



St Joseph School
January
2012

Happy 2012 to All of Our St Joseph School Families!

Thanks for a Successful 2011!

With your support we have enjoyed a great first part of the school year! We have been able to provide you with a Family Movie Night, a Halloween Spooktacular Night with pumpkin decorating, haunted houses and a dance party, a Scrapbooking Day for our crafty moms, a Pancake Breakfast that provided 6 families with Thanksgiving dinner and a well attended Holiday Bazaar!

Thus far with your help and support of our events we have been able to raise \$3696.81and that's only from September to December! These funds have provided the students with field trips, books and items for their classrooms. Just think what else we can provide for the school during the rest of the year with the money still to be raised!

PTO Meetings

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the school's gym.

It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, be involved in your child's school and stay informed of school happenings.

Our last meeting was attended by only 3 of our over 170 families...let's make a New Year's resolution to improve that!

What Does the PTO Have Planned for You in 2012?

Digital Scavenger Hunt
January 21st

Valentine's Day Treat Sale for Kids
February 13th

Meat Pie Dinner & Meat Raffle
February 18th

Basketball Night
March 3rd

Bunny Pop Sales
During March and April

Easter Egg Hunt
April 1st

Family Carnival
June 10th

Community Involvement in Fairhaven's
Bicentennial Parade
July 8th

Don't Forget to RSVP for The Family Digital Scavenger Hunt!

For \$10 your family can participate in a Scavenger Hunt throughout Fairhaven, Acushnet and New Bedford and then end the night with a Pizza Party...where else can you get a night of entertainment for your family for TEN DOLLARS?? Hope to see you there! Registration forms were sent home this week and need to be returned by 1/18/12.

December PTO Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer ~ Stacie Hankins

Treasurer's Report

Account Balance: \$5456.83

Old Business

Pancake Breakfast at 99 Restaurant

- Raised \$316.00
- Able to provide 6 families in the school and parish with \$50 gift cards for Thanksgiving dinner
- Recipients are ANONYMOUS to the PTO officers, chosen by Mrs Vareika and Father Tom

Holiday Bazaar

- Discussion regarding great attendance
- Suggestion to shorten hours from 9am-6pm to 9am-3pm
- Review of financial report from the event:

Income generated from Bazaar
\$5152.70

Expenses from Bazaar
\$2190.67

Total Profit from Bazaar
\$2962.03

(full report detailing each income and expense given to attendees at meeting, report available upon request)

- Comparison of profit to previous years:

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| 2008 (1 day) | \$3072.80 |
| 2009 (2 days) | \$3520.00 |
| 2010 (2 days) | \$2624.56 |
| 2011 (1 day) | \$2962.03 |

- Agreed to continue as a one day event

Parents' Night Out

- Cancelled due to lack of interest
- Only 2 families signed up
- Discussion re: low turnout, comments from parents that date was too far away from Christmas, date was a Saturday (previous year was a Friday and there were over 40 children there)

New Business

Family Digital Scavenger Hunt 1/21/12

- Discussion re: time (start at 4:45pm)
- Review of concept (work as a family to find and photograph items on the list)
- Ideas for scavenger hunt list items
- Discussion re: prizes - Marianne Murray to call Carabiner's Rock Climbing for possible donation, Stacie Hankins to continue working towards other donations
- Food/drinks reviewed - parent from Domino's Pizza in attendance, will contact them with number of registrants to determine cost of pizzas. Have water, will need to purchase soda/punch.
- Stacie Hankins to send out flyer

Meat Pie Dinner & Meat Raffle 2/18/12

- Review of 2005 meat raffle (last year a meat raffle was done at school) - ordered \$519 of meat and gift cards for prizes, raised \$567, served spaghetti dinner. Will change to meat pie dinner this year
- Discussion re: meat pies - Charlie Murphy to contact Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School Culinary department to order meat pies and potatoes
- Discuss cost of dinner: \$5 per person
- Will need volunteers to serve food and work raffle
- Will need to advertise at churches, in local papers and to school parents