

January/February PTO News



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7	PTO meeting – 6:00 pm
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Bingo – A huge thank you to Jennifer Philpott who again coordinated our Family Fun Bingo Night. Also, thank you to the many parents who volunteered to work at this event. We had great participation and both adults and kids attending had a terrific time! This event profited over \$600. This is a fun and easy fundraiser, as well as a school community builder for all of us. We would like to plan another night like this in the near future but need a volunteer to coordinate the event. Maybe a Family Fiesta Bingo Night with \$1 tacos, nachos, and margaritas? Please contact Angela Hall if you would be interested in coordinating such an event.

Heart of the Dragon -- Our next meeting has been **rescheduled** for Friday, February 1 at 10:30 am. This very important meeting will primarily be used for planning this year's ITAV.

It Takes a Village -- Our third annual event will be on Friday, April 4, from 6 – 9 pm. Tickets officially go on sale the night of our PTO meeting on February 7. Each ticket is \$25 and includes admission to the event, as well as a seated dinner with homemade desserts. Only 250 tickets are available. We hope this year's event will be bigger and better than ever!

We are having a contest to design this year's logo for ITAV. While the students will have an opportunity to be working on this during art class, they are certainly welcome and encouraged to spend more time on this at home. All submissions are due by Thursday, January 31. This is a firm deadline -- **no exceptions**. The winner will be determined on February 1 and will receive a \$50 cash prize. We are looking for something that emphasizes our "It Takes a Village" theme and hopefully would incorporate St. Edward School as well. **Be Creative!!!!**

Solicitation for this year's auction items is already under way. We need help in this area. We will provide a script for you to contact business. If you can help with solicitation **or** would like to donate an item, please contact Angela Hall ASAP at 821-5529 or by email, hallofangels@comcast.net. The deadline for item submission is March 14, but it would really help if we had these items prior to the deadline date.

Karla Fournier is this year's ITAV volunteer coordinator. If you have already indicated on your volunteer handbook form that you would like to help with this event, Karla will be contacting you very soon. If you haven't already done so, but would like to volunteer to help in some way for ITAV please contact her by phone at 771-7459 or by email at fournierhome@sbcglobal.net. We need the help of many parents to make this event successful.

The proceeds from this year's ITAV have been designated for the purchase of new desks and chairs (existing furniture in the lower grades is over 30 years old), teacher wish lists, and a contribution to the St. Edward Scholarship Fund. As you can see, our hard work goes to very worthwhile needs. Your efforts definitely make a difference to St. Edward School!

National Catholic Schools Week/Teacher Appreciation Week kicks off on Sunday, January 27 at the 9 am Mass. Students are asked to wear their school uniforms to Mass that day. Students will also take part in this special Mass by doing the readings, petitions, and bearing the gifts. Our parish truly supports the school in so many different ways. We would like to have as many students attend this Mass as possible. Without our students and teachers, this week would not be possible. Let's not forget to show our appreciation for our dedicated teachers this week, even by a simple, thoughtful message. If you would like more details about this week, or ways that you can help, please contact our coordinator, Kathleen Beattie at 765-2096.

Secret Santa – A special thank you to Shannon Pace for coordinating Secret Santa this year. The children were very excited to shop for their gifts to give friends and family. While this is not generally thought of as a fundraiser, Secret Santa profited over \$1,081! Also, many thanks to Waynette Traub for the fantastic Santa Pictures. She donates her time, as well as materials, each year so that our parents can have these wonderful keepsakes. This too, contributes to our Secret Santa profits.

Spirit Wear -- Due to popular demand, we will be placing another spirit wear order! The order form is attached to this newsletter. Orders are due Friday, **February 15**. Our next Spirit Wear days are February 8 and March 14. Students are encouraged to wear any spirit wear they have purchased. Any questions may be directed to our coordinator, Tina Harris at 653-0003 or tina.harris@mckesson.com.

Volunteerism – Our coordinators for various volunteer activities are listed below, should you have a question or want to assist in any of these areas.

Box Tops for Education -- Debbie Hall, 954-9525 or dmnhall@aristotle.net
Catholic Schools Week -- Kathleen Beattie, 765-2096
Gardening/Landscaping -- Terri Landers, 375-0054 or terri3landers@yahoo.com
Grant Writing -- Mrs. Norton, norton@saintedwards.net.
Guardian Angel -- Shannon Pace, 351-3185 or sspace513@aol.com
Ink Cartridge -- Becky Loux, 753-1589 or lloux82611@aol.com
Kroger Cards -- Kaysie Rusk, 851-0144 or kmot@earthlink.net
Lunch Room Monitor -- Kim Randolph, 681-4320
Morning Monitors -- Elvira Rico, 519-3198
Spirit Wear -- Tina Harris, 653-0003 or tina.harris@mckesson.com
Teacher/Staff Appreciation -- Teresa Mendez, 517-8693

Thanks to all who have given of yourselves and time!

Website News – Remember to visit our website for photos and school information: www.saintedwards.net,

If you have an item you'd like included in the newsletter, please contact Patricia Nunley at 660-7850 or pnunley1@comcast.net.