

May 19, 2010



PANTHER PRINTS

The Official Newsletter of the St. James Grade School PTO

DON'T FORGET THE PANTHER BOOK CLUB!!!

Books are available for purchase all year long. For just \$10 you can purchase a book to commemorate a special occasion, to say Thank You or Happy Birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available on the PTO web-site. Send orders to school in an envelope marked "Panther Book Club, attention: Jenny Acra". Checks can be made to St. James PTO. With your help, we can help build our library collection. Questions call Kristin Smith 741-9032 or email at ksmith637@cinci.rr.com.

Check out our gardens!

Wait and see what is coming to our parish....some color? We are forming a gardening group to take care of and beautify the parish grounds. A landscaping company mulches and prepares the beds, but we are looking for folks to plant flowers and help with weeding during the growing season. Please pay attention as you walk our large parish grounds...and if you are interested in helping, needing service hours, or even if your troop/organization has already helped this year or in the past...please let us know! We are starting very informally, and would love anyone with some interest to contact us.



We are hoping for some positive feedback and some potential gardening

helpers - no skill or green thumbs necessary, just some outdoor enthusiasm to help us get our flower/tree beds looking sharp.

To begin, we'd like to start on the 15th of each month, May 15th, June 15th, July 15th, August 15th. If you are interested, bring small gardening tools, garbage bags, etc. We will begin around 9:30 am each time.

For more information or would like to get involved, please contact Karen Orth 741-7271 or Lynne Archdeacon at 385-5832.

School Supply Kits

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Enjoy your summer and don't worry about getting the school supplies for next year by ordering your child's kit now. If you have lost your form or didn't get one, go to the PTO web site and print one off from the "PTO Forms" tab. Send the completed form along with your payment (check preferred) to the attention of PTO School Supply Kit . If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti Quinn @ pquinnoh@fuse.net.

Box Tops for Education: One last thing!

I am bundling up one final set of Box Tops to mail at the end of May:

The ones that expire before October 1, 2010. Do you have any in your cabinet? If so, please send them to the PTO Mailbox (Attention "Box Tops") with your child. In particular, I would appreciate it if you would check for any of the checkout coupons - usually from Meijer - worth 20, 50, 75, or 100 or more Box Tops. Many of these expire in June or September of this year, and if we wait until next school year we will be too late! If you wish, put your Box Tops in an envelope with your child's name and current grade, and I will do my best to count them toward your child's new homeroom next year.



If your Box Tops expire after October 1, 2010, you can save them for the Box Tops Contest for next school year. I would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to all of you who save and bundle Box Tops. We earned over \$6000 for the school this year, with the only cost being your time and effort. Please let me know if you have any questions, and have a great summer! Laura White (LauraWhite@cinci.rr.com)

Final Tyson Label Turn-in

Send in your Tyson labels! On May 27, for any family that has sent 5 or more labels, each child will receive a small treat. Please be sure to put



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the labels in an envelope or baggie with each child's name and homeroom number! St. James receives \$.24 for every label that we send back to Tyson! Remember to send the entire box or bag edge that reads "Project A+ 1 - 2 - 3."

Attention Cafeteria Volunteers!

You will notice that you received a form in last week's Wednesday folder regarding scheduling for days for the upcoming school year. This is a great opportunity to sign up early for days you may want (birthdays, days of work, etc.). During the summer months, we are busy preparing the schedule for the upcoming school year and it is extremely helpful to have as many forms turned in before summer break. Please take the time to fill out the form and return it to the Cafeteria as soon as possible. Again, thank you for another wonderful year and please know that we couldn't do it without each and everyone of you!

Thanks! St. James Cafeteria

St James LIFE Ministry

Thank you for your generous response to the Mother's Day Flower Sale! All proceeds were donated to Cincinnati Right to Life. What a beautiful way to celebrate our mothers who generously gave each of us the gift of life.

On Mother's Day we individually offered up prayers of petition to the Father to bless our mothers by signing their names on slips of paper which were placed in a basket on the altar. May each and every mother be blessed by our heavenly Father throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

June 6: Cross the Bridge for Life

June 20: Father's Day Candy Bar Sale



SJAC NEWS

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Remaining tryouts for the girls' basketball 2010 season will be held on the following dates in St. James gym::

- Monday, May 24th : 8th Grade -- 5:00 to 6:00 PM, 7th Grade -- 6:15 to 7:30 PM.
- Tuesday, May 25th : 7th Grade -- 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- NO TRYOUTS TO BE HELD FOR 3RD OR 5TH GRADE GIRLS.



*NOTE THAT THESE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, SO PLEASE WATCH FOR ANY E-MAILED UPDATES OR CHANGES TO THIS PAGE!**

Please arrive a few minutes early to enable the tryouts to begin on time! Tryouts are closed to parents, only coaches / evaluators will be allowed to observe Any questions, please contact Co-Coordinator, Rick Groene rgroene@fuse.net or Niccia Smith niccia_scott@fuse.net

SJAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The final general membership meeting for the Athletic Club will be held Monday evening, May 24th, at 7:00 PM in the Seniors' Meeting Room in the Parish Center. Please consider attending to learn more about our new, big fundraiser, parents' night-out opportunity in October, as we make the plans to provide our membership and surrounding community an evening of fun!

SJ FIELD PARKING REMINDERS FOR GAMES, PRACTICES AND LADIES SOFTBALL ON WEDNESDAYS

Don't forget, no parking allowed in the Heids' Lanes parking lot adjacent to our STJ Field lot. See parking link on SJAC website, and please park only in marked spaces. We need to keep the emergency / maintenance vehicle entrance clear, which is located between the can recycling bin and the trash dumpster. A new sign will now remind you of this request. The lots across the street available to St. James after business hours are Cincinnati Dental Labs, GCAP Office, and Bushwackers Salon. Parking anywhere else, including in Heids' lot, could result in your vehicle being towed. Please use the main entrance of the fields to get to field # 3, don't use the old driveway behind Heid's. Thank you for your cooperation!