

April 2010

PTO NEWS

A Newsletter for the Parents & Teachers of St. Mary School

Many, many thanks

to...The Staff Hospitality Committee & everyone else who donated food &/or time for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Room Parents for decorating teachers doors for Teacher Appreciation Day (& for everything else they do!).

EVERYONE who supported Winterfest. If you donated, coordinated, transported, decorated, shoveled (snow), baked (desserts), attended, stuffed (envelopes), worked (at the event), cleaned (up), set up, made a bid, bought an item... thank you!!!!

Karol Hellmann & Christine Bell for coordinating the Day of Reflection & to Linder Hunt for providing breakfast.

Debbie Kennedy, Pam Savage, Catherine Gavin & the many other people who gave time, talent or supplies to another very well attended Family Art Night. Also to Sarah Williams for providing drinks & snacks!

Maureen Hickert for a great job bringing back the PTO Fish Fry. Thanks to everyone who volunteered (on a Friday night!) to make it happen!

Mrs. Savard & her crew: Mrs. McAuliffe, Mrs. Reker-Murphy, Mrs. Levine, Mrs. Caster, Mrs. Gorman & Mrs. Stuhldreher for working with the children on another terrific Jr. Theater production! **Thank you - it couldn't happen without you!**

From the President

Easter & Spring break seemed so far away — yet already they're behind us & we're in the midst of the sprint through spring to the end of another school year!

The PTO board slate was approved for the 2010/2011 school year: Maureen Lintz (President Elect) - 3 year term; Barb Frey (Recording Secretary), Lila Murray (Public Relations Secretary) & Amy Osterman (Treasurer) - 2 year terms. Interested in becoming more familiar or involved with the PTO? Please consider attending monthly board meetings!

Some other things...

Look for a year-end synopsis of PTO activities & financials in the May newsletter.

PTO scholarships to two graduating 8th graders will be increased to \$1,000 each (from \$500 each).

Proceeds from the Original Works fundraiser (\$2,500) have been given to the art department to help purchase classroom supplies.

The PTO purchased playground items for students to use during recess (\$366).

Photo storage boxes to organize & protect SMS photo archives are being purchased (\$300).

Blessings to students (& their families) who are preparing for 1st Communion & Confirmation! - Kathy

Please update your directory with the following email change:

Karen & Tim Schroeder
Gina, grade 7
kuschroeder@cinci.rr.com

"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Flower pick up	4/29
PTO meeting	
1:30 pm, Seton Center	5/3
Spring Fling	
6:30 pm, Robish Hall	5/6
Cici's Pizza Night	
(1st Thurs. of month)	5/6
Market Day pick up	5/13
Papa John's Night	
(3rd Thurs. of month)	5/20

Try some new healthy recipes this spring...

This month The Wellness Committee offers a few sites where healthy recipes can be found. Search with key words or ingredients and come up with a healthy version of a classic or find a new taste altogether!

www.sparkrecipes.com My personal new favorite website! Browse healthy and delicious recipes submitted by our more than **6.5 million members** and share your own. Plus, the recipe calculator gives you the calories, fat and nutrition info for every recipe on the site!

www.eatingwell.com An outstanding site based on Eating Well Magazine featuring healthy recipes and menus along with plans, news, and information to meet all your healthy eating needs. WHERE GOOD TASTE MEETS GOOD HEALTH!

www.wholeliving.com Offers several topics, one of which is healthy eating. This is one of Martha Stewarts ventures that aims and taking care of ALL of you, including how you eat.

www.cookinglight.com Need I say more? It's the old favorite, now online and readily available to meet the needs of people working to eat lighter and healthier. Full of great recipes that taste delicious. Tried and true.