

September 5, 2008

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 7 - Back to School BBQ Picnic 6:30-8:00
- Sept 9 - Aluminum Can Day - bring in crushed aluminum
- Sept 9 - **Back to School Night** 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 10 - Papa John's Night
- Sept 10 - Enrichment classes 3rd and 4th grades at 3:30
- Sept 12 - Balloon launch 9:00 a.m.
- Sept 18 - Out of uniform day for \$1 to benefit Catholic Education Fund
- Sept 19 - 7/8th grade Pizza Party at Miega 6 p.m.
- Sept 26 - Progress Reports go home
- Sept 26 - PTO Skating Party 5:00
- Oct 3 - Gift Gathering Party for the auction at Sylvester Powell Cntr
- Oct 6 - Spirit Day
- Oct 17 - No School K-8
- October 18 - AUCTION!! "Team up with John Paul II"
- Oct 25 - Trunk-or-Treat (new date!)

Mass Schedule

- Friday, Sept 12 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 6th grade plans Mass
- Friday, Sept 19 Fr. Ken has Mass & STUCO plans Mass
- Friday, Sept 26 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 5th grade plans Mass

Change on Calendar

The annual Trunk-or-Treat has a new date. Please change your calendars! Trunk-or-Treat will be SATURDAY, Oct 25 at 6 p.m. in the St. Pius X Church parking lot.



Auction Donation Ideas

For the gift gathering party we are asking each family to bring a \$50 item to school for the auction. Purchasing an item is one option. However, you can get a donation from a business or company. Here are some ideas on what you may want to bring! Remember, items should be new and its value should be \$50 or more.

- *ask your hairdresser
- *ask your favorite nail salon
- *ask your dry cleaner
- *ask your favorite restaurant
- *any home base business you know of
- *any local shop
- *something you haven't seen at our auction before!
- *use your imagination! What would you want to buy?

We are sending a DONATION FORM home to each family this week. Please fill it out the form when you bring your item in. It also has our tax number on it for the donating company to use. Hopefully this will help you bring in fantastic items to help our auction be a success!



**Back-to-School BBQ Picnic
September 7, 2007 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

The whole family can come and get acquainted with other John Paul II families. Come have dinner (the PTO will be cooking), spend time getting to know other parents, let the students all play, and chat with the faculty! See you there!

**Back-to-School Night
September 9, 2007 7:00 p.m.**

Here is the schedule we will try to follow for the evening:

7:00-7:20 General meeting for all families, introduction of all teachers and staff, brief explanation of committees and services offered by the school.

Grades K-5 will have 2 sessions for parents to attend

- 7:30-7:50—1st session with parents
- 8:00-8:20—2nd session with parents

Middle School classrooms' schedule

- 7:30-7:37—Homeroom session
- 7:40-7:47—1st hour
- 7:50-7:57—2nd hour
- 8:00-8:07—3rd hour
- 8:10-8:17—4th hour
- 8:20-8:27—5th hour
- 8:30-8:37—6th hour



Mr. Hannon will be in the computer lab and "Specials" teachers (Spanish, Music, Art, P.E., Library, Learning Center) will be positioned in the cafeteria and accessible for parents to speak with.

Sweatshirt Orders

JPII t-shirts and sweatshirts that were ordered at registration and during the first week of school have been ordered and will be in soon. We will be taking ONE MORE order for sweatshirts. You may turn in forms (extra forms on the PIT) on Back-to-School Night or the Back-to-School Picnic.

After that date you may get spirit wear through the uniform company. Educational Outfitters at 913-495-9488

Paper Copy of the Newsletters

This week we will be sending the newsletter via e-mail to all the families who signed up for it. We will also send one copy per family this week. Starting next week the families receiving electronic newsletters will not get the paper copy. Thank you for saving us the cost, and the world a tree! If you would like to be added to the e-mail list please let us know at johnpaul2@archkckcs.org Thank you!

PTO NEWS

We had a very successful first PTO meeting of the year. Thanks to all who were able to attend and give their input. Below is the schedule of the meetings for the rest of the year—note the dates have changed! Please make all efforts to attend.

PTO Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009

Wednesday, November 12

Wednesday, February 11

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.

(end of year potluck dinner for ALL volunteers)

All dates location TBA

First Spirit Day

The first Spirit Day of the year is Monday, Sept 8th. These are every first Monday of the month and students may wear any shirt/sweatshirt that says John Paul II on it with their UNIFORM. So, tops can change, but pants, shorts or skirts must be uniforms.

Uniforms

At Back-to-School Night we will have a “Uniform Swap” table set up. If you have outgrown uniforms and/or uniform shirts please bring them to the school on or before that night. If you need one (or a few extra shirts...) stop by and see if there is something you can use.

Did You Know?!

Fundraisers keep tuition lower. To keep our budget balanced and your tuition lower we use fundraisers. Here's what we made last year on some:

Aluminum Cans on Can Days: \$1,314.04

Target Charge Cards: \$1,327.00

Box Tops for Education: \$919.72 (PTO funds)

SCRIP & Grocery coupons: \$13,877.27 WOW!

Plant Sale: \$8,315.39

Alumni Donations: \$1,905.59

Auction: \$80,745.44 + gym floor replacement OH WOW!

Newspaper recycling: \$2062.50

Keep up the good work! Most of these don't COST you anything to help with, but they make a big difference!

School Directory

As we prepare to get the School Directory printed may we remind everyone to update the school office with any changes in addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or other updates. We don't change the official records unless we have those in writing from the parents!

Purple Bracelets

Have you noticed all the purple bracelets on the students and faculty? They are a way to remind ourselves that complaining is a bad habit that we all should work to break! This month's theme project is serving our school and we felt that reducing the complaints from each of us would be one way to do that. IT has made us watchful of trying not to complain. I've even heard teachers say, “This is not a complaint, just an observation.” It would be helpful for you to try to discuss this or try to bring this concept of not complaining into your homes.

CYO Uniforms

Volleyball uniforms have been handed out to the teams. These are to be worn at GAMES ONLY please. Please take good care of them and return after the season ends. Also, please pre-treat stains or perspiration marks when you wash these, we'd like them to last a few more years.



Traffic Issues

With the rainy days we have noticed some issues at drop off and pick up times. Preschool only may enter through the Preschool door (even in the rain!). K-8 students all should enter through the front, main doors. You may drop students using the east or west drive through. Please keep the flow of cars going by using the correct doors. See calendar back for the map. Our main concern is always the safety of our students.

Daily Morning Prayer at John Paul II

We thought you might like to see our morning prayer

**As I begin today serving others,
May God's strength lead me,
God's wisdom guide me,
God's eye help me see the way,
God's ear hear me,
God's word speak for me,
God's shield protect me.
Amen.**

St. Pius X Families

Be sure to sign up for pictures for the new SPX directory! Pictures are Sept 15-20 and are no cost to you. Call Lou Anne at 913-432-4808 or use the link on line at spxmission.org

