

Home School Association News

Outback Steak Night

We forgot to thank Mark & Carrie Hutchins, our own St. Joseph parents, and Outback Steak employees who helped arrange the Outback Steak Night with their employer. Thanks Mark & Carrie.

Hot Spot Raffle Winner

The winners from the last three months were:

Kelly Family- March winner

Shoul Family – April winner

Donna Bartenfelter – May winner

Thank you to Cathy Druellinger for running the Hot Spot raffle since the inception. You have done a great job. Cathy will not be returning next year as the chairperson for the event. We are in need of a chairperson to run this event next year.

Grandparent Day Thank You from Anita Young

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in this year's Grandparents' Day. It was a memorable day for our children, as well as their grandparents and special friends, and it would not be possible without your dedication.

Classroom volunteers in grades 1-8 served our guests, kept order in very cramped quarters, and assisted with clean-up duty.

Because of Mr. Bill's memorable prayer service, the church is always bursting with grandparents, many of whom arrive an hour early. The church volunteers did a fabulous job ushering our guests to their designated seating areas. A special thanks to Donna Liberatore for her continued devotion to supervising the chaos.

The parking lot attendants always have a particularly tough post trying to direct 600 vehicles, half of whom require the limited handicapped slots on our main lot. Great idea to create a larger handicapped parking section! It is particularly difficult to recruit help in this area. Year after year, I can rely on Mike Beres and Donna Bullinger, accompanied this year by Stacey King.

The kitchen is always a very hectic place to work. These dedicated parents prepared trays of cookies, sorted chips, counted cups, prepared sandwiches and delivered those to the classrooms and the Parish Center.

It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the use of the Parish Center with the Pre-K and Kindergarten. We accommodated almost 400 people comfortably. Those volunteers took care to set up 40 tables with flowers, cookies, drinks and chips; they served our guests and students during their visit and stayed to clean up afterwards.

I would like to express an exceptional word of thanks to the following volunteers who were particularly instrumental in the success of our day:

Amy Meyerl, Diane Urbanski, Cindy Laue, Barb Laue, April Linz, Judy Manning, Dee Menikheim, Stacey King, Rena Cerquetti, and all of the Room Parents.

Thank you to Mrs. Karko for her support and for all who gave of their time and energy to continue such a wonderful tradition at St. Joseph School.

Manners Classes and Tea A Success

Our week of manners classes ended on Sunday, April 2, with a Formal Tea in the Parish Center for over 80 of our first through fifth graders. All the children were dressed in their Sunday best, and behaved like real ladies and gentlemen. Congratulations to all these students for showing their finest manners.

Some of our seventh and eighth grade students volunteered to serve as teacher assistants at our Manners Classes, and waiters and waitresses at our Manners Tea. They worked hard (yes, it's true moms and dads, they actually WASHED AND DRIED DISHES) and we thank them.

They are:

Cait McKay

Penelope Villagary

Heather Meek

Sarah Bentman

Paige Lauenstin

Allison Nowakowski

Zachary Berkheimer

Courtney Caprio

Janine Martin

Mindy McGuire

Cyndi Bochniak

Briana Sosnowski and

Kevin Beres

We'd also like to thank sixth graders Katherine Mullin, Kevin McGuire, Amy Grande, and Laura Paquin, who served as hosts and hostesses at the Tea.

Mrs. Beres would like to thank Mrs. Sosnowski and Mrs. Diggs, who volunteered to serve on the Manners Committee this year. In addition, Mrs. Trawinski, Mrs. Bascami, Mrs. Antkowiak, and Mrs. King served as parent volunteers in the kitchen, and/or helped prepare the food. Great job everyone! Thank you!

Fashion Show

As of the writing of this newsletter the final numbers have not been tallied, but the estimated profit is \$5,000. Look for a final flyer in the next few weeks with all of the details. What a great farewell gift to Mrs. Rena Cerquetti after 10 years of chairing this event.

Thank you Rena for your many years of support to St. Joseph School in many different roles.

Best of luck to you and your family as your youngest starts high school next year.

Golf Tournament

Karen Gouldman and Gary Meyerl this year's chairpersons for the 21st annual golf tournament, would like to thank all of the 19 foursomes that attended the event. Based on your support we were able to raise over \$4,000. Special thanks to the following volunteers; Kit Burton, Michele Marsh, Jay Williams, Karl Laue and Bob Hoffman.

Congratulations to the winning teams of:

First Place, Score 64: Pete Gouldman, Mike Cox, Bill Freeburger, Brian Mierzwinski

Second Place, Score 67: John Bochniak, Chris Dash, Dave McWilliams, Tim Jones

Third Place, Score 68: Kevin McCarthy, Rich Borchers, Mike Tolen, Steve McQueen

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Special thanks to our Corporate sponsor, tee sponsors and contest sponsors.

Upcoming Events

First Holy Communion Pictures- May 3

HSA Elections & General Meeting– May 16. Forms should have come home last week for nominations to the Home School Association open positions. These include President (3 year term), Vice-President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Primary Grade Representative (2 year term), and Middle School Representative (1 year term this election only). Please consider running for a position. If you have any questions regarding a position or the time requirement, please feel free to contact the existing officer. Elections will be held after the May 16th HSA General meeting.

Chic-Fil-A day – May 20 (This is a new daytime event.)

Used Uniform Sale- June 6

This is my last newsletter as the President of the Home School Association. Thank you all for your support during the last three years.

Sincerely,
Russell Marsh
President
Home School Association