

PTO NEWS

February 2011

A Newsletter for the Parents & Teachers of St. Mary School

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/17: Flower Sale ends & Papa John's Pizza Night (3rd Thursday of month)

2/21: President's Day
NO SCHOOL

2/25: End of 2nd trimester

2/28: Math Madness week

3/4: **SPIRIT WEAR** day & report cards distributed

3/5: Bid & Buy Party - Men's Pub Crawl

3/7: Grandparent's Day & PTO Board Meeting (1:30 pm)

3/9: Ash Wednesday

3/11: Family Art Night & Jr. Theater Production

3/15: Staff Appreciation Day



From the President:

This is the time of year we begin planning for the next school year. In your white envelope today is the **PTO Board Nomination** form. Want an opportunity to help shape the future at SMS? Consider serving on the PTO Board. We have such a wealth of people at SMS who would be terrific!

At the PTO meeting last week the board voted to earmark profits from our May Walk a Thon for an improved Accelerated Reader program. This will have a positive impact: more books will qualify under the AR program & more tests will be available. Look for additional details soon!

A reloadable Bigg's card came home in your white envelope last week. We have rolled out our new grocery program! Now both Kroger & Bigg's offer reloadable cards. Couldn't be easier - just have the cashier use your credit card, check or cash at the register to put \$\$ on the grocery card & we'll earn 4% of your purchase.

Until next time... *Kathy Masraam, President*

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"
~ William A. Ward

Many thanks to Bennett Hoffman & Moira Morgan, who spent time at St. Gertrude working on the administrative team for the 7th grade writing samples.

Thank you to Kristin Carcieri, the Hospitality Committee & the many parents who donated food for Open House. The cafeteria was warm, inviting & lively with many treats!

Thanks! Linder Hunt, Karen Sweeney & the Catholic Schools Week Committee for their help making Friends & Family for Lunch two days of fun.

The Staff Hospitality Committee deserves a thanks for serving lunch to the teachers during Catholic Schools Week.

A huge thank you to Heather Herr, Michele Semona & host couples the Andsagers, Breitbeils, Czepukaitis', DeCurtins, Ewings, Fishers, Fitzsimmons, Hutchins, Langs, Szabos, Walters & Warrens for a fantastic January Jam Bid & Buy party!

PTO board highlight - meet our Corresponding Secretary:

My name is Bennett Hoffman; I am married to Brian and we have two children at SMS – Audrey in 5M and Zoe in 1W. Currently, I am in the second year of a two-year term as the Corresponding Secretary of the PTO.

Being the Corresponding Secretary at SMS has been fulfilling and fun. I've really enjoyed interacting with faculty, staff, and other families. And I feel blessed to have been a part of such an effective organization.

Along with attending all board meetings and helping the other board members as needed, the Corresponding Secretary is primarily responsible for producing such correspondence like the Wednesday Notice and photocopying all PTO materials for the White Envelope. The PTO is looking for a new Corresponding Secretary. Please let me know if you'd like more information.