

## Welcome to School from St. Mary's PTO

The St Mary's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) welcomes you back to school and we welcome all new families to the St Mary's Grade School community. Attached is a calendar of the PTO events and fundraisers for the 2009-2010 school year. A family Involvement Sheet is also attached for any families who have not completed the form yet.

This Year's PTO Board includes:

Lynn Burgard – President  
Duffy Meyer – President-Elect  
Cressy Aberle – Past President  
Karen Fischer – Treasurer  
Kathy Glass – Secretary  
Wendy Kopp – At Large/Media Relations  
Cindy Fischer – Teacher Representative  
Tom Hesford – Principal

Our first PTO Meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the school library with daycare in the music room. As a reminder, all parents are PTO members and we invite and encourage you to attend PTO meetings. Please feel free to bring your young children to any of the meetings. Daycare will be provided for the evening meetings.

PTO meetings are a great way to:

- Keep up-to-date on what is going on at the school
- Meet and network with other parents
- Share your thoughts and ideas on decisions that affect your children.

Research has shown that parent involvement in the school helps all children do better on a wide variety of measures, both socially and academically. Part of being involved in the school includes coming to PTO meetings, volunteering for events & fundraisers, and attending the family events coordinated by the school and PTO.

Here is a list of some of the things PTO has done, and hopes to continue to do, to support St. Mary's Grade School and our children's education:

- Coordinated fun family focused events like the Fall Dance, the Santa Store, the Family Fun Night Carnival, and the Spring Showcase.
- Brought the Irish Kaleidoscope cultural enrichment program to the school.
- Purchased a portable stage for the School.
- Purchased new books, and other needed classroom items.
- Provided support to teachers by providing classroom funds and funds that allow them continuing education opportunities.

St Mary's is a great school and the involvement of parents like you helps make it even better. If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information on PTO or the PTO sponsored events and fundraisers please don't hesitate to check out the PTO section of the school website or contact Lynn Burgard at 258-4267.

Thank you!

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