



St Joseph School
October/November
2011

A Spooktacular Success

Thanks to the over 150 children (and their parents) for attending our annual Halloween event! The night was filled with pumpkin decorating, tours of the incredible haunted house, trick or treating, dancing and games. Kids and some of the parents came in their costumes. Some of our favorites were the Viking couple, the 2 ostrich riders and the mom dressed in a St Joe's uniform -- what great Halloween spirit!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU To the Spooktacular Volunteers!!

The parents who organized the tours/lined up each class, helped the kids with pumpkin decorating and most importantly helped clean the gym:

Dan Hankins
Dan & Jane Clough
Bryan & Beth Becotte
Kim Centeio
Melissa Cardelli
Jennifer Martin
Norb & Matti Goulart

The student tour guides from the National Jr Honor Society who led the families through the spooky hallways:

Thomas, Alyssa, Brianna, Lauren, Sydney, Gabby and Rachel

Our student volunteers who gave out over 1000 pieces of candy:

Ryan H, Sam, Chris, Michael, Tyler, Kathryn, Rheanne, Cloe, Jared, Ryan B, & Hillary

Scrapbooking Day Reminder

Sunday 11/6/11 8am-8pm
\$25 per person
includes lunch & dinner as well as instruction and supplies

You MUST sign up by 11/3/11

Special Thanks to Mrs Casmira!!!

Many compliments were given to the PTO as the parents and kids exited this year's incredible haunted house, but the praise needs to go to the school's art teacher, Mrs Casmira. After 2 days of donating her time setting up and decorating, she was able to provide our families with a night of spooky Halloween fun! The pirates and zombies and other spooky characters were all her family and friends in costume who also donated their time. Her haunted house has become a yearly tradition that the students eagerly anticipate! Thanks again Mrs Casmira. We cannot wait to see what you have in store for next year!

Community Service Pancake Breakfast

Sunday 11/13/11 8am-10am
At 99 Restaurant (Fairhaven)
\$5 per person

Enjoy a plate of pancakes and coffee, tea, milk or juice

All proceeds will provide needy families in the parish, school and surrounding community with food baskets and gift cards at Thanksgiving.

You can purchase your tickets in advance or tickets will be available at the door

PTO Email Address Change

Due to a problem with the current PTO email account please direct any email inquiries for the PTO to Stacie Hankins personal email address
stachankins@yahoo.com

We will notify you of the new PTO email address in the coming weeks

PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting: October 19, 2011

Opening Prayer ~ Stacie Hankins

Treasurer's Report ~ Balance \$3411.44

Old Business

Spooktacular Planning ~ 130 RSVP's as of meeting. 150 pumpkins ordered by Dorothy (\$2/ea). Discussion re: plan for the night - pumpkin decorating, tours of haunted house, trick or treating, dance party, games

Compost Bin ~ request at previous meeting for PTO to purchase compost bin. No longer needed, school was able to get a free bin from the town/Sustainability Committee

Holiday Bazaar Update ~ At 20 vendors so far, Volunteer forms have been sent home, donations needed for yard sale & Chinese auction areas. Dorothy to head

kitchen/purchase food items. Letter to all teachers re: theme/craft at their tables. Entertainment discussed (glee club performance, fire engine rides, art & crafts, magic show, visits from Santa, storytelling)

New Business

Email Problem ~ PTO's email address has been deactivated. Currently in process of establishing new account, will have parents use Stacie's personal email (stachankins@yahoo.com)

Pancake Breakfast ~ community service project for the PTO, proceeds to benefit needy families at Thanksgiving. Date confirmed for 11/13/11 8am-10am \$5 pp. Flyer to be sent home. Volunteers needed!

Scrapbooking Day ~ coordinated by Stacie Hankins and Kim Centeio. Date confirmed 11/6/11, \$25 pp. Scrapbooking consultants to promote event to their customers. Will use white tables/chairs. Cafeteria tables for group classes/overflow. Experienced scrapbookers to help newbies. Forms sent home.

Parent's Night Out ~ babysitting event 12/3/11, 5p-10p, \$10 per child. Fun night for kids while parents go out shopping for Christmas presents. Discussion re: games (Minute to Win It style games)/arts & crafts/dinner (pizza?), movie from 8p-10p. Volunteers needed, flyer to be sent home mid November

Open Discussion

Purple Pinky Painting Day ~ discussion by Charlie Murphy. Scheduled Tuesday 11/22/11, sponsored by Rotary Club of Fairhaven. \$1 fee for children to have their pinky finger painted purple in honor of polio awareness, will also have dress down that day. Presentation to be given to students by Dave Clifton, Rotary International Polio Awareness Zone Director

Request from Southern Mass Credit Union ~ to review dates for the School Savings Program with parents. Schedule as follows: (all dates are on a Tuesday)

11/15/11	2/28/12
11/29/11	3/13/12
12/13/11	3/27/12
1/3/12	4/10/12
1/17/12	4/24/12
1/31/12	5/8/12
2/14/12	5/22/12

Closing Prayer by Stacie Hankins

Volunteers needed for the Bazaar

Please consider donating some of your time on Saturday 11/19/11 from 9am-6pm to help make this year's bazaar a successful one! Contact the PTO if interested.

PTO MEETING DATE CHANGE!!!

The November PTO Meeting has been moved to

Wednesday 11/9/11

Upcoming Events

11/6/11 Crop Til You Drop Day 8am-8pm

11/9/11 PTO Meeting 7pm

11/13/11 Pancake Breakfast @ 99 8am-10am

11/19/11 Holiday Bazaar

12/3/11 Parent's Night Out