

Saint Bernard PTO

Welcome Packet

2014-2015



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July 27, 2015

Dear Saint Bernard Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at Saint Bernard Catholic School! We hope this year is filled with lots of learning and exciting memories for our children. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is seeking enthusiastic and excited parents who want to see our children, teachers, and school succeed and have fun doing it!

As a parent of a Saint Bernard student, you are a member of the PTO. We would like to invite you to get involved with the PTO and see what it's all about. Our meetings are no more than once a month, sometimes every other month, depending on what activities are planned. The activities are spread throughout the year as you can see from the enclosed calendar of events. The meetings are short, usually no more than an hour, and are used to discuss and plan events for our students and staff. We would LOVE to see new faces in addition to those already involved. We would like to hear new ideas about fun activities for the students as well as new fundraising ideas.

Don't feel pressured! We are not going to pressure you to do more than you can manage or more than you are comfortable with. We want all parents to participate in the events they would enjoy or have a knack for. Any time you can give this year, to any area of the school, would be greatly appreciated whether it be maintenance projects around the school, the Booster Club, working concession stands, attending PTO meetings, decorating for school dances, or serving cookies and punch at a school Christmas program. It takes all kinds of time, talent and treasure from each of us to make this school a great place for our children. Everyone has something to offer, so if you are new to the school or aren't yet involved, please come and see what the PTO is all about! We will send home flyers in the Family Folders, post on Facebook, and use School Reach communications to announce upcoming meetings and activities.

We would love to hear your ideas. Your contributions make Saint Bernard a great place for our students, faculty, and parents. We can be reached at the contacts listed below.

Please help us make the 2014-2015 school year a success!! *We will be as successful as you want us to be!*

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hamilton

PTO President

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Our organization is comprised of **parents, teachers, and administration** working together to create a learning environment for the students that is contemporary, fun, energizing, and above all, emphasizing Catholic education and Christian values.

What do we do and why do we need you?

In recent years, monies raised through PTO activities have funded:

- *Playground Equipment
- *School Dances
- *Family Fun Nights
- *Educational materials
- *Social Activities
- *School Reach
- *Author Visits
- *Books for the Library & Classrooms
- *Healthy Snacks for ISTEP
- *Art Supplies
- *Classroom Contests
- *Assemblies
- *Classroom Needs
- *Catholic Schools Week
- *Teacher Appreciation Week
- *Graduation
- *Christmas Programs
- *Scholastic Book Fairs
- *School Reach Phone System
- *Emergency Bags for each Classroom
- *Playground Bench
- *Pool Parties

Please feel free to contact any of the officers below with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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We need YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities at Saint Bernard Catholic School

Our Children Deserve the Very Best That We Can Give....

Parental and teacher involvement at Saint Bernard are key to our children's academic and social success. Many of the following activities take very little time and are great ways to have fun and connect with the Saint Bernard community. Please consider volunteering for an activity. Check off anything that interests you or that you will be attending anyway. We will contact you to provide more information and you can choose your commitments later. Feel free to contact any of the PTO officers if you would like more information before turning in this form. Thank you for your time and commitment to Saint Bernard Catholic School!

*******Please bring form to the PTO mtg. on 9/1/15 or return to the school office by 9/4/15.**

You only need to fill out one form per family. Please use different initials for each parent willing to help.

Parent Name _____

Parent Name _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Email _____

Tentative Activities:

___ Fundraiser – World's Finest Chocolate (Sept/Oct) – help organize/distribute items to classrooms (during day)

___ Middle School Play (Oct) – serve cookies and drinks

___ Christmas Parade (Dec) – **Chairperson needed** to coordinate ___ Rockport ___ Santa Claus

___ Christmas Parade (Dec) – walk or help decorate float ___ Rockport ___ Santa Claus

___ Christmas Program (Dec) – serve cookies and drinks ___ Preschool ___ K-5th Grades

___ School Dance (Jan) – decorate or help prepare/serve food

___ Teacher Appreciation Week (May) – volunteers to sit in classrooms

___ Preschool Spring Program (May) – serve cookies and drinks

___ 8th Grade Graduation (May) – help setup, serve cake, and punch

___ Provide Desserts or Cookies for special occasions

___ Not sure of schedule – please contact me to see if I'm available for an event

___ Other – I'd be willing to help with _____



The PTO invites you to attend the
WELCOME-BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY
for St. Bernard School Families



August 5, 2015

Rockport City Pool

6:00 - 8:00pm

Admission is free

Pizza, Chips, Dessert & Drink Available* - \$3.50

*You cannot bring your personal coolers

Please plan to attend this event and bring your entire family as we kick off the new 2015-2016 school year!

No Drop Offs Please



Labels / Printer Cartridges / Drink Pouches

\$ "FREE Money" Programs \$

Please Help Earn Money for Saint Bernard

We encourage you to clip and save these labels and cartridges as much as you can to earn money and points for Saint Bernard. **Ask your friends and relatives to save them for you as well.** We received over \$1,000 for the PTO last year from these programs.

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LABEL / CARTRIDGE / POUCH CONTEST

Collection boxes are located at the end of the hallway (top of the stairs). As an incentive this year, students may write their classroom name (ex: 2nd Caterpillar, etc.) on their labels, printer cartridges, and drink pouches (see "How to Submit" below).

Collections from August thru November 30th:

The classroom with the most combined points will be treated to a S'mores Party & Free Dress Day in December.

Collections from December 1st thru April 30th:

The classroom with the most combined points will be treated to a Sundae Party & Free Dress Day in May.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson, & Best Choice:

You can either mark the classroom name on the back of the label or accumulate them in a sealed plastic bag or envelope. **If using a plastic bag, please clearly mark the bag with a permanent marker or pen.**

Printer Cartridges & Drink Pouches:

Please place in a sealed plastic bag. **Please clearly mark the classroom name on the bag with a permanent marker or pen.**