

PTO NEWSLETTER

St. Pius X Parent & Teacher Organization

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President's Message Heather Douglas

Upcoming PTO Events for 2009

- ◆ PTO Meeting
10/8/09 9am
- ◆ Everybody Counts
10/15/09
- ◆ "Blue Jeans & Bling"
Dinner/Dance/
Auction
11/7/09
- ◆ Veteran's Day
Mass &
Reception
11/11/09

PLEASE NOTE:
PTO GEN. MTG. TIME
CHANGE TO 9 AM

PTO Executive Committee 2009-2010

President	Heather Douglas
President-Elect	Cathy Nickerson
Vice-President	Tracy Murphy
Treasurer	Tracy Nondorf
Treasure-Elect	Amy Murray
Recording Secretary	Kelly Stehlik
Corresponding Secretary	Dave Adams
Past President	Kriste Mossman

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a fabulous start. Even before the students arrived at school, the parent volunteers were already preparing for the upcoming PTO programs & events.

- **School supplies** were delivered to SPX students, as well as over \$460 donated to St. Philip Neri for school supplies
- **Kindergarteners** were welcomed with an **ice cream social**, classroom orientation, & school scavenger hunt. **Grades 1-8** enjoyed sundaes on Day 2 of school.
- **Hot lunch leaders** were setting their crews & meals & ordering supplies
- Our **scrip crews** spent some summer weekends selling at masses & processing online orders
- **Welcome Back Coffee** on the 1st day had a huge turnout. New this year, info & signup for PTO events, plus **scrip & spirit wear** were sold here too.
- The principal, **Bill Herman**, met with numerous **PTO chairs & executive members** to prepare for the year and assist with the various programs.
- **Teachers and staff** purchased **start-up supplies, literature books, & new technology** using PTO funds

SPX parents are known for their volunteerism and community spirit. It takes everyone's help and expertise to run and organize our many programs. If you are not currently volunteering, please contact me to see how you can help...some prefer behind the scenes while others prefer much interaction...in any case it is fun, memorable, and a great way to mingle with other parents like yourself.

PTO Dollars Hard at Work

- Over \$94,000 budgeted for the 2009-2010 school year
- \$42,000 to support routine school programs such as supporting teachers, PTO grant fund, playground upkeep, etc
- \$52,000 towards special school items:
 - ✓ \$8,300 painting of Ross Hall
 - ✓ \$2,700 clicker system
 - ✓ \$6,300 9 new computers
 - ✓ \$3,500 new playground equipment
 - ✓ \$5,000 equipment & supplies for renovation
 - ✓ \$7,500 2 smart boards



New playground equipment to be added soon!

SPELL-A-THON SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

Tracy Sanders



Time has been “buzzing” by and it is hard to believe that the 2009 Spell-A-Thon has once again hit the history books! Speaking of history...Did you know?

- ✓ Spell-A-Thon is the only PTO *student*-driven fundraiser?
- ✓ The student body has raised over \$100,000.00 for the school in four years?

This year, we collected over \$23,000.00! Amazing... Isn't it? The amount of money collected is amazing; but the enthusiasm, drive, and determination displayed by the students is really what makes this event REMARKABLE! Keep the drive alive St. Pius... we'll “Bee” back next year!



Faculty grab-for-cash



SPX Biennial Dinner, Dance, Auction is November 7th at the K of C. Reservations will begin mid-October. Come and have some fun!!

Gift Gathering Socials are in full swing. Thanks to the party hosts, the volunteers working on the auction, and to SPX Religious Education families for their support. We could not put on an event like this without such generous volunteer and community support.

The auction team is gathering some exciting items! Please come bid on a variety of silent and live auction items, and enjoy friends old and new while supporting our parish and school at this parish-wide event.

“Bling it on!”

Jennifer Mitchell, Debbie Wooldridge, Mary Schilling-Sims and the “Blue Jeans and Bling” Dinner, Dance, Auction Team

Please Continue Your Support of Scrip!!

SCRIP is FREE MONEY!

Easy way to contribute to SPX: spend money you would normally (groceries, gas, restaurants) and let those stores and restaurants give money to SPX!

This is THE GIFT THAT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

If every family purchased their groceries and/or gas using SCRIP cards, we could earn \$40,000 or more!

You can support SCRIP in four ways:

1. order online by Sun night and have your cards delivered home Thursday with your student
2. purchase from SCRIP-TO-GO inside school on Friday mornings
3. purchase cards from the parish office Tuesday-Thursday
4. watch for special SCRIP-TO-GO sales Friday afternoons in the parking lot

Order SCRIP and be entered in a monthly raffle. September's winner will receive a \$25 Best Buy card.

For any questions, or to help, contact Stephanie Van Horn at 569-0223 or scripgirl@gmail.com

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.

