

May 2010

PTO NEWS

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

Have a great summer!

Best wishes to Miss Danneman & Mrs. McBrayer - you will be missed! Thank you to PTO Committee Chairs & committee members - too many things to mention would go undone without you (such as the Spring Fling, Spring Flower Sale, Outdoor Beautification & healthy living advice from our Wellness Committee)! To so many who have chaired Bid-N-Buy parties - thanks for a fun time & for all you've given to put on some great events. Gratitude to outgoing PTO board members: Beth Murray, Rose Lytle, Julie Snyder & John Capannari. One last thanks - thank you to all of you who have already committed to fill all kinds of volunteer roles when we return in August! This month includes a year-end synopsis of PTO activities & financials (through mid May). Have a healthy & happy summer! ~ Kathy

FUNDRAISING:

Grocery Program... \$7,000 income (year to date)
PTO dues... \$7,407 income
Sally Foster Wrapping Paper... \$1,435 income
Uniform/Spirit Wear... \$1,657 income (year to date)
Restaurant Funds (coordinated by PTO public relations secretary)... \$518 income
Spring Flower Sale... \$907 income
School Supply Sale... \$1,514 income
Market Days... \$1,061 income (year to date)
Bumper Sticker magnets... \$68 income
Cookbook... \$1,043 income
Cincinnati Bell (coordinated by PTO public relations secretary)... \$2,170 income
Focus Group... \$350 income

GIFTS GIVEN:

Scholarships to graduating 8th graders... \$2,000 expense budgeted (not yet paid)
Graduation... \$330 expense (year to date)
ISSE... \$100 expense
Memorial Gifts (donation made to Annual Fund)... \$75 expense
Crossing Guards... \$80 expense (not yet paid)

FACULTY/STAFF:

Classroom Preparations (to teachers)... \$5,265 expense
Teacher Birthdays... \$295 expense (year to date)
Teacher Stipends (continuing education)... \$590 expense
Christmas Fund (coordinated by PTO auditor)
Coffee (Faculty Lounge)... \$578 expense
Christmas Lunch (hosted by Staff Hospitality Committee)... \$495 expense
Staff Appreciation Lunch (hosted by Staff Appreciation Committee)
Teacher Conference Dinner (hosted by Staff Appreciation Committee)
May Day Flowers (Staff Appreciation Committee)... \$94 expense
Principal parking sign... \$450 expense

*Free family things to do
this summer:*

*Eat a meal together
(preferably on a
blanket, on the grass!)*

*Catch fireflies in a jar
& then let them go.*

*Compliment each other
on a deed or a quality.*

*Ride bikes or take a
walk.*

Roast marshmallows.

*Have a family game
night.*

*Hug them & tell them
you love them!*

SCHOOL HOSPITALITY:

Classroom Parties (coordinated by Room Parents)... \$1,329 expense (year to date)

Catholic Schools Week (Open House, Friends & Family for Lunch - hosted by CSW Committee)... \$612 expense

Family Art Night (hosted by Hospitality Committee)... \$145 expense

Sept. Mtgs. (Kindergarten Orientation, Meet the Teachers, New Parent - hosted by Hospitality Committee)... \$49 expense

PTO RELATED:

Calendar (coordinated by PTO president)... \$1,750 expense

Directory (coordinated by PTO vice president)... \$907 expense

PTO Supplies (copy paper)... \$599 expense (year to date)

Committee Chair meeting... \$100 expense budgeted

Joint Board meeting... \$75 expense budgeted

Bank Fees... \$12

Organization (storage bins for PTO tablecloths)... \$58 expense

Spring Fling (May Dinner)... \$939 income (year to date)

SCHOOL RELATED:

Hotline... \$1,500 expense

Copy Machine... \$900 expense

Cafeteria Computer (maintenance)... \$795 expense

Cafeteria (trays & steamer lids)... \$1,000 expense

Recess playground equipment... \$366 expense

Library Books & Magazines... \$292 expense (year to date)

Accelerated Reader... \$300 expense

Organization (photo boxes for SMS photo archives)... \$300 expense

Grants/Corporate Sponsors Committee

Volunteer Staff: White Envelope, Cafeteria Workers, Playground Monitors

SERVICE COMMITTEES:

Outdoor Beautification... \$251 expense

Day of Reflection... \$230 expense

Senior Bingo... \$210 expense

Home Prayer Program... \$229 expense

Fish Fry... \$581 income

Santa's Workshop... \$72 expense

Green Committee

Wellness Committee

Family Mentoring Committee

EDUCATION RELATED:

Family Art Night... \$265 expense

Picture Person... \$250 expense budgeted (not yet paid)

Original Works... \$2,500 income (benefitted art department for additional project/equipment)

School Garden... \$572 start up expense

Red Cross Babysitting & On Our Own Classes, October & June (coordinated by PTO president elect)

Current checking account balance: \$10,411.91

From our Wellness Committee:

As we wrap up the school year, we welcome all the Farmer's Markets which are beginning to fill with seasonal produce and we encourage you to support them. Here are some websites that you might find helpful if you won't be growing your own produce this summer...don't forget that the LINKS are available on the PTO Website.

<http://www.thenibble.com/reviews/nutri/glossary.asp> Want to know what Organic, Local, or Sustainable refers to? This is a handy 7-page glossary of organic food terms.

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/healthy-eating/eat-safe/Save-on-Sustainable-Gallery-44032808> Can't buy organic all the time? This site lists the Clean 15 and the Dirty Dozen--fruits and vegetables that are usually safe from pesticides or not when conventional farming is used.

<http://www.localharvest.org/> The best organic food is what's grown closest to you. Use this website to find farmers' markets, family farms, CSA's, and other sources of sustainably grown food in your area.

<http://www.locavore365.org/> This is a free site which enables people to find or advertise locally produced food. Enter your zip code to find FREE items up for grabs as well as for sale.

<http://orv.naturesgardendelivered.com/> This site offers home delivery of local and organic produce.