

ST JOSEPH HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
(September 3, 2009)

Attendance: Board Members, Faculty, Staff, and Parents

Opening Prayer (Father Cody)

- Thanked everyone for help and support with new school building
- Special recognition to John Alexander
- Pointed out that many parishioners not involved with the school helped financially with the new building
- Father is delighted that there is now a pre-k

Welcome (Elizabeth Webb, president)

- Introduction of board members
- H&S umbrella supporting 22 committees/events
- Funded by \$65 annual dues, fall craft show, online magazine/gift sale
- H&S purchased new office lobby furniture and tables for parent workroom
- Parents please get involved. We're one of a few private schools left without mandatory service hours. See paper packet for specific requests.

Description of H&S Committees (Lizzie Tillo, Student Council President)

- Students walked by front of audience with posters from each committee while Lizzie explained what each one does.

Fundraisers

Online Magazine Sale (Elizabeth Webb)

- Trial year for new vendor
- Please provide honest feedback
- Dozens of online catalogs/vendors available to help school (Office Depot, Lands End, Omaha Steaks, etc.)

Craft Show (Jennie Stipe)

- 6th Annual event open to entire community
- Will be on Saturday 10/10 from 9:00 – 4:00
- Farmer's Market will be new this year
- Bounce houses, pumpkin decorating contests

Reverse Draw Gala (Chris Kelly)

- October 10th at Hyatt (dinner, dancing, silent auction)
- \$150 per couple; 1 in 300 chance of winning \$10,000

- H&S buys a ticket each year
- All profits last year were applied to the new school building

Scrip (Amy Intorcia)

- Raises money for school technology fund (computer technician calls)
- Sales in 2008 were lower than 2007
- Still attempting to see if this can be done online
- Stephanie Thompson helps

Labels for Education (Karlene Reilly)

- One contest this year ending in April (Had two last year)
- Please send in box tops or UPC code from labels – not the actual label.
- When sending them in, please provide name and child’s class
- \$0.10, \$0.30 or \$0.40 given to school for each item
- 22 helpers this year

Website (Clara Hagadorn, webmaster)

- Address is stjosephcs.org. It’s also on top of each week’s paper packet
- Principal’s message to pass on up to the minute updates from Mrs. Rose
- H&S Association page is up and running
- Weekly paper packet letter
- News/Events tab
- Documents/forms/Flyers tab
- Entire school handbook
- School calendar
- Faculty
- Organizations
- Athletics – Coach Bell’s “Notes from the Bench”
 - § Game schedule
 - § Practice Tryouts
- Library
 - § Summer reading list
 - § AR list
 - § Class schedule
- Photo Gallery (Out of town relatives able to see school children on their computer)
- Campus Map/Room Guide

Booster Club (Margaret Maher)

- Funds raised used for maintenance of physical education equipment, athletic uniforms, and grounds.
- Membership is \$20 and available to all parents/guardians
- The shoot out is the most popular event. Full court game of parents and faculty against a boy's team and a girl's team.
- Newest event is turkey shoot out.

Principal's Address (Rhonda Rose)

- Student Council presented Father Cody with a commemorative plaque; a picture of all 548 students in front of the new school building
- Father Cody committed a little over \$3,000 to our new school
- Amazing volunteers this summer! 50 people moved 12 classrooms on one Saturday morning.
- Funds from Starry Night Auction used to purchase new English & Spelling books for 2nd – 8th grades.
- H1N1 Flu alert: A pamphlet will be sent home in Friday's paper packet. Clinic staff talked to students about hygiene. Children need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication before being allowed to return. Teachers wiping down throughout the day with Clorox wipes. Night staff wiping down counters, light switches, etc.
- Chance Duval County Health Dept will be able to offer flu vaccines at school for \$10 each. Need a commitment of 250 students before coming.
- New school photographer "Cady & Cady" Can order packages online
- Protecting God's Children
 - § If you are ever in a position of being alone with students, you must have this course (chaperoning on field trip, assisting in classroom, etc.)
- Nike giving away \$2,500 for athletic equipment. Vote online. We are 1 of 3 in the running.
- Carpool line
 - § Do not talk on cell phones!!
 - § Please don't arrive until 2:30. Blocking entrance to office prevents deliveries, parents retrieving sick children.
 - § Police officer said not to have 2 lines of traffic formed on Loretto. Very dangerous. Please go to a subdivision, turn around and make a left turn into parking lot. Extremely dangerous. You will be fined if you are blocking the intersection.
 - § Leave parallel spots at Point A open for parents having to buckle children
- Introduction of teachers & staff
- Closing

- § Father Cody gave special recognition to Roland & Madeline Martin. They will have a grandchild at the school next year. They donate \$25,000 for the new building the day after speaking to Father Cody about it.
- § The outstanding balance of the new building is \$1.2 million

**** Our next Home & School Meeting will be January 28, 2010 ****