

*St Lucy Parish School*  
*Wednesday Newsletter*  
*September 17, 2008*

Dear Parents,

I have just come from Tuesday night's School Leadership Meeting where the various volunteer group area/function chairs, leaders, and presidents gathered with Development Director Laurie Galdes. The group spent time discussing, learning about, and asking questions in regard to some of the supports, policies, procedures, and communication structures that all of our various school volunteer groups use. Our eventual goal is to ensure that all volunteer time and financial resources (including our own and community donors) are shared in a way that minimizes effort and overlap for all groups. This was a lively gathering that bespoke of the wonderful sense of community our volunteers have, and the extent to which all volunteer leaders value and appreciate each hour and each dollar spent by all of you! Nearly 40 attendees represented such groups as room parents, PTG, Boosters, the School Advisory Board, etc., and all spoke about the passion they have for volunteering at St. Lucy. I heard about the many reasons they volunteer, ranging from the fun sense of camaraderie to the feeling of directly benefiting their children. Others noted the obvious pride their children have in knowing that their parents help programs at the child's school, and others saw this as a way to give back to their own elementary school that their children now attend. Common frustrations were shared as well, including the scarcity of time, the assumption of general knowledge of the school ins and outs that sometimes frustrates new families, the difficulties of a work schedule that prevents daytime volunteerism, the desire to engage a broader spectrum of parents in core volunteer positions, and the challenges of making that critical Wednesday envelope publication deadline. Thank you to these parents for their gift of time to the school program, and for stepping forward to be leaders in so many ways!

We have been THRILLED to see your positive response to the Annual Appeal! Many have already turned in their donations and pledges, and others have made appointments with Laurie Galdes in Development to discuss their questions and donation plans. We would love to hear back from each of you, regardless of your ability to participate this year. Thank you for taking time to read through the materials and give the Appeal some thought and prayer.

Did you notice the gift wrap sale was "toned down" this year? Our deliberate plan was to ensure that this early fundraiser is more about providing a good product as a convenience to families in a low-key way. Our kick-off assembly was shorter, and the sale was not mentioned again to the students until a reminder prior to the turn-in day. Thank you to all of you who were able to support the sale! Even with this low-key approach, PTG recorded sales of over \$13,500 which is equal to last year's sale! In an effort to focus on Fun Fest at this key time of year, we have also eliminated the annual Student Council assembly program fundraiser, and will be funding assemblies through Annual Appeal dollars rather than another student-based fundraiser.

Our first Family Groups gathering is Wednesday morning. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been preparing for their transition into the leadership role, and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been coached on providing meaningful support to them during the group meetings. The first activity focuses on getting to know each other in their new groups. Ask your children about their Family Groups!

Last, thank you for helping make our ITBS week go so smoothly! The mornings have been great, and we appreciate your extra effort to get children to school on time, well-rested, fueled up, and ready to do their best!

With gratitude for all you do,  
Jennifer Martin

**The School Advisory Board** held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 9. The focus of the meeting was the Annual Appeal, "Lighting the Way". Members began making phone calls to school families to provide information on the Appeal. Additionally, the Board discussed volunteering at the Parish and heard reports from committees: Finance, Development, PTG, Campus Ministry, Booster Club, Capital Improvements, Safety, and Strategic Planning. Parents are welcome to attend the School Advisory Board Meetings. The next meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center.

**Who will win the iPod Nano Grand Prize this year?** For your convenience this year, to request additional FunFest raffle tickets please send an email to Candice Ruthig at [Candice\\_ruthig@yahoo.com](mailto:Candice_ruthig@yahoo.com). Please include the following information with your email request: Family Name, Oldest Student's Name, Grade, Number of Booklets, Method for sending them home (WCE, Student Carry, or Office Pick up. Fun Fest raffle tickets are on sale now. Each ticket costs \$1 and a book of 12 is \$10. The student who sells the most will receive an iPod nano! Ticket sales end on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

**Volunteers** are needed this Friday Morning after assembly to help Laurie Galdes with Annual Appeal envelope stuffing for the alumni and friends mailing. Meet in the Annex, if you are able to help out.

**Sports News** – The temporary football/volleyball schedule is still in effect through September 22. The Athletic Directors of the Diocese of San Jose Catholic Athletic League-West Division (DSJCALWest Div) schedule has been completed. The St Lucy practice/game schedule from September 23<sup>r</sup> –Nov 6 is now being created. Schedules will be distributed/e-mailed by September 22.

**Booster News:**

- New Volleyball uniforms will be distributed to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders this week!
- Sweatshirts/pants may be purchased. All sizes are in and all back orders have been filled. Forms are in the office
- P.E. uniforms may be purchased from Mrs. Riley. Forms are in the office.
- Thank you to all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, coaches and parents who played in the basketball game at the Sports Welcome Dinner.
- Thanks also to Ruben Maynes Sr, who prepared a delicious meal before the game.

**Gift Wrap Sale:** Thank you to everyone who supported the PTG Gift Wrap Sale this year!! Our school will receive \$13,687 for school programs. The winning Class is 5th grade with almost \$5,000 in orders! Angelo Margherone from 6th grade is the top selling student, followed closely by Jovanna Maresca in 2nd grade. The winner of the "Guess How Many Monkeys?" is Elizabeth Grim in 3rd grade, who was only 8 numbers off from the exact number. Thanks for your support!

**Lost** – Blue digital camera the night of the Sports Dinner. It was lost in the Parish parking lot. If you find it, please return it to the office.

**Enclosures** –Lego Robotics Flyer, Corporate Matching Gift Flyer, Fun Fest T-Shirt & Ticket Flyer, Kid's Golf Flyer, Booster Scramble Golf Flyer, Mrs. Martin's "Women's Golf Challenge" flyer