

August/September, 2010

Dear Parents and Faculty,

Welcome back to school for the 2010-2011 year! We have great things planned for the PTU this year and hope everyone will join in.

Our goals this year are to increase our membership and increase the number of parent volunteers. If "it takes a village to raise a child", then it takes a small country to run an effective PTU. I know volunteering can strike fear in the hearts of some, but I promise you will not get sucked into the Black Hole. We respect that everyone's time is precious. Membership in the St. Charles PTU presents parents and children with some great opportunities. Parents who volunteer are rewarded with a chance at a FREE TUITION. Additionally, each time a parent attends a monthly business meeting they earn a chance at a second FREE TUITION. We also have a Child Volunteer drawing which entitles students entry for gift certificates. All drawings are conducted at the Family Bingo Night in May.

Our membership drive begins September 1, 2010 and runs through October 31, 2010. Dues will remain \$10.00 per family. Membership is required for the grade level events that are hosted through the year, as well as Family Fun Night, Kid's Craft Night, Family Bingo Night and all Adult socials. Don't miss out on these great events!

PTU Business meetings are conducted on the second Wednesday of each month (unless they conflict with other parish activities) and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. We do our very best to keep the meetings to an hour or less so everyone can have an early night. Childcare is available for all business meetings. New this year will be the "Business Meeting Re-cap" to be held on the Monday following each business meeting. The meeting will begin around 8:30 am (following pre-school drop-off) with morning refreshments starting at 8:00. The hope of this new meeting is to keep the parents who are unable to come on Wednesday evening connected. The meeting will be informal so children not yet in school are welcome as well. Come see what's new at school and enjoy some time with fellow parents.

Attached is a schedule of meetings and socials for the year. All PTU correspondence will be on yellow paper so check your child's bag for our flyers.

Important dates to keep in mind:

<b>August 22, 2010</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social during Open House</b>
<b>August 23, 2010</b>	<b>First Day Doughnut Social</b>
<b>August 26, 2010</b>	<b>Kindergarten Doughnut Social</b>
<b>August 25, 2010</b>	<b>Curriculum Night (formerly Open House)</b>
<b>September 6, 2010</b>	<b>Labor Day - No School</b>
<b>September 8, 2010</b>	<b>PTU Business Meeting 7:30 pm Lower Monaghan Hall</b>
<b>September 13, 2010</b>	<b>PTU Business Meeting Re-Cap 8:30 am Lower Monaghan Hall</b>
<b>September 18, 2010</b>	<b>PTU Kid's Clothing Resale Corrigan Gym</b>

Let's work together for a great year for our children and for ourselves!

God Bless,

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