

# PTO NEWS

October 2009

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

## Message from the President

Fall is in the air . . . or so my allergies are telling me! Fall hopefully means that we've all settled into the new school year and are looking forward to the holiday season! Never a dull moment or a sane one! With everything going on in our personal lives, it's amazing how much time our volunteers give to **SMS**. On behalf of the **PTO**, I thank each of you for your devotion of time and talents! **Beth**

## PTO Meeting

### Highlights

The **PTO** is hard at work. At our meeting, we approved the following:

\* Our new fundraiser, **OriginalWorks**, chaired by **Ann Howard** is underway. The proceeds from this fundraiser will all be given to the Art Department.

\* The **PTO** contributed \$1000.00 to the purchase of the new trays and hot table lids in the cafeteria.

\* Masterpieces is now the official name of the **PTO** booth at FunFest.

The **PTO** meets the first Monday of each month at 1:30pm in the Seton Center unless otherwise noted in the calendar.

## Grocery Program

The **Grocery Program** is off to a great start, but still needs everyone's help. Last month

27 families used their Kroger cards and earned \$402.60 for the **PTO**! The **PTO** earns 4% for every \$5,000. We need more families to participate. With the holidays coming, remember to reload your cards or use bigg's certificates! It's a really easy way for the **PTO** to earn money. **Cate O'Brien**, **Michele Semona** and **Susan Leonardi** administer the program and are happy to answer any questions.

## Masterpieces Update

**Doug and Laurie Frueh** agreed to head up **Masterpieces** again! If you have an idea or want to work with a certain grade, let the **Frueh's** know.

## Winterfest

The **Winterfest Committee** met recently and are well on their way to organizing a great event. Mark your calendars NOW for **Winterfest**! This new event will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Robisch Hall. It's an adult only party that will include an auction, entertainment, adult beverages and food! Look for flyers in the White Envelope requesting donations. **Kathy Masraum** is collecting for the school and parish! **Beth Murray** is working on business donations. Do you know someone who owns a business and may be willing to donate? Let **Beth** know! The personal touch works!

## Directory Updates

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There is no longer a Bid N Buy Committee. Masterpieces is chaired by **Doug and Laurie Frueh**.

## Fundraising Events

Don't forget to order for **Market Day**! Be sure to order through the White Envelope or online.

**Papa John's** Night is the third Thursday of each month. We receive 20% of purchases that evening. Just mention SMS when ordering! If you would like a **Papa John's** coupon packet, call **John Capannari**. The packets are \$10 and are full of great coupons!

**Friday's** donates 20% of your entire order on any day of the month. Just give them your **Friday's** coupon available online at [www.smsbp.com](http://www.smsbp.com) or in the office. **CiCi's Pizza** in

Norwood is the first Thursday of the month! If you have an idea for a restaurant fundraiser, please call **John** at 924.1221.

Check out the **Cookbook** flyer in the White Envelope!

Thinking about a new cell phone for the holidays or as a gift for someone? Cincinnati Bell has created a program called **CB Learn**. The **PTO** earns money when you register your already existing line with **CB Learn** or when you register a new phone! Forms are available in the office or by calling **John Capannari**.

### *Wellness Websites*

Welcome to the new **Wellness Committee** column. A new topic will be visited each month and we hope that you will find these websites a great resource in your quest for various aspects of wellness. This month the new food allergy policy will be rolled out at school and we thought that would be a great topic to address. Hope to see you out there surfing . . .

1. [The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network](http://www.foodallergy.org) – [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org). For all-inclusive information on the world of food allergies, check out FAAN, the national organization established for the sole purpose of setting forth the A-Z of food allergies. This site assists the newly diagnosed, those seeking education and understanding, educators, friends, and families of someone with food allergies. Legislative updates are provided as well.

2. [American Academy of Allergy, Asthma &](http://www.aaaai.org)

[Immunology](http://www.aaaai.org) – [www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org). Under the “patients and consumers” section, the site provides the elements of allergies and asthma. Resources are wide in range, such as an allergy and asthma “interactive symptom checker” as well as expert opinions on how to proceed in certain allergy and asthma scenarios. Information on HINI is also available.

3. [American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology](http://www.acaai.org) – [www.acaai.org](http://www.acaai.org). This site offers public information and education on choosing an allergist/immunologist as well as Home allergy management and current issues.

4. [Food Allergy Initiative](http://www.foodallergyinitiative.org) – [www.foodallergyinitiative.org](http://www.foodallergyinitiative.org). In addition to an overview of food allergies in terms of management and living with, this site provides updates of food allergy research and efforts in clinical settings.

5. [Food Allergy Awareness Support & Training, Inc.](http://www.faastcincy.org) – [www.faastcincy.org](http://www.faastcincy.org). Visit this site for meeting information on the local food allergy awareness, support and training group that serves Greater Cincinnati.

### *Calendar Corrections*

The **PTO** calendar is prepared and printed over the summer. Sometimes dates change. We apologize for any confusion; here are a few to double check.

\* Boys’ basketball tryouts are 10/24 and 10/25.

\* NO Brown Bag lunch is scheduled for 10/28.

\* Terra Nova is not in November – it was already held!

\* The Paddle Party is 11/21 at 7:00 at Cincinnati Country Club.

### *Kudos Korner*

A huge thank you to the following volunteers:

**Kristina Baldwin and the Green Committee** for spearheading the Capri Sun recycling project!

**Regina Yearout** for chairing the Sally Foster wrapping paper and cookie dough sale! Remember to pick up your order next month.

All of the cafeteria volunteers who continue to serve our children!

**Kathy Masraum** for organizing the “On Our Own” and Red Cross Babysitting classes!

### *Upcoming Events*

**10/22** – On Our Own Class at 6:30 pm in Seton Center

**10/24** – Red Cross Babysitting Class

**10/31** – Halloween

**11/1** – Daylight Savings Ends

**11/2** – PTO Board Meeting

**11/3** – Election Day

**11/5** – Market Day Pick Up and CiCi’s Pizza Night

**11/6** – Spiritwear Day

**11/7** – Art Party @ Miller Gallery – 7:00pm

**11/9** – School Photo Retakes

**11/11** – VETERAN’S DAY ASSEMBLY @ 10am.

**11/13** – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester