

## MARCH 2004 PSO NEWSLETTER

Parents,

It's time for the PSO to start filling positions for the school year 2004-2005. We are looking for parents who are willing to share some of their time and talent as PSO President, President Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer. The current Executive Board is revising the PSO bylaws to change the Vice President position to a President Elect position. The plan is for the President Elect to serve as President for the following year. This will provide for much needed consistency from year to year and will prevent the need for "reinventing the wheel" each year. Sharon McConnell is leading the effort to make this and other bylaw revisions. At the General Meeting on May 11 all parents will have an opportunity to vote on these changes.

At the General Meeting we will also vote on the proposal to spend the proceeds of our NYNY auction on outfitting the new cafeteria. This is a change from the previous proposal to purchase activity buses. The change is due to two reasons: 1) the SAC conducted an extensive feasibility study on the bus issue and determined that it would much more cost effective to enter into a lease contract with a busing company and 2) there is a shortfall of funds available to complete the building project and outfitting the cafeteria is a single, recognizable area in which the PSO can make a significant contribution. The Managing Board has agreed that this use of the money would be worthwhile, pending a review of the final numbers which Mr. Cadran will present at the PSO meeting on April 20.

In addition to voting on the bylaws and the major expenditure for the cafeteria, we will elect officers for the 2004-2005 school year. Please seriously consider serving in an Executive Board position. It is a valuable way to spend your time as a volunteer and absolutely necessary to accomplish the quality Catholic education we all want for our children. Feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Board members below to talk or ask questions.

Sincerely,

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I encourage all of you to attend the meeting on the 20th (7:00 in the Science Lab) for information and the meeting on May 11 (7:00 in the Parish Hall) to cast your vote on this issue.

### Community Relations Committee:

The Business and Baby Sitter Directory is available in hard copy in the school office. The business portion is also available on the STMM web site.

The Community Relations Committee is responsible for coordinating all contacts to businesses regarding such issues as donations and partnerships. Committee activities for the 2003/2004 school year included the following:

- generating and distributing thank you notes to all donors and patrons of the "New York New York" fundraiser
- developed, maintained, and distributed a business and baby sitter directory

Similar activities are expected for the 2004/2005 school year. The business and baby sitter directory data base will require regular maintenance and will need to be reissued in 2005.

### VIPS:

This past month was another busy one for volunteers at STMM. Thank you for your continued support!!

Volunteers play a critical part in ensuring STMM's success. "Volunteers in Parochial Schools" (VIPS) is responsible for working with teachers and staff to identify needs and matching parent volunteers to those needs. As the number of programs, projects and events at STMM has grown over the past four years, the role of VIPS has also grown. Be a part of the growth. Be a part of the change. Chair the VIPS committee or one of its subcommittees in the coming school year. For more information, contact Linda Labaza at 462-9307.

### STAFF APPRECIATION:

During February, the Staff Appreciation Committee remembered the kind hearts of all our Staff members with little Valentine treat buckets. Thanks to Roni Bonello for organizing the project. We are currently coordinating events for the official Staff Appreciation Week with the Room Parents. As has been the tradition, the Committee will organize the Spring Staff Luncheon to be held Monday, April 26th from 12 Noon - 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Room parents have been asked to recruit two volunteers to monitor each classroom while the teachers are at the luncheon. We are planning one additional event in May for the Staff - it will be an Ice Cream Social! We also continue to remember all Staff birthdays with a card and craft treat thanks to Pam Steffans and Laurie Wendt.

It is the mission of the PSO Staff Appreciation Committee to plan and implement events and small commemerations for the SMM Staff that express appreciation for their outstanding efforts in support of our children. Currently, the Committee consists of approximately 30 members and has 2 Co-chairpersons. Generally, a calendar of activities is organized in the beginning of the school year and various Committee members volunteer as coordinators for a specific event. All

members assist in coordination and preparation of food items and small arts and crafts treats that are distributed to the Staff usually around a specific holiday or school event.

Let me know if you need more information.

Regards,

Renee Fregenal

SCHOOL STORE:

The school store will once again be holding a Used Uniform Sale. The sale is tentatively scheduled for the last week of July. Specific dates and times will be announced at a later date. In addition to used uniforms, we will also be selling school supplies at this sale. Look for more information in future newsletters. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Sharon Albrecht at 362-4741 or [ncsalbrecht@earthlink.net](mailto:ncsalbrecht@earthlink.net).

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CULTURAL ARTS:

March 16th at 1:30pm we will have a Scottish/Irish dance performance featuring some of our own STMM students! In April, the 5th graders will have an opportunity to work with a local potter as a follow up to their Colonial America studies. Our "So This Is Opera" performance was postponed from February 12th to May 14th at 1:30pm.

The Cultural Arts committee is beginning to plan for next year. We are forming our committee for next year now. Look for information to come on our May meeting inviting anyone to attend and participate in the planning of next year's cultural arts events.