out for the date on the school website or in the weekly Principal's Report.



SCRIP - IT'S AS EASY AS 1...2...3

1. You buy it
2. You spend it
3. You save money and support the school!!

SCRIP is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where many of our families already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for St. Pat's and for your self with the "sharing" program that St. Pats provides.

For example a family of four median family budget for groceries is approximately \$7,000 per year. If you purchased Publix SCRIP (they provide the SCRIP at a 3% discount to the school) there is a potential for \$210 in cash to the school and savings to you.

Transportation costs an average of \$2,700 per year. By purchasing Shell gas cards a savings of \$60 can be realized. Dinner and a movie could cost as much as \$100 and the potential savings just for this one night could be as much as \$10. If you get yourself organized accustomed to the SCRIP program you could support the school and reduce your tuition an average \$400 per year.

Pam Worsham and Teresa Rajae are co-coordinating this program. Please make every effort to participate in the SCRIP program. It does nothing but benefit our children and school. It is extremely simple and convenient. Stop by the SCRIP office to learn more.

Here are just a few of the MANY retailers available through the SCRIP Program:



The Breakfast Club

On the first Friday of every month our parents have combined efforts to show their support and love for our fantastic teachers with a delicious breakfast in the two teachers' lounges. Many thanks to our teachers for all they do in educating, inspiring and loving our children. Thank you to Becky Pridgen and her team for providing these fantastic breakfasts.

If you are interested in helping with the next breakfast on Friday, March 12th (due to No school on Friday the 5th), please contact Becky at jcpriid@windstream.net.



BOX TOPS The Success Story Continues....

Mrs. Lawrence's Kindergarten class has done it again! They brought in 835 box tops for the January Box Tops contest and will receive a great surprise for their hard work. Thank you to all our students and families who cut, rip, and tear out box tops and send them in to help St. Pats. It is because of all of you that the school recently received a check for \$1,655. These funds along with the help of the Meuleman Family have been used to purchase a Smart Board for our school.

The opportunities for BONUS Box Tops seem to be endless this month. Get your fingers to clicking on the internet and enter for the following sweepstakes everyday for the next three days:

- *I Love My School* sweepstakes earns 1,000 box tops for 28 schools



- *Fruit Rolls Ups Scoop Up Bonus Box Tops* could win St Pats 10,000 to 30,000 in Box Tops.



GO TO

www.boxtops4education.com and click on all the three links to register daily. We only have 3 days left!

- *Pillsbury Sweepstakes for 50,000 Box Tops*



CHANGE OF DATE - NEXT PTO MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010 AT 6:00PM

St. Pat's Polo Shirts FOR SALE!!

You may have seen a few parents showing their school spirit with their St. Pats Polo. If you are interested in picking one up just stop by the PTO/SCRIP office to look at the different styles and colors and to submit your order with payment. Styles include: 100% cotton Cotton/poly blend Dry-Weave Colors include:

Black, White, Silver, or Pink These shirts will be custom embroidered (at no extra charge) and can say: St. Patrick Panthers St. Patrick School St. Patrick Mom St. Patrick Dad St. Patrick Alumnus or whatever you like! The polos are being purchased at cost with the funds collected with preorders, so



It is official!! Amy Pagano will be handing over who position as Chair of the Box Tops Committee to Jennifer Tucker for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Jennifer will be working closely with Amy over these last few months of the school year to learn the ropes and gather as much of Amy's superior knowledge of this great fundraiser as possible.

Please join your PTO Officers in thanking Amy Pagano for all her hard work to make this program so successful. Please also join us in celebrating Jennifer Tucker (a new St Pat parent) and her willingness to serve our great school in this way. Jennifer can be contacted at jmande08@yahoo.com.

payment is required when you make the order. Thank you for your support and helping show your school spirit along with a little bit of advertising!
There are also tumblers, spirit t-shirts and lunch boxes for sale in the PTO/SCRIP office for immediate purchase. Stop buy and pick up your favorite item today!
NEW MAGNETS COMING SOON!!!!!!!!!!