

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO "SAM"
Everything You Wanted To Know
Week of January 11, 2010

Last night's PTC meeting was a great opportunity to inform our families of all the progress we have made this year and what we have planned for the future. Here is a brief overview of the meeting topics:

- **5 Year Plan Update**
 - Spanish Curriculum: parents will be sent an information sheet and survey regarding the impact/goal/purpose of developing a Spanish curriculum for grades K-4. Please complete the survey by Wednesday, January 27th.
 - Marketing: we have been working hard to get the word out about SJF School to potential families. Our open house is on Thursday, January 21st at 6:30pm and family tours are Friday, January 22nd from 9-11:30am.
 - Schoolwide Learning Expectations: the faculty has updated the Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's), the foundation to what we teach here at SJF, to make them more assessable. You can find the new SLE's attached to the SAM this week. Please let me know if you have any feedback.
- Auction Recap: Overall net proceeds from the auction were \$98,432, plus \$16,900 for tuition assistance! We are beginning to plan for the 2010-2011 auction and if you are interested in helping, please contact Kristin Spear (mom of Wilkins in Kindergarten).
- PTC Budget Update: With higher auction results, the PTC budget is sound.
- PTC Survey Results: There were 152 survey responses to our PTC budget survey. From those comments, there was an overwhelming response to NOT serve dinner at our meetings. The decision on who should cover the cost of field trips was less clear. For this current school year, the PTC will cover the cost of field trips, but were utilizing our parent drivers (versus buses which are cost prohibitive) to help keep expenses down. With regards to fundraising efforts, we will be focusing more on our larger fundraisers and getting rid of some of our smaller fundraisers (Entertainment Books and Portland Ornament). There were many great suggestions for other fundraising opportunities. If you have a passion for a particular fundraising opportunity, please contact Kristen Meneghello.
- Family Volunteer Hour Update: Don't forget to put your logged hours in the FVH box in the school office. The 30 FVH requirement for the current school year must be met by March 31st to avoid the per hour charge.
- Rebate Reward Coordinator: We are looking for an individual to help promote some of the "silent" ways we earn money (bottle collection at Thriftway, PACE, etc.). If this sounds appealing to you, please contact a PTC board member or myself.
- Online Auction: We will be running an online silent auction from February 26th through March 5th. Look for more details to come!
- Men's Club Update: If you have not come in our building this week, come and check out our new flat screen in the front lobby! Thank you to the Men's Club for this great addition to our school. We will be utilizing it to help increase communication efforts with photos and announcements of events at SJF.

On a final note, after 17 years of dedicated service to St. John Fisher School as a parent and staff member, Lillian Chapman, our library assistant, will be leaving our library. She is taking time to be with family and thanks the entire community for their prayers and support. Her loving personality, gentle demeanor with students and overall knowledge about children's literature will be truly missed.

I wish you all a great week and don't forget to invite your friends who do not belong to SJF to our Open House on Thursday, January 21st at 6:30pm.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Fri. Jan. 15th – Free Dress for students selling a minimum of \$50 Sally Foster
Fri. Jan. 15th – High School applications due
Mon. Jan. 18th – NO SCHOOL! Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Tue. Jan. 19th – Happy Birthday, Ms. Lawrence!
Wed. Jan. 20th – Gr. K-8 Children’s Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 2)
Wed. Jan. 20th – February Hot Lunch orders due to www.orderlunches.com
Wed. Jan. 20th – Happy Birthday, Mr. Osborne!
Thu. Jan. 21st. – Gr. K-8 Open House/6:30 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 22 – New Parent Tours/9:00-11:30 a.m.
Sat. Jan. 23rd – Happy Birthday, Tede Altenhofen
Mon. Jan. 25th – PTC Exec. Bd. Mtg/5:30 p.m. (conference room)
Tue. Jan. 26th – Happy Birthday, Neil Miskimins!
Wed. Jan. 27th – Gr. K-8 Children’s Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 7)
Thu. Jan. 28th – Progress Reports sent home
Fri. Jan. 29th – Open Registration Ends!

