



# Saints Peter and Paul PTO Newsletter

## A Note from the PTO President – Kristin Tangeman:

I am very excited about the new 2015-2016 school year. I look forward to continuing the wonderful relationship between the parents, teachers, and school staff here at Saints Peter and Paul. We have several new faces at SPPS, including new PTO officers. Along with myself as President, we have Kelli Uphaus as Vice President, Molly Strathman returning as Secretary and Lacey Dalinghaus as Treasurer. I want to give a huge thank you to outgoing officers, Jill Hammes, post-President and Tisha Holthaus, post-Treasurer. With their leadership last year we were able to raise over \$35,000!

The start of this new school year also means that we are looking to fill all the PTO committees. There are eighteen committees. On the back of this newsletter you will find a list of the committees with a description of each. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to one of our many events. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Back to School Picnic. The funds raised are used for educational purposes which directly support our teachers and ultimately our children!

## Principal's Corner – Todd Leonard:

As we begin the new school year, we welcome a number of new faces, some classroom arrangement changes and new staff positions. Our K-8 enrollment is 186 students, which is an increase of 15 students from last year. Our current preschool enrollment is 43 students. With our increased enrollment, we have added a second kindergarten class and a classroom resource teacher position. The 4th and 5th grade classrooms have been moved to the junior high building. We have also purchased 100 iPads for student use across all grade levels.

The new staff member are:

Mrs. Tami Haverkamp, - School Secretary

Ms. Debbie Ford – Preschool Teacher

Mrs. Jenna Kramer - Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Stacie Buessing – 6th – 8th Grade Language Arts and 8th Grade Religion Teacher

Mrs. Kathy Heinen – Part time Classroom Aide/Part time School Cook

Mrs. Betty Haug – School Cook

Mrs. Sarah Feldkamp – Part Time Art Teacher

The words of Archbishop Joseph Naumann help to remind us of the mission of Sts. Peter and Paul School and Catholic Education...

*"The mission of Jesus on earth was "to teach." His own words, "I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE" indicate this. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He continues that work through the administrators and teachers in our Catholic Schools today. Administrators and teachers share both this "mission" and "ministry" of the Catholic Church with the "total school community"...pastors, parents, and parishioners. "*

## SPPS PTO FACTS

**Did you know.....** that by simply attending a PTO meeting you can help your child win a pizza party in his/her classroom? The grade level with the most parents present wins the prize!

**Did you know.....** that the PTO currently has 16 different fundraisers that we operate throughout the school year? Our largest fundraisers are the Soup Supper in the fall and Trivia Night in February. The Trivia Night raised over \$8,400.00 last year alone!

**Did you know.....** that by attending PTO meetings you are given a platform to communicate with the entire teaching staff of SPPS, Principal Todd Leonard and Fr. Arul? Your voice helps determine how PTO funds are disbursed, to address concerns, show support for our teachers, and to generate fresh ideas for the PTO.

## Upcoming Events

*Back to School Picnic  
August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm*

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## PTO Meetings

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm

April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

## PTO Officers

President: Kristin Tangeman 336-1804  
Vice President: Kelli Uphaus 336-6082  
Secretary: Molly Strathman 336-0188  
Treasurer: Lacey Dalinghaus 294-0397

## **PTO Committees:**

**Nature Area (Kathy Ganstrom):** If you love working outdoors, this is the committee for you! Duties include maintaining the perennial and annual plants in the nature area throughout the year by planting, trimming and watering. This is a year-long commitment.

**Mother's Day Flowers (Diana Holthaus):** The committee duties include publicizing, ordering, organizing and distributing potted flower baskets. This typically requires commitment during the spring months.

**Sunshine Parents (Charity Henry):** If you love making a kid's day, this is the committee for you! The committee duties include communicating with the teachers about students who may need extra emotional support because of a major illness or are new to SPPS and deliver a gift from the PTO. This commitment is ongoing throughout the school year as required.

**School Supply Kits (Becky Bartkoski):** If you love school supplies, this is the committee for you! These duties include communicating with teachers about their school supply lists, ordering supplies and then organizing student bundles so that they are ready for enrollment in August. The majority of the activity is during the spring and summer.

**Bake Sale (Christina Stallbaumer):** The bake sale is typically held the Saturday of Easter weekend. The committee is responsible for coordinating, advertising, setting up and working the day of the bake sale.

**Teacher Appreciation (Carrie Holthaus):** The committee duties include providing treats and a meal to SPPS staff during work days, which is usually one or two times every nine weeks.

**Teacher Wish List (Jill Hammes):** The Wish List events are held twice a year as determined; Christmas Wish List and Stuff the Bus. The committee duties include coordinating with the teachers on their wish lists, and publishing the list via a bulletin insert, school family envelopes and church/school website. They also receive phone calls and emails from the public on items purchased for the teachers and order and deliver the items to the teachers. This has been a very successful event for the whole community to support SPPS.

**Trivia Night (Jill Hammes):** This event is consistently held the 3rd week of February. The committee duties include selecting trivia topics, researching the topics, acquiring the Emcee for the event, handling registrations, creating the Power Point presentation of Trivia, booking the K of C Hall for next year, acquiring proper equipment to hold the event, communicating with the workers on the set up and take down of the Hall, checking answers sheets and operating the equipment the night of the event. This is our most successful fundraiser of the year.

**Soup Supper (Tiffany Haug & Bonnie Ridenour):** The PTO soup supper is one of the biggest fundraisers for the PTO. It is typically held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The duties include planning and coordinating the supper and working part of Saturday and most of Sunday the day of the supper. This is typically a two year commitment, with activities only during the fall.

**Book Fair (Kelli Uphaus):** The Book Fair is an event held evenings during the week of fall parent-teacher conferences. The committee duties include coordinating with the Scholastic Book Fair representative to order and set up the book kit, coordinating volunteers to work the fair and packing up unsold books to return to Scholastic.

**Memory Tree (Michelle Thomas):** The Memory Tree displays the names of lost loved ones. The tree is setup and displayed in the back of the church during the Advent season. The committee is responsible for publicizing, organizing and decorating the tree.

**Booster Club (Tammy Schmitz):** If you like supporting the team and spreading a little team spirit, this is the committee for you! These duties include decorating the lockers for the Jr High students, providing snacks before every game, and getting boosters for the sports rosters. All money donated from boosters goes towards new uniforms or sports equipment. This is a two-year commitment.

**T-Shirt (Kristin Tangeman):** If you have a creative side and like to show school spirit, this is the committee for you! The duties of this committee to find a design and determine what options will be offered, finalize the order, and to sort items ready for pick up. Typically this committee meets at the end of summer to determine spirit apparel so it is ready to go for the upcoming school year. This is a two-year commitment.

**Craft Fair (Kristen Gudenkauf):** The Craft Fair typically is on the same day as the soup supper (Sunday before Thanksgiving). This committee submits registration forms to crafters and vendors in July and then begins organizing and planning for the event by creating advertising ads, flyers and the floor plan. There will be set up and organization with vendors on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Teacher Workroom (Francine Haverkamp):** This committee is responsible for maintaining the teacher's workrooms with drinks and light snacks throughout the year. The duties include coordinating with the teachers when items run low, using PTO funds to purchase replenishments and restocking.

**Calendar Sales (Cynthia Haugness):** The PTO calendars are sold by each family. Once the sales are complete winners are drawn for every day of the year.

**Fall Fundraiser (Molly Strathman):** Our newest committee's duties will include organizing a fall fundraiser; more details to come.