

PTO NEWSLETTER

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St. Pius X School
Parent & Teacher Organization

President's Message

Kriste Mossman

Success: the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted.

As I look back on this school year, our Parent-Teacher Organization has had success in all facets of its operations. We have assisted our school staff by providing resources for the classrooms and funding for professional development. We have enhanced the lives of our students by funding technology needs and sponsoring enrichment events. We have provided a network of volunteers who shared their time and talent for the various programs and events we have at our school. Our accomplishments are due to numerous parents who have supported PTO throughout the school year. Thank you all for everything you have done to ensure a successful and rewarding year!

Last week, PTO approved the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Monies raised during this school year were allocated for next year's budget. PTO budgets approximately \$40,000 for routine items like staff start-up supplies, school events, school level funding, staff development and cultural programs just to name a few. We also plan for new items and programs that will benefit our children and school community. This year, we budgeted about \$52,000 on new items that included:

- Two Smart Boards for the new classrooms
- Nine classroom computers
- Young Hoosier books for the media center
- One Classroom Participation System (CPS), otherwise known as a clicker system, that can be checked out by the teachers to use in their classrooms
- Equipment/supplies for the renovation
- Equipment for the new parent room
- One Call Now System (the automated phone message system that can be utilized in the event of an emergency or weather-related school closings)
- Expansion of the recycling program that will allow us to co-mingle recyclables
- Painting of Ross Hall and the kitchen
- Playground enhancements

Upcoming PTO Events

- **Kindergarten Ice Cream Social** (for all K families) Sun, Aug 9
- **Welcome Back Coffee** (come all for fellowship) Thur, Aug 13
- **SPX Ice cream social** (for students...to volunteer contact Sue Kempf) Fri, Aug 14

For the complete 2009-2010 PTO budget, please refer to the PTO section of www.Edline.net.

Finally, PTO would like to acknowledge and thank **Mr. Ted Caron** for his leadership and dedication over the last 3 years as our principal. He has been a constant supporter of our organization and an enthusiast of technology advancements and professional development in our school community. We are grateful for the many improvements of our school under Mr. Caron's guidance. We wish him the very best!

PTO Mission

The St. Pius X Parent & Teacher Organization exists to support St. Pius X's school staff and administration by providing resources to enrich the academic, spiritual, physical, and emotional development of our children. The organization provides a volunteer network committed to supporting a Catholic based education. PTO provides an open forum for discussion and communication of issues and needs relative to school families.

THANK YOU to our outgoing PTO Exec Officers!

Laurie McCormick, thank you for giving so much these last 3 years to the PTO, school & parish. We look forward to seeing you in your next role!

Lynn Donnelly, thank you for all your special notes, prayers, & organizational skills when handling the PTO Exec's communications. This is truly a gift.

PTO Executive Committee

President	<i>Kriste Mossman</i>
President Elect	<i>Heather Douglas</i>
Vice President	<i>Tracy Murphy</i>
Treasurer	<i>Tracy Nondorf</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Kelly Stehlik</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Lynn Donnelly</i>
Past President	<i>Laurie McCormick</i>

All school registration, PTO membership & directorv. and PTO volunteer sign-up sheets are due no later than Friday, May 30

Each year talented, energetic, & organized parents volunteer countless hours to run our many events each year. We give special thanks to the chairs that led these events this past year. You demonstrate amazing support to your team and to the school. Thanks so much!

- Kindergarten Orientation, *Noelle King*
- Welcome Back Coffee, *Mary Ellen Dickmeyer & Rosanne Eichholtz*
- Ice Cream Social, *Sue Kempf*
- Spell-a-thon, *Tracy Sanders & Andrea Link*
- Trivia Nights, *Amy & Kevin Beausir*
- Everybody Counts, *Terri Brumleve & Jacqueline Morone*
- Veteran's Day Reception, *Kelli Hoffman*
- Middle School Party, *Anne Godlevske*
- Hobby Show, *Shelly Lindley*
- Math Mania, *Eileen Countryman, Sarah Terrell & Ms. Vanessa Prickel*
- Winter Carnival, *Marcella Burnell, Amy Clark & Dawn Koers*
- Bowling Party, *Chrissy Didat*
- Book Fair, *Nancy Cotten*
- 7th Grade Dad's Dinner, *Debbie Wooldridge*
- Flower Sale, *Kathy Calvert & Ann Kellison*
- New Family Mentor Night, *Eileen Countryman & Edie Witchger*

Peggy Kline Award.....

