

ST JOSEPH HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
(January 20, 2011)

Attendance: Board Members, Faculty, Staff, and Parents

I. Opening Prayer (Father Cody)

II. Welcome (Elizabeth Webb, president)

- Thank you to Wendy Stanford and her hospitality committee for the beautiful refreshments.
- Thank you to the many unsung heroes who have worked so hard this fall--
 - Jennie Stipe -- Craft Show
 - Tina Ashton -- HAW
 - Angela Richman -- Labels for Education (Check for \$920.30)
 - Last but not least – thanks to Tony Hassert and his crew for the wonderful work they did on the stage
- Schoolstore.net – running a bit less this year than last keep shopping online
- Teacher’s Scoop Night at Bruster’s will be April 14th
- Please be on the lookout for a fun last meeting in May. Plans still being made.

III. Fundraisers

Starry Night Auction (Beth Meyer)

- This year’s event will be held on 3/12/11 in the gym.
- \$75,000 is the cost of the school’s books and curriculum. Our goal is to raise that amount.
- Auction committee is growing. New people have joined and have provided new ideas.
- \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00 sponsorships are still available
- New prize packages to note:
 - Vale summer package
 - Savannah weekend
 - Orlando package – 4 day Disney/Sea World trip (trying to make this a community generational event by getting donations from grandparents)
- **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** (Mrs. Sweat)
 - The book fair held in December at Barnes and Noble was very successful. Probably the most successful we’ve ever had. This fundraiser helps to buy things for our library. \$4, 709 was spent that

night. \$1,000 of the money was from Nook sales. \$770.00 was earned to spend on books. One Barnes & Noble customer, not affiliated with the school, spent \$900 that night and applied her purchase to our school after seeing our school's enthusiasm!

Booster Club (Elizabeth Webb for Amy McGuire)

- (Boosterthon) If we collect 100% of pledges, we'll receive \$23,333 Amy wishes to thank parents, and the children for their participation. The children were extremely motivated and had fun all week. The first collection of pledges is tomorrow. 10% of the amount collected tomorrow will be given back to each teacher for the classroom. So, please try and get them turned in tomorrow. After the Boosterthon company receives the first collection, they will send a computer generated form to each teacher to let them if anyone has any outstanding pledges. Then a second due date for pledges will be next Friday, 1/28. Students collected pledges from 33 states and 7 different countries. Pledge participation was 91% in lower grades and 70% in middle school.
- The Great 3 on 3 Basketball Shoot Out is March 18-19
- Fun Friday's participation is improving 3rd and 4th grade had approximately 45 students.
- 5th, 6th nights will be in April and May
- Spike Night Volleyball game for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes on 1/28/11. Each winning class earns non-uniform for entire class – registration forms will be sent home in tomorrow's paper packet and **they are due this Monday. Make sure to get them in as it is short notice.**

IV. Catholic Schools Week (Andrea Spadafora)

- Wonderful tradition of weeklong activities celebrating our Catholic education. Will be 1/31/11 – 2/4/11
 - Parent open house
 - Bands from Bishop Kenny and Bishop Snyder to perform
 - Storytellers entertaining the students
 - Catholic Charities will be the recipients of donated items this year
 - Thank you to the Smolios family who will donate ice cream from Dairy Queen
 - Safety Patrol Bingo will be Friday, 2/4/11
 - Shirts are available for \$12.00. Previous year's shirts may be worn

V. Principal's Address (Rhonda Rose)

- Thank you to you parents who work in the school by volunteering. Events like CSW and the craft show involve months of planning. Working in the lunchroom, or selling lunch tickets, and several other committees often goes unrecognized. For example health awareness week had Trauma One, topics on healthy eating, and dental hygiene arranged. Your work on all the committees is so deeply appreciated.

- **Illnesses**

- This week we have had a large number of students out with strep, the flu, or stomach viruses. One class had 11 students out in one day. Please keep children at home if they are not feeling well. If they have had a fever or were throwing up, follow the guidelines in the handbook. Children must be fever free without medicine for 24 hours. Remind your children to wash their hands.

- **Accreditation**

- School Improvement Plan
- 70% of families invited to participate, as well as surveys from faculty and students were obtained to assess where strengths and weaknesses lie.
- The information if compiled into a book
- Three action plans have been developed for the next 7 years
 - Effective written communication
 - Interpersonal skills and dealing with conflict
 - Problem solving skills – especially in mathematics
- Our ITBS scores are always analyzed. Our complete grade averages ranges from 74th – 89th percentile for 8th grade and 3rd grade ranked exceptionally above average.
- The preliminary visit will be on 3/7.
- The actual visit from a team leader and assistant superintendent from Tampa will be from 4/6 – 4/8.
- There will be a prayer service in the evening. All students and parents are invited.
- Students will have early dismissal on Friday, 4/8. Please mark your calendars as this was not on the original calendar sent at the beginning of the year.

VI. Geography Bee (Mrs. Worthington)

- 4th – 8th graders practiced every week for two to three months. This year's winner is Michael Stearman

VII. Spelling Bee (Mrs. Sweat)

- 17 rounds were held for 5th – 8th graders. The last 2 -3 rounds were back and forth. This year's winner is Casey Jakubowski

VIII. Academic Fair

- Please walk through and admire students' work that began in October. They prepared a very involved research paper, display board and presentation to 22 judges from the community. The judges had lots of praise for students this morning. One judge even sent Mrs. Rose an e-mail saying how impressed they were the hard work from the students. Students were judged on their creative capability, research paper, and presentation to the judges. Father Cody congratulated all the students for their hard work and recognized the teacher's dedication.

In the area of 6th Grade Fine Arts:

Third place is awarded to Alexa Lavallee and Reilly Spadafora

Second place is awarded to Nicole Silvestre and Lyndsay Pacheco

First place is awarded to Alexa Kelley

In the area of 6th Grade History:

Third place is awarded to Michael Haggadorn and Daniel Cononie

Second place is awarded to StephenThompson and Shane Kilker

First Place is awarded to Sam Hanania

In the area of 7th Grade Fine Arts:

Third place is awarded to Kenzie Geers

Second place is awarded to Maura Webb

First place is awarded to Madison Stalls

In the area of 7th Grade History:

Third place is awarded to Josh Miller

Second place is awarded to Stephanie Twisdale

First place is awarded to D.J. Clish

In the area of 7th Grade Science:

Third place is awarded to Jake Jones

Second place is awarded to Mary Beth Rowland

First place is awarded to Christian Carlyle

In the area of 8th Grade Fine Arts:

Third place is awarded to Kyle Magboo

Second place is awarded to Kaylee Gallagher

First place is awarded to Hannah Sowers

In the area of **8th Grade History:**

Third place is awarded to Katie Rose

Second place is awarded to Marisa Griffin

First place is awarded to Billy Howard

In the area of **8th Grade Science:**

Third place is awarded to Charles McMillan

Second place is awarded to Jack Sweat

First place is awarded to Jim Woodward

****The next Home & School Meeting will be May 5, 2011****