

*St Lucy Parish School*  
*Wednesday Newsletter*  
*September 24, 2008*

Dear Parents,

The weather has begun to cool and the students are starting to buzz about the FunFest! It's right around the corner, and preparations are well underway. This is the time of year that our families create wonderful baskets for the silent auction, so I ask you to please take a moment to look at the enclosed information and talk with your children about their ideas. In past years, families have reported making this a family activity. They've commented on how much their children enjoy the process of coming up with ideas and looking for fun and inexpensive ways to make them happen. It is absolutely *not* expected that families spend a great deal of money on the family baskets. Rather, you can keep a sharp eye out for fun items that are a great value, and package them together in a unique or interesting way that doesn't break the bank. We ask for one basket per family, but if you really enjoy putting these together you're certainly welcome to do more. (Our scholarship families are invited to participate with the understanding that it is not possible for all.) The PTG is available to help if you're running short on ideas!

We have great news this year, in that our festival is the only one scheduled for the second weekend in October! Although we've made every effort to adjust our schedules among the Catholic schools in our area, we have previously shared this weekend with one or two other schools' festivals. I am so happy to report that this year we have successfully scheduled all festivals on different weekends. We hope this will result in an increase in attendance at our event!

See the various newsletters and flyers that are in this week's WCE for more information about ticket pre-sales, baskets, and raffle tickets. The FunFest is a key budget item organized by PTG every year, and it is important that all facets of the event be a success. Spread the word with your friends and neighbors, help through your wonderful volunteerism, and participate in every aspect of the event that you can. This is truly a community event, and we have enjoyed success each and every year because of all of you!

This week represents the midpoint of our first quarter. Yes, we are 1/8 of the way through the school year already! Grades have been posted/updated twice for all students in grades 4 – 8, and will continue to be updated every two weeks. Please check them now and talk with your son or daughter about each class. Set goals and be supportive in assisting with follow-through. Help your son or daughter make an appointment with a teacher if it's needed at this time. Always feel free to contact teachers to follow up on concerns or develop strategies. We recommend leaving a phone message with Mrs. Sutton for any teacher with whom you would like a conference.

A quick note about contacting teachers: While e-mail may be the best form of communication for those in traditional office settings, it is not the most practical for those who are "on stage" offering an original 6-hour "presentation" each day with limited breaks during which their "attendees" approach them to ask questions. At the end of the presentation, our teachers immediately begin creating the next day's original presentation. Within this model, a phone message is best because the teacher is then personally handed the request to call you during the course of his or her day during one of those breaks. E-mail, however, must be accessed from a limited location during a limited period of the day. I expect teachers to respond to e-mail within 2 school days. If, however, your request requires a quicker response, please leave a phone message through the school office. While our school is located in a high-tech area where e-mail and instant cell phone access is the norm, these communication tools do not lend themselves as well within a classroom setting where the focus is on all students during the instructional period. I understand that parents are sometimes frustrated by the challenges of

contacting teachers within the limitations of their classroom schedules. However, please know that communication is something we value and work very hard at, and I welcome your comments about this topic at any time!

With gratitude for all you do,  
Jennifer Martin

**Fun Fest:**

- **Tickets** are now available! Order early and save on both St. Lucy Food and Game tickets as well as the Carnival Booklets. Don't forget to purchase your **Pancake Breakfast** tickets. ***Reminder:*** Discount prices on all pre-sale tickets expire on ***Thursday, October 9th at 3:30pm.*** Please contact Eleanore Kirk, Cindy Hardgrave at 866-9086, or Michelle Eramo if you have any questions regarding tickets.
- **Raffle** –Test your luck and try for our \$5000 grand prize! Which student will win the iPod Nano Grand Prize for selling the most tickets? If each St Lucy student were to sell two books of Fun Fest raffle tickets, we would have raised approximately \$5000 through the students alone. If you have any questions regarding Raffle Tickets, please contact Candice Ruthig @971-3200 or Karen Minic. Go Lightning!
- **Volunteers needed** to help sell Fun Fest tickets after mass on the two weekends prior to Fun Fest. The dates are September 27th/28th and October 4th/5th. Please contact Eleanore Kirk if you are available to help.

**Booster News** - Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball parents who helped with the St Lucy School Tournament last Saturday. The tournament ran very smoothly! Thank you to Jimmy Yniguez & Matt Offutt for chairing the Snack Bar/Admissions side of the tournament!

**Volunteers** are needed this Friday to help Laurie Galdes with Annual Appeal envelope stuffing for the alumni and friends mailing. If you are able to help out, meet in the Annex at 1:00,

**Enclosures** –Fun Fest Ticket Flyer, Fun Fest Sponsorship Form, Fun Fest Newsletter and FAQ Sheet, Kid's Golf Flyer, Booster Scramble Golf Flyer, Health Screening Flyers, Asbestos Re-inspection Letter