

the Parent Organization Bulletin



St. Mary's Episcopal School Summer 2010

Parent Organization Information

(HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR P.O. – SEE INFORMATION ON THE LAST PAGE)

Hello everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying your summer? Can you believe August is almost here? The following is just a brief summary of some of the events listed on the Parent Organization Event calendar you received with this mailing.

USED UNIFORM SALE – Has your child outgrown his or her school uniforms? If so, please consider donating them to the St. Mary's Parent Organization. Just drop off the items at school by August 18, 2010. All items donated will be available for purchase on Orientation Day, August 23rd from 9:00am-11:00am. All proceeds benefit your children. Unsold items will benefit the children at Shidler Elementary. Donated uniforms should be clean and on hangers. Any questions, contact Nicole Lenoach 478-5445 or Lela Brown 359-6478.

FALL FUNDRAISER – This year St. Mary's PO has decided to partner with Innisbrook for the Fall Fundraiser. The Innisbrook wrapping paper and chocolate sale will begin Monday, August 23 and will last through Friday, September 10. Look for sales packets in your child's classroom and for the display during Orientation Day to see samples of actual items available in the catalog. Funds will go towards much needed technological updates for the library and individual classroom. As with all fundraising events at St. Mary's, participation is completely optional. If you have any questions, please contact the school office

FALL EVENT – The Family Fall Festival will be held on Friday evening, October 15. This is a fun filled evening for all ages and something you should definitely plan on attending with your entire family. Look for sign-up sheets during Orientation day. Ticket and event information will come home with your child as the date gets closer. There are many ways YOU can help make this night a success. There are opportunities to help set-up, clean-up, work a booth, or donate something for the bake sale. Whether you have just a few minutes or an hour or two of time, your help in any capacity is greatly appreciated. If you would be interested in coordinating this event, please contact Jamie Kalcich at 340-5593 or jkalcich@cox.net.

BEAU GESTE – "Break the Code" and celebrate the Roaring 20's St. Mary's Style! This year's annual auction, Beau Geste, will highlight the era of the Roaring 20's and in doing so you will have opportunities to crack secret code(s). You will find the first code located on the special school T-Shirt this year and will also have other code cracking opportunities, which could result in four free tickets for your family to our Beau Geste event!

To those of you who are new to our St. Mary's family this year "Beau Geste" translates to "good deed" and is our annual fundraising event. The event is an evening of fellowship, fun and fundraising that you will not want to miss! On Saturday, February 26, 2011 you will be able to step back in time, back into the Roaring 20's when the sound of jazz filled the air. Come and enjoy gaming, food and an open bar. Be the

highest bidder in silent and live auctions to take home amazing items, keep sakes and even a trip. Every dime we raise will go towards providing our children with the best opportunities available. Past events have provided for technology, outdoor learning experiences and even additional classroom space!

We are in need of volunteers in order to make this event the best it can be. Please see all the available opportunities located at the Beau Geste table on orientation day and sign up to serve in an area you are interested. There are many opportunities for parents who work outside the home as well as those working inside the home to participate. Volunteering for this event is a fun way to get to know the parents of your child's peers.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Beau Geste Co-Chairs Stephanie Gray (stephgray@aol.com) or Elizabeth Miller (elizabeth@airosurf.com) and watch your St. Mary's bulletin for further announcements.

ST. MARY'S PARENT ORGANIZATION and BEAU GESTE COMMITTEE: We are trying something a little different this year with regards to meetings. Parent Organization meetings will now be held on a quarterly basis. The scheduled dates for these meetings are Wednesday, September 15, 2010, Wednesday, January 12, 2011 and Wednesday, May 4, 2011. All meetings will be held at 10:00am. Watch the weekly school bulletin for reminders and meeting location (either library or flex room). We hope that by changing the day and time of meetings, that you will be able to mark your calendar to attend. Beau Geste Committee meetings will occur immediately following these PO meetings. Additional Beau Geste meetings will be held in February and on an as needed basis. We need and appreciate our parents' support!

MOM'S IN TOUCH: A group of 2 or more moms who meet one hour a week to intercede on behalf of our children and schools through prayer. Christian mothers, grandmothers, or any woman who is willing to pray for a specific child and school. We know that God answers prayers. We hope you will join us. There will be an interest sheet at orientation where you can sign up to find out more. Day and time will be determined by the moms who are interested. If you would like to find out more call Karla Launhardt, a St. Mary's mom, at 359-6389 or email at karlalaun@sbcglobal.net. Check out the website for Moms in Touch International at www.MomsInTouch.org. Come pray with us!!!

As summer travel and activities begin to slow down, I invite you to take a break and reflect on the precious time you have spent with your families. Back to school time is just around the corner and the influx of commitments and events will begin. May the memories you made during the summer bring a smile to your face and may you be blessed with happiness, good health and an abundance of love.

Jamie Kalcich
St. Mary's Parent Organization President

PO Officers

Jamie Kalcich - President

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Stephanie Gray & Elizabeth Miller– Beau Geste Co- Chairs

HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF YOUR PARENT ORGANIZATION THROUGH A FAMILY DONATION

At the beginning of each year, your Parent Organization (PO) asks for a donation to assist the efforts of our PO's work. This donation request will also be available during Orientation Day, The following family donation is suggested:

- One student enrolled: \$50
- More than one student enrolled: \$75
- or any amount would be greatly appreciated (and helpful!)

This will be a one-time contribution to assist with the following the work of the Parent Organization and with special efforts such as:

- **Benevolence**: provides SMES families with support for events such as births, deaths, hospitalizations, family illnesses, etc. by providing a meal or gift.
- **Faculty/Staff appreciation**: provides faculty luncheons and gifts to show how much they are appreciated.

Our Parent Organization, in partnership with the school, exists to further the school's vision through combinations of volunteer work, fundraising efforts, and special events that offer many ways to encourage SMES families to become involved.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION – PLEASE SEND THIS BOTTOM SECTION WITH YOUR CHECK!!!—THANK YOU!!!

You will also have an opportunity to make a contribution during Orientation Day.

To support the work of your Parent Organization as suggested above, please make a separate check to St. Mary's PO and mail it or bring it by the office. THANK YOU!

NAME: _____

AMOUNT: _____