

PTO Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015

Principals Report- Mr Westerfield

*We have a total of 167 children enrolled @ St Gregory this year Pre-K through 8th grade. These students come from 98 School families.

*There are approximately 24 Pre- K students and room for 2 more, if anyone is interested please contact the school office.

*School board will change the date of the Open House / Chili supper this year to Feb 18th (generally in March) this will allow families more time to complete financial aide forms and turn them in by the deadline.

*Mrs. Rita Holtzkencht is working on an automated library system for the library.

*Grades 4-5 have new reading/ literature books this year

*We welcome our new Spanish Teacher Mrs. Matthews. All students will have Spanish this year.

*We also welcome Mrs. Doerr. She will be teaching 5-8th grade various classes

*Mrs. Mickey will be introducing a new online lunch account program called "myschoolbucks" very soon. You will be able to monitor what your child is purchasing as well as fill the account online instead of sending money via your child. The cost will be 12.50 per year.

Athletics - Nick Reiland

*Girls BB 7-8 grade started last week. They have been doing really well

*4th grade girls BB- we do not have enough to play a 4th grade team- however those interested will be invited to play up on the 5th grade team and a few of the 5th grade girls will fill in and play on the 6th grade team as well.

*Nick is organizing a CPR certification class. the cost will be around \$7 and the class last around 1 1/2hrs. More info will come.

*Currently we have 3 basketball coaches, Nick Reiland- Sandy Crepps, and David Brown. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

*We have some Volleyball interest mainly in the 4/5th grades. If these girls are going to be able to play we will need a Volleyball coach- they would have to play in the 6th grade league.

*Don't forget if you are considering Coaching or attending any field trips with your student, it is an archdiocese requirement to attend Safe environment classes. Please contact the office if you are interested.

New Business

St Gregory Fall Festival - Will be held on Sept 26th btwn 4-8. Please mark your calendars now and plan to come and be a part of the action. This is one of the largest fundraisers for St Gregory and it takes the participation of every family to make it a success. More info will follow in the upcoming days.

Kroger Community Rewards- We are requesting that every family go online and sign up for Kroger Community Rewards & Support St Gregory School. Everyone will have to re-commit again this year. Even if you signed up last year- you will have to go back online and sign up again. This is a very easy process and will take about 5 minutes then every time you scan your Kroger plus card St Gregory will automatically earn a % of what you spent.

Scrip Program-This is a very easy way for ST Gregory to earn money and not have to purchase anything extra. Every other week you can submit orders to purchase gifts cards for the places that you already shop and those business donate a % back to St Gregory. We now have Presto pay which is an Online ordering option as well as Scrip now in which you can instantly load egift cards right to your phone. Angie Potter has brought information on how to get signed up with this easy program. There are many online options for reloads ect. if you need help getting started please see Angie Potter or myself. Each family is asked to purchase \$300 per month through this program. This enables us not to have to "sell" things to raise money for needed funds to support our teachers and this school.

GFS will no longer have Fun Funds :(

St Gregory Yard Sale will be held Sept 12th in the PCC. from 7-12. Clean out your basements and garages, donations will be accepted the week prior. This event is hosted by the Boy Scouts.

Chair People for 2015/2016 school Year- Still would like to get some volunteers for the Casino night team. There are currently 4 people, I would like for it to be a team of at least 6> Please see me if you are interested in that.

We are also in need of a Secretary on the PTO team. Please see one of the PTO officers after the meeting if you are interested.

Labels for Education/ Coke Rewards / Box tops for education/old ink jet cartridges / shoparoo

Shoparoo - is an app on your smart phone that once you sign up all you have to do is take pics of your receipts and we are entered in a drawing each month for \$10000 cash and we earn \$\$ as well. We opened an account in Nov and 9 of us participated and earned a little over \$75 in just a few months.

Here at St Gregory there are lots of ways to recycle your trash and earn money for the school. We collect Coke rewards labels / bottle caps, Box Tops for Education, Cambell's Labels for education as well as old printer ink cartridges. Please continue to collect these items and turn them into the office.

Jennifer Lyvers has announced that we up-ed our Box Top goal this year to 25,000. She is also asking that anyone that has any box tops turn them in

immediately, there is a bonus if we turn them in before Oct 2 so there will be a special prize if we reach 10,000 before then.

Scrapbooking retreat will be This Saturday August 22. She said a Thank You to everyone that is bringing goodies and cooking lunch / dinner for Saturday. There are still a couple of openings. If you are interested, the event last from 9am-9pm. There will also be volunteer service hours available if anyone is able to help with cleanup around 830PM Please contact Jennfier 502-460-6619

There will be alter server training this Friday 8-21 during school for any student grade 4-8 that is interested in becoming an alter server. This will also serve as an Alter server update for those that are already Alter Servers.

Old Business

Ongoing Fundraisers-

Kroger Community Rewards-Please sign up for Kroger Plus card online ASAP
code 10037

Labels for Education/ school- Kim Hall

Box Top information - Jennifer Lyvers

Coke rewards (on inside of cases, bottles or powerades)-Angie Potter

Scrip Card Program- Angie Potter/ Leigh Ulrich *Order dates are on the back of the blue Thursday folders *NOW HAVE ONLINE PAY OPTIONS*

Shoparoo- this is an app that you install on your mobile smart phone. You basically take a picture of receipts from purchases and submit them.

Recycling old printer cartridges
Goodsearch, and Goodshop

Upcoming Events

Aug 22	Scrapbooking Retreat
Sept 12	PTO Yard Sale - Chaired by Boy Scouts
Sept 26	Fall Festival

Next Meeting

Sept 14 1st Grade Showcase

Opening prayer
Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Closing Prayer

Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,

we praise you for the wonder of our being,

for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin

a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge to their minds

as they search for understanding;

and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.