PLAYGROUND DUTY SCHEDULE/11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 18th – No School
Tue. Jan. 19th - Parker
Wed. Jan. 20th - Murray
Thur. Jan. 21st - Moreau
Fri. Jan. 22nd - Strauss

If you have a conflict with your scheduled duty, please contact Renee Huglin @ 503-244-2258.

2010-2011 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 academic year. In order to secure a spot for your child/ren for the 2010-11 academic year, all registration forms are due to the office **no later than Friday, Jan.29th**. The \$200.00 per student non-refundable textbook/registration fee is not due at this time but must be submitted by **Wednesday, March 31st**. If you have a student that will be entering kindergarten next fall, please make sure to access our webpage @ www.sjfschool.org and click on the **“ADMISSIONS”** link where you can download a registration form for each of your children. **Please note that the \$50.00 application fee only applies to “new” families entering next year.**

GRANDPARENT/FAMILY DAY LUNCH ORDER FORM

Please note that you will find on our webpage @ www.sjfschool.org a Grandparent/Family Day luncheon order form. All orders are due to the office no later than January 20th! Please remember that if you haven’t already ordered lunch for your child/ren through www.orderlunches.com you must do so by January 20th. All others attending; parents/grandparents/siblings must place their order with the luncheon form located on our webpage under “forms.” Any questions, please contact Cathy Douglas @ lunchstaff@sjfschool.org.

HOT LUNCH REMINDER

As a reminder all lunch orders are due to www.orderlunches.com by the 20th of each month. To help accommodate those who missed this deadline, we will accept late orders via hardcopy found in the school office. No late orders will be accepted through the www.orderlunches.com website. However, due to the extra time spent in processing these orders and additional food cost there will be a \$10 late fee assessed per family. If you have any questions, please email @ lunchstaff@sjfschool.org.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDER INFORMATION

If you would still like to place a subway order for the remainder of January you can still turn in your form to the office by Friday at 8:30am! Thank you for supporting the 8th grade!
Questions: Contact Jennifer Miller 296-1091 or jem00@comcast.net

SJF ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Save the date for the 2010 Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Sunday, March 7th from 3pm to 7pm. More information as well as ticket pre-sale will be coming your way in early February, but why not secure your volunteer spot now? It's a fun and easy way to earn volunteer hours. To volunteer, please contact Stephanie LaRiviere-Miller at lamillers@comcast.net. Also, we will be looking for donated items for the raffle. Start thinking now of things you could donate. Baskets will be placed in classrooms in the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for supporting this fun community building event.

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT INVITE

Ed and Kim Lilly would like to invite you to their home on Wednesday, January 20th @ 7:00 p.m. Members of the La Salle High School staff will attend to highlight the unique programs and opportunities offered at La Salle Prep. For more information, please see the flyer attached to the SAM or contact Ed and Kim Lilly @ 513-246-3268.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry wants to be sure you know how much they appreciated your help during the Christmas Food Box event. It could not have happened without your strength, enthusiasm and generosity. Thank you to Mrs. Holub and Mrs. Vancil for arranging the schedule and events to make room for this holiday food drive. Thank you to the students for their impressive amount of donated items to fill the Christmas boxes. What a great job! Thanks to the teachers and students who reorganized their schedules to help setup tables and the stage. Your hours of transporting food from the garage, sorting and counting helped bring it all together. And, thanks to many of you who came back Friday evening to help fill the Christmas boxes.

All of you helped make this Christmas Food Box event a success. Your efforts brought a feeling of hope and happiness to those who received a food box. May your spirit of generosity last a lifetime.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Please look for the following information that is included in today's electronic email:

SAM – Week of January 11th
La Salle Prep Information flyer
Updated SLE's

