

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL



PTO Welcome Letter

2010-2011

*We can do it working TOGETHER!*

The Saint Catherine PTO would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families for the 2010-2011 school year. Working together we can truly make a difference at St. Catherine. We kindly ask for your support through volunteering and supporting our activities. As little as an hour can really make a difference!

## **What does the PTO do?**

We plan and organize events such as the all school Halloween party, Spring and Fall Book Fairs, Secret Santa Shop, Right to Read Week and Teacher Appreciation Week just to name a few. Most of these events help raise funds to support our school. This school year, our goal is to raise funds to provide our students with playground equipment.

## **When are the PTO meetings held?**

Meetings are generally held the third Tuesday of every month, with a few exceptions. Meetings are from 7-8 p.m. and generally last about one hour. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend the PTO meetings and is encouraged to come! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions at: [stcatherinepto@hotmail.com](mailto:stcatherinepto@hotmail.com).

## **When are the scheduled PTO meetings?**

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

*\*meetings will be held in the St. Dominic Room*

*\*\*please note all dates may be subject to change; January-May meetings will be scheduled at a later date*

## **PTO Board of Directors:**

President – Meredith Kurucz (419-472-0525 or 419-345-8669)

Vice President – Meg Nester (419-349-4927)

Secretary – Becky Sarantou (419-351-2669)

Treasurer – Nina Lepiarz (419-476-0467)

## **What are our major fundraisers/activities?**

All School Halloween Party (*October*)

Christmas Secret Santa Shop (*December*)

Teacher Conference Dinner (*November*)

Fall/Spring Book Fairs (*November/April*)

Right to Read Week (*April*)

Teacher Appreciation Week (*May*)

Cougar Day (*June*)

### **How can a parent become part of the PTO?**

Anyone with a child at St. Catherine School is invited to be part of the PTO. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Participate with family in social events and enjoy our school community.
- Come to the PTO meetings with your enthusiasm and ideas.
- Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer! (*as little as an hour makes a huge difference!*)
- Become a member of a committee to help organize an event.
- Donate Cash for Education Items: Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Capri Suns

### **How can I contribute to programs that benefit our school?**

Our school earns cash and classroom products from programs such as Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. For questions, contact Meredith Kurucz at [meredithkurucz@hotmail.com](mailto:meredithkurucz@hotmail.com). Below are the programs that St. Catherine School is involved in:

**Box Tops for Education** – simply clip the box top off the participating products and send them to school. Find participating products at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

**Campbell's Labels for Education** – save the UPC barcodes or lids from participating products and send them in to school. Find participating products at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).

**Target Take Charge of Education** – use your Target Visa or REDcard and a percentage of your purchase comes back to our school. To sign up, visit [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), scroll down to Community at the bottom of the webpage, and click on Take Charge of Education. Enroll your card by calling **1-800-316-6142**.

**Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program** – shop at Office Depot and at checkout, give them our school code **70080614**. We can earn redeemable points and 5% of sales will go back to the school. For more information, please visit [www.officedepot.com](http://www.officedepot.com).

**Capri Suns** – save empty Capri Sun pouches and send them to school or ask your child to use the collection box that is set up in the lunchroom to make collecting more convenient.

**Ronald McDonald House** – save your aluminum can pull tabs and bring them into the school. Even though we do not receive a percentage from this program, the tabs are easy to collect and go for a good cause.

A follow-up letter that outlines the above programs and other programs in more depth will be sent home separately.

### **How do I join the PTO?**

Please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office. We would love to see you at the meetings! **Please note that all volunteer help earns school service hours and jeans passes for your kids who attend St. Catherine School.**

# St. Catherine PTO Membership Form 2010-2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)/Grade at St. Catherine: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Opportunities – please mark your areas of interest:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween Party
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fall/Spring Book Fairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secret Santa Shop
- \_\_\_\_\_ Right to Read Week
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Appreciation Week
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open House
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cougar Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education Programs (Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, etc.)

Questions/Comments/Suggestions/Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please return this form ASAP to the school office – thank you and we look forward to having you join our team!*