Many parents have never even heard of this award that is given out each year from the PTO. *Peggy Kline* was one of PTO's most amazing volunteer. In 2002, the PTO added this award in her name to honor other amazing SPX parent volunteers like *Peggy*.

Nominees must have had children in SPX all K-8 grades, go above and beyond in a loving manner, and have their last child in 8th grade at SPX. The current 8th grade parents vote to select the winner from available nominees. This years winner will be announced at the 8th grade graduation.

8th grade Scholarships...

The PTO offers 1-2 scholarships per year to very special students toward their catholic high school tuition. The 8th grade student's write an essay after attending their class retreat to St. Meinrad. *Mrs. Desautels and Mrs. Taber* evaluate these leadership essays to help choose the winner(s). This year, two scholarship winners will be announced at the 8th grade graduation.

Update your calendar now to meet our new Principal, *Mr. Bill Herman...Tuesday, June 16 at 7pm in the parish.*

New Family Mentor Night Update

Eileen Countryman and Edie Witchger

The New Family Mentor Night on Tuesday, May 13th was a huge success! We want to give a big thank you to all of the Mentor Families from SPX. YOU make this special night possible. The mentor families offer support, answer questions, and provide such a comfort to the new families. Next year, we will have approximately 25 new families joining our SPX family. Thanks again to all of the mentor families and committee chairs who gave their time, talent and efforts to make these families feel so welcome in our community.

The PTO has numerous committees that provide volunteer services throughout the entire school year and over the summer break. Your endless support for SPX is phenomenal. We thank all the volunteers who have supported these ongoing programs. Special thanks to the chairs of these committees for 2008-2009!

- Back-to-School Supplies, *Kristen Quarto*
- Playground Equipment, *Steve Ferguson*
- Recycling Program, *Julie Dunn*
- Staff Appreciation Lunches, *Susan Wolfla*
- School Directory, *Mary Weaver & Marilyn Fagan*
- School Lunch, *Kathleen Prechtel, Robin Hensley, Becky Klee & Anne Hurley*
- Scrip, *Mary Walsh & Cara Chamberlain*
- SPX-tras, *Judi Willem*

Welcome new PTO Executives!

Heather Douglas

Special thanks to *Laurie McCormick* and the Nominating Committee (which included: *Mike Dunn*-past VP, *Aileen Adams, Sally Ferguson, Dawn Koers, & Leisa Smith*-past treasurer) for locating key parents willing to work hard to help make our PTO and SPX the best it can be! At the May PTO general meeting, members elected the following to serve in their new roles for PTO:

President Elect: *Cathy Nickerson*...Cathy & husband, Scott, have 4 daughters attending SPX. Sarah is in 6th grade, Margaret 4th, Katie 3rd, and Elaine K. Cathy has been extremely involved with SPX since their oldest began school. Whether she is leading girl scouts, math games, Kindergarten learning centers, or serving as nurse, hot lunch crew, take home envelope stuffer, liaison Mom, open house tour guide, New Family Mentor, or in more involved roles in Hobby Show, SCRIP, SCRIP-to-go, Auction acquisitions committee, Spell-a-thon...Cathy enjoys helping in any capacity she can. Her hobbies include reading, sewing, family time, running & sprint triathlons, & photo album updating.

Treasurer Elect: *Amy Murray*...Amy & husband, Patrick, have 3 children. Drew 2nd and Abby K are at SPX, while youngest Jack is 4 yrs old and attends Peter Panda preschool. Amy has been involved with many classroom volunteering activities at SPX. She led Math Games for 1st & 2nd grade and is currently a room mom in Mrs. Tierney's K class. Amy even headed Scrip-to-go for a year. After attending Purdue University to receive her degree in special education, she was the chapter advisor of her sorority. Amy works part-time and enjoys reading and gardening.

Corresponding Secretary: *Dave Adams*...Dave & wife, Aileen, have 4 children. Max is freshman at Cathedral HS, Owen 7th, Annabelle 5th, & Luke 2nd at SPX. They moved from All Saints School in Jupiter, FL to SPX within the last 2 years. Dave is very active in his parishes by coaching, scout leading, lecturing, or attending Men's retreat groups like CRHP. Recently, Dave served the school/parish by volunteering on the New Principal Search Committee. His hobbies include Notre Dame football, pilates/yoga, politics, & spending time with Aileen and the kids.