

# PTO News



October 2008	
17	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
22-23	Report card conferences; cookie dough
23	School Pictures
24	No School
25	Bingo/Family Fun – after 4 pm Mass
1	Bishop Taylor Mass at 4:00 pm
3-7	Book Fair
6	Heart of the Dragon Meeting – 12:00 noon
7	Early Dismissal
12	Square 1 Packets Home
18	Square 1 Orders Due

The PTO is a vital group to our school and serves as a link between parents and teachers. You will find “HOD” (Heart of the Dragon) listed on the school calendar at noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month. The PTO Board meets at this time to discuss pertinent issues such as event planning, budgeting, fundraising, etc. We encourage EVERYONE to attend. If you have a specific request or concern that you would like to be heard, please contact us so we can add your topic to our agenda. All school requests for fundraising will need to be approved by the PTO Board before communicating to parents. This will help to ensure that all efforts are coordinated.

**CUB SCOUTS NEWS** – Cub Scout Pack 329 is off to a great start on a new year of fun and adventure! We had eight new boys join our pack, from Saint Edward's, E-Stem and Rockefeller Elementary! Several Cub families are preparing for outdoor fun at Camp Rockefeller on the various 24-hour weekend camps, including “Mom ‘n Me Weekend,” “Cub/Dad Camp,” “Cub Family Camp,” and “Webelo Warrior Weekend” for our older boys. For some of our boys, this will be their first time to sleep in the woods! We'll be having lots of fun at our Den Meetings, making crafts, playing games, learning skills and trying new challenges. Boys from any school, in grades 1 - 5, are always welcome at Pack 329! We are chartered at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 12th & Jackson Streets, and hold our Den and Pack meetings there. Our field trips and hikes take place all over the city! Please call Cubmaster Matt Kirchner=2 0at 562-2026 for more info. \*\*\* Also very importantly, IT'S CUB SCOUT POPCORN TIME! Our annual popcorn sale funds all of our pack activities for the whole year, and Saint Edward's school has always been a great support to our boys! Please say “yes” when a scout asks if you'd like to order some delicious popcorn – you'll be glad you did!

**BINGO/Family Fun Night** – The PTO is sponsoring this event on October 25, beginning after the 4 pm Mass in the Cafeteria. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Mexican foods will be available for purchase. Games start at 6 pm. Bingo packs are \$8 or two for \$15; children play for FREE. Two \$100 prizes will be available for adult play, as well as other non-monetary prizes. Four additional events are planned throughout the school year. Donations of prizes from business are appreciated, if you know of any businesses willing to make a donation. Please leave the donation with the school office. This is an opportunity to earn volunteer hours. Help is needed. Contact Mary Smith at nudna@sbcglobal.net.



The fall competition for Boxtops for Education is under way! Last year we redeemed over \$800 in coupons. Our goal this year is \$1,050! The count thus far is 1,750 coupons clipped, with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class doing the bulk of the clipping. They are leading the contest with 618 coupons. The contest ends on October 24; results are posted in the school each Monday.

The winning class will be awarded either a pizza or ice cream party. Remember when you clip those coupons, **the date must be visible** or it cannot be redeemed. Please also check to ensure **no expired coupons** are submitted. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Hall: 954-9525 or [dmnHall@aristotle.net](mailto:dmnHall@aristotle.net). Visit the Boxtops for Education website for a list of participating products, <http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/Products.aspx#>.

**Brick Paver Project** – Support St. Edward School and honor your special student or someone you love! Purchase a personalized brick to complete our Brick Paver Project. Contact Eileen Turan, [elturan@ualr.edu](mailto:elturan@ualr.edu), with questions or submit an order online at <http://www.saintedwards.net/school/brick>.

**Cookie Dough** – Orders have been submitted. Delivery is planned to coincide with the report card conferences on October 22-23. If your conference is not until the 23<sup>rd</sup> and you'd like to pick your cookie dough up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, it will be available.

**Christmas Program** – Mark your calendars for a special treat on December 18, where *The Littlest Angel* will be performed at our Christmas Program!

**It Takes a Village** – The wheels are already in motion for another successful event in 2009. Mark your calendar for April 17. If you'd like to help in this important fundraising event for our school, contact Angela Hall, [hallofangels@comcast.net](mailto:hallofangels@comcast.net).

**Kroger Gift Cards** – We need to take advantage of this easy way to earn extra cash for our school! The gift cards are \$5 and come with a \$5 balance (so the cost is \$0). Take the card to customer service and “load” the card before you shop. When you check out, use your card as you would a credit or debit card. Check your balance each time you shop, and reload when necessary. The school receives 2% of our total purchases each month. As you may know, for every \$100 you spend in groceries at Kroger, you receive .10 cents off the cost of a gallon of gasoline. It's a win-win for all of us! **NOTE: Here's a great volunteer opportunity; a Coordinator is needed for this project!**

**PTO Dues** – There has been some confusion over the payment of the PTO dues. This amount was NOT included in the book bill. You will be notified during report card conferences if your dues has not been paid.

**Spirit Items** – An order for Spirit Wear items was placed in September and students seem to be enjoying the new items. A few sweatshirts and polos are on hand and available for purchase. Unless there is a demand to do so, another order is not planned until January. Contact Sharon Talbot with any questions, [Sharon.Talbot@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sharon.Talbot@usdoj.gov).

**Square 1 Art Project** – The students have been diligently working on their artwork. The artwork is scheduled to be submitted for processing on October 24. The artwork will be returned on a magnet and sent home with your child, along with an order form. The artwork can be put on many items including, coffee mugs, mouse pads, bags, and much more. Items will arrive in time for Christmas gift giving!

**Volunteerism** -- Each family **must volunteer** a minimum of **20 hours** during the school year. Records of volunteer hours will be maintained near the school office. Parents are responsible for recording volunteer hours worked. A report of hours worked to date will be provided from your child's teacher during report card conferences. If you have not yet completed a volunteer form, you will be asked to do so. No additional reports will be provided once you have completed your 20 volunteer hours. We still need help!

- **Talent Show** -- The children had a blast at the Talent Show several years ago and would love to again have an opportunity to show their talents! Without volunteers, these types of events cannot happen. Please consider coordinating this event for our students!
- **Kroger Gift Card** – See note above. Coordinator needed.

**Website News** – Remember to check the website for current news: [www.saintedwards.net](http://www.saintedwards.net).

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**The next PTO meeting is November 20.**

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