

**St. Patrick
Interparish Parent
Teacher Organization**

Welcome Back!

Welcome to all of our NEW St. Patrick's families...
Welcome back to our returning families!

Important To-do Items

- * Mandatory parent meeting August 29
- * First PTO meeting September 13
- * Attend Protecting God's Children
- * Complete fingerprinting and background check
- * Sign up for the Pot 'O Gold
- * Clip BoxTops for September collection campaign

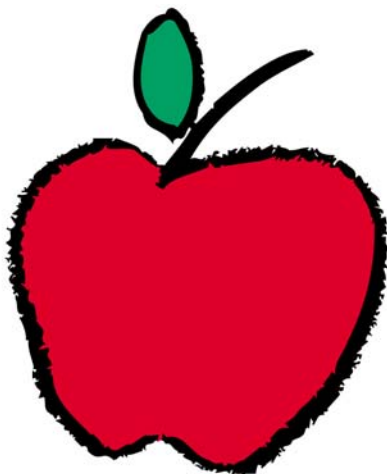
We pray for blessings for our students, teachers, staff, parents, principal and pastors for an exciting and fun-filled year with great academic challenges and successes. May the Lord bless us all!

First PTO Meeting

Our first PTO meeting for the 2011/2012 school year will be **Tuesday, September 13 at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Childcare will be provided.

Show your support for the school by attending this meeting. It is a great way to reconnect with old families and welcome our new families. You'll have a chance to learn about all the wonderful ways you can contribute to make this an amazing year for our school.

Details regarding several upcoming events will be provided and opportunities to sign-up to help out.



2011/2012 PTO Meeting Dates (all at 6pm)

Tuesday, September 13

Thursday, October 27

Thursday, January 19

Tuesday, March 20

Thursday, May 10

Pot O' Gold Annual Fall Festival

The Pot O' Gold
will be Saturday,
November 12.

This is a fun St. Pat's tradition that the students look forward to each year. It is a great opportunity for our families and friends to spend the day together.

There are also many opportunities to help out and fulfill many, if not all, volunteer hours.

We really need the wisdom and experience of our veteran families in particular to lead the charge. The date is fast approaching. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or any of the specific coordinators, please contact Julie Bokor at jbokor@ufl.edu.



Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Chairperson
- Co-Chairperson
- Classroom Booths Coordinator
- Homeroom Parents to coordinate Classroom Booth
- Classroom Basket Coordinator
- Homeroom Parents to coordinate Classroom Basket
- T-shirt Coordinator
- Entertainment/Talent Coordinator
- Sponsors
- Raffle
- Tickets coordinator

BoxTops for Education



BoxTops for Education was a great success for St. Pat's last year. Together we collected over 17,000 BoxTops and earned the school \$1,731. Keep clipping those BoxTops and be on the lookout for bonus BoxTops.

Invite grandparents and neighbors to collect them as well. Each little pink rectangle is worth 10¢ to our school.

We will have a collection campaign in September. Who will be the winning class this time? The 'Back to School' BoxTop campaign will begin September 1. There will individual and classroom prizes.

For more information about BTFE as well as earning eBoxTops for St. Pat's, visit

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
Helping to process the BoxTops for

each classroom is an excellent way to earn volunteer hours. If you would like to be the BoxTop liaison for your student's homeroom, please contact Julie Bokor at jbokor@ufl.edu.



Labels Everywhere!



Keep collecting Campbell's and Tyson labels as well.

We will have more information about these labels at the first meeting as well as Coke Rewards and CapriSun.



Protecting God's Children and Fingerprinting/Background

Volunteering in your student's classroom is a fantastic opportunity. However, in accordance with the policy of our Diocese, all adults must first complete the Protecting God's Children training as well as complete fingerprinting and a background check. Fingerprinting/background must be repeated every five years.

A schedule of classes is available through the Diocese of Saint

Augustine website. The next two offerings at St. Augustine Parish and Catholic Student Center are:

- Tuesday, August 30, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 14, 6:30pm

See Staci in the front office for more information about registering for the class and obtaining materials for fin-

gerprinting and background check.

The sooner you can get this done, the better. It **must** be completely processed before you will be allowed to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone a field trip.

PTO Insider

St. Patrick Interparish Parent Teacher Organization

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We're on the St. Pat's
website:

www.stpatrickschoolgnv.org/

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Welcome back from the President...

We often look at the new year as starting on January 1, but with children in our lives, the new year more often relates to the start of a new school year. Resolutions to study more, make the soccer team, get to school on time, etc. As we embark on a new year, there are new and exciting adventures that lie ahead for our St. Pat's family.

We welcome new students, new parents, and new teachers and have the opportunity to start fresh and make the 2011/2012 school year the best ever.

In order to do this, we need all parents, teachers, and students to contribute their time and talent. There are many opportunities to do this: Pot O' Gold, BoxTops, Catholic Schools Week, Gala, Family Nights, Candy sales, Homeroom parent, Lunchroom

assistant, Chess club, Breakfast Club, plus more. It is impossible to get any of it done without parents or with only just a few. We need everyone to help out with at least one major event. The more involved you are, the more everyone gains.

The PTO officers are very excited about the upcoming year. We want to facilitate communication and welcome your great ideas and suggestions. Shortly, there will be a beautifully wrapped box placed in the office and at the meetings for kudos and concerns. This will be a place for you to drop off your thoughts while they are fresh in your mind.

Likewise, there will be a box specifically for the teachers to address their needs and suggestions for the school.

The PTO meetings will hopefully be

more enticing with guest speakers and fun family night events. Child-care is also provided for each meeting.

I ask for all of your help and prayers as I charge forward with my term as president of your PTO. Together, I know we can do great things, continue long-standing traditions, and perhaps start a new one or two.

All my best for a fantastic new year!

Julie Bokor