



St. Cecilia PTG Newsletter

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Important Dates

September 17

6:30 pm

Back to School Night
Grades 4 through 8

September 25

10:00 am

Parent Mass

September 30

6:30 pm

Mom's Night Out

September 30

Auction Gifts Due

October 2

Family Movie Night

A Message from the President...

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to a new school year. It is hard to overlook the excitement present on campus as the students are finishing their third week of school. Equally important is the amount of St. Cecilia parents that can be found after morning assembly, getting reacquainted and meeting the new families. This is the feature that sets St. Cecilia school apart from the rest. The importance that each St. Cecilia family places on developing this community is one reason that I am proud to serve as PTG President for the second year.

As always many exciting things are happening at school right off the bat. On September 25, 2009, the parents of St. Cecilia School will host the school mass at 10:00am. This is a first for us and we would really like to see as many of you as possible attend this liturgy. What better way do we have to model our faith for our young students than to participate in the Holy Eucharist? If you are interested in participating in this mass please let me know as soon as possible. There is still room in the Parent Choir and we welcome your voices!

You have heard much about our fundraisers already. Innisbrook is in full swing. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. The proceeds from this event directly fund our PTG budget. This year our operating budget is \$176,800.00. We need your help to make this a successful fundraiser. Be sure your student is registered online for their Innisbrook sales.

Also, please remember to reserve your spot at the upcoming Masquerade Ball on October 30, 2009. The success of this event, too, directly impacts our PTG budget. From the yearly Auction proceeds we contribute \$56,000.00 to the school's Needs Analysis Savings Account. From this account, St. Cecilia School is able to meet its yearly financial challenges ranging from replacing the milk refrigerator (\$2400) to updating technology and textbooks when necessary. The importance of your support for this event cannot be overstated. Beyond all of that, it is an incredibly fun evening of socializing and entertainment. Please join us...at the Ball!

On behalf of PTG, I wish you all a great year.

Randy Fiorentino

Innisbrook

It's not too late to participate in one of the school's largest fundraisers, Innisbrook Wraps! And this year, participating is "EZ"! Simply log on to innisbrook.com and select "EZ" to instantly submit your order online. Every participating student will receive a free dress pass. Additionally, all students selling 25 items (or 60 items total for a family of 3 or more students) earn a spot in the coveted Video Game Truck, so encourage those kids to sell, sell, sell! All orders must be submitted by this Friday, September 18th.

Incredible Edible Field

Thank you for the wonderfully enthusiastic response to the first Community Building event of the year and our first school-wide gleaning ever. Almost 50 St. Cecilia parents and students worked side by side to plant broccoli and harvest butternut squash, onions and peppers. For those who weren't able to participate this weekend, we hope to host another service project in the spring.

St. Cecilia Family Movie Night!

Save the date: Friday, October 2nd. Details coming soon . . .

Head Room Parents

2009- 2010

Preschool
Tracy Wollnik

Pre-K
AM – Christina
Kellman
PM – Arron Mahony
& Diane Smit

Kindergarten
Kristine Kahouch &
Kathy Ayuayo

1st Grade
Michele Bogart

2nd Grade
Tracy Hassett &
Jen Brandon

3rd Grade
Angela Sparks

4th Grade
Roselyn Quileza

5th Grade
Gisella Rewers

6th Grade
Monica Estrada &
Teri Schulist

7th Grade
Janel Holland

8th Grade
Julie Strohl

*For news/information concerning PTG's current activities, financial or otherwise, please visit the PTG Corner on the St. Cecilia School Website. Or better yet, join us at a meeting!

*If you have any information you would like placed in our PTG newsletter, including information about a "Superstar Kid," Please contact Jen Gourde at: tgourde@cox.net.

Deadline for inclusion of information in the newsletter is the second Wednesday of each month.

Auction Donations

As a reminder, all family Auction Donations are due on Wednesday, September 30th. Items will be collected that morning in the modulars.

Looking for Additional, Easy and Virtually Cost Free Ways to Earn \$\$ for School? Look no Further . . .

Grocery Cards

This trouble-free fundraising won't cost you a thing! Register your grocery card (Albertsons, Ralph's or Vons/Pavillions) and watch funds funnel to St. Cecilia! Simply swipe your card the next time you shop and St. Cecilia's will automatically receive a rebate based on your purchases. Here's how to register your cards:

Albertsons: Register your Albertson's Preferred Card at www.albertsons.com and designate St. Cecilia School as your community partner.

Ralph's: Register your Ralph's Rewards card at www.Ralphs.com and designate St. Cecilia's under the "School Program."

Vons/Pavillions: Register your loyalty card and any debit and/or credit cards you typically use at www.escrip.com. Our School/Group ID# is 136558900.

Box Tops

Cut a box top to earn cold, hard cash! Take an extra moment to cut the tab of specially marked boxes of food you already own and send them to school.

For a complete list of qualifying products, please go to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Downloads/Coordinator/Clip/ParticipatingProductsFlyer2008.pdf>. Any Questions? Contact Terese Garrett.

Land's End

St. Cecilia School receives money back for every uniform purchased through Land's End. Make sure to enter the St. Cecilia School code prior to purchase. And you thought you were just purchasing a uniform!

Pizza Shack is Back!

Everyone loves pizza, right? So why not earn some money while serving your kids their favorite treat? Pizza Shack is again offering the "St. Cecilia Pizza Special," a large, two-topping pizza for the incredible price of \$9.99! For every "special" pizza purchased, Pizza Shack will donate \$2 to our school. No fliers necessary. Simply mention St. Cecilia School when ordering.

Family Matters

Our sympathies go out to Jennifer Quinteros (K) on the death of her maternal grandfather. May our thoughts and prayers be with her family during this time.

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Ice cream sales have started again. All ice cream, sold during lunch on Thursdays, costs just 50¢! Treat your kids to this cool, creamy delight!

Lets go MNO! St. Cecilia's Mom's Night Out at Wine Styles!

Join other St. Cecilia moms on September 30th for a night of fun, friends and wine. All moms are invited. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and \$10 for wine tasting. Please RSVP to Jenn De Mahy at jdemahy@yahoo.com.

Wanted: Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work driveway duty, yard duty and rainy day lunch duty. A volunteer is also needed to coordinate monthly staff appreciation for the school and parish. If interested, please call Rosemarie Bako at (714) 541-2641.

St. Cecilia Superstar Kids

On August 16th, Katelyn Bako, Megan Bartyczak, Maddie Cardoza, Nicole Castillo, Kevin Gladwell, Allison Goodwin, Natalie Holland, Kyra Neff, Hannah Rapp, Sarah Rapp and Angelo Russo hosted a "Great American Bake Sale" after morning Masses. The Great American Bake Sale is a national program that seeks to end childhood hunger in America. All the goods were baked, packaged and sold by the 7th graders, who raised \$1,133.00 in one morning, far exceeding their goal of \$200! All proceeds will be used locally to help end childhood hunger.