



# ***Whats New In The PTU?***

***Connecting Parents, Students & School***

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## ***Spaghetti Dinner + Basket Raffle = Success!***

The basket raffle at the annual spaghetti dinner was a HUGE success! There were 25 baskets available which earned an amazing \$1740.00 in ticket sales! Our top 5 most popular baskets were:

#1 seller: "Principal for a Day" 363 tickets, winner: Emily Wetter (2nd grade)

#2 seller: "Lego Maniac" 253 tickets, winner: Mrs. Jacobs (much to the children's dismay.)

#3 seller: "The Treasure Tree" 201 tickets, winner: unknown.

#4 seller: "The Magic of Disney" 191 tickets, winner: Jackie Jacobson (Sean McCarthy-6th grade, Alexis Jacobson-4th grade, Trevor & Kyle Austin- 1st grade)

#5 seller: "Tag, You're it!" 105 tickets, winner: Alex Keiffer (5th grade)

All other baskets sold less than 100 tickets, but were instrumental in achieving our profit!!!

I would like to personally thank all the families that donated the \$5.00 I asked for, as well as those families who donated extra money, other gift cards or items: The Fritz Family, The Vidovich Family, The Rolda Family, The Greenhill Family, The Walton Family, The Kushlak Family, The Miller Family, The Ringfield Family, The Brewer Family, The Rickman Family, The Meyer Family, The Pace Family, The Pietrzycki Family, The Corrigan Family, The Psenicka Family, The Natran Family, The Victor Family, The Kobie Family, Carole Bettinger, The Ciryak Family, The Kwiatkowski Family. I'd also like to Thank Toni Eizember for her time and talent making the beautiful family of aprons, and Ken and Jean Hahn for the handcrafted family of rolling pins and the beautifully handmade golden Treasure Tree. If I have forgotten to include your name I'm sorry but please know your donation was appreciated!

The baskets were AWESOME because of their generosity!!

--Chrissie Hahn

Thanks to everyone who participated in our last dining out night at Buffalo Wild Wings! We will be the recipient of a \$100 check for the ASA students. Kudos to Jackie Kilo for planning this event!

### *The President's Corner*

Although Thanksgiving is now past (and we hope all of you had a wonderful one!), this newsletter should still be called our Thanksgiving Issue. What a month it has been, and how thankful we all are for all of you who stepped up in the good times and the challenging times over the past month. First of all, thank you to all of you who prepared a meal for the Kho family over the past 6 weeks. We of course continue to keep them in our prayers. Please also keep Karen Kwiatkowski, who has served our children so lovingly in the lunchroom, and her family in your prayers. We all miss you, Karen, and send our love to you!

Many thanks to Trish Vidovich, who created a wonderful Halloween Festival that allowed our kids to relax and be kids. Special kudos to everyone on this event in light of the last-minute date change! Our Spaghetti Dinner was better than ever (IMHO). Jackie Kilo (and family)'s gourmet cooking, Cassandra Meyer's bakery skills (with everyone else who donated those yummy baked goods), and Chrissie Hahn's basket mastery made it a night to remember. The Walmart Bake sale also was a breezy good time thanks to Carole Bettinger's efforts. Many thanks to Kris Stasek for her pricing expertise, and everyone who heated up their ovens and cooled off their fingers and toes outside Walmart to make the event so successful. Behind it all, Susan Bem has been building relationships with our local businesses, procuring donations to support all of our efforts. Thank you, Susan! Read more about all of these events below. As you will see, we had such an outpouring of support for all events. If we have neglected to mention anyone who helped, our sincere apologies - none of these events could have been successful without you!

Kristy Bender made our first Box Tops submission for the year a huge success. Many thanks to Kristy and Jill Natran who clipped and organized like crazy to help all of our kids! Market Day continues to be a huge fundraiser for the school, and the deadline for your online order is today, Thursday, December 1, at 11 pm. Grab a few easy meals or holiday splurges to make the season a bit more jolly. Thanks to Mary Kushlak who had been running Market Day for us, and many thanks to Amy Breudigam who is our new Market Day chairperson. Basketeria continues to be such a fun, healthy cornucopia of produce every two weeks. All of us who have been impressed by these orders are so appreciative of Sarah Glass and Molly Fritz for managing our orders and handling the logistics of pickup and delivery.

Much appreciation also to all our room parents. The Halloween class parties were so appreciated by the children. Thank you to all of you for making the day so fun for the kids.

We are so pleased to welcome Janet Ward as our new Vice President on the PTU Executive Board. Janet has jumped in with both feet over the past month, and we feel so fortunate to have her energy and enthusiasm! Thanks also to Sue Hren for her willingness to shift to the Secretary role, as she is more technologically savvy than the rest of us put together!

Please get your calendar out now! Some great events are coming up in the next few days and we would hate for you to miss them. The Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 3, is a wonderful event for the whole family. The PTU will be represented in the Santa Shop (thank you, Ann Polcyn-Larisssey!), which will still be open that morning for any kids who need to make some last minute purchases. Please say an extra "thank you" to Judy Kilo, Rebecca Corrigan and

Mollie Wirtz who agreed at the last minute to chair the breakfast for the parish this year! The Light Up Berea parade takes place that evening. Many thanks to Kim Smith for taking on the parade preparations so St. Adalbert is well-represented in this fun holiday event! Come out and walk with us! Finally, don't forget the Mother's Mass and Reception on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.

Have a wonderful Christmas!  
Laura

## *Giving Thanks!*



### **Halloween Festival and Parties**

Thanks to Ms. Baldwin and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the haunted classroom, Mrs. Thompson and student council, the Lubranos, the Wiechowskis, Grace & Victor Chan, the Wetters, the DeLeons, Sue Hren, Carole Ann Kieffer, Kris Stasek, Tami Pace, Paula Stepanski and Chrissie Hahn for all of their help as well! It was great to see everyone pitch in from setup to clean up to get it all done. We couldn't have done it without the leadership of Trish Vidovich – thank you!!



### **Walmart Bake Sale**

A big thank you to all the wonderful bakers who donated to our Walmart bake sale. We made over \$200 on a chilly, damp, windy day. Special thanks go to the workers who braved the weather to greet, smile and sell the fantastic array of baked goods. And who knew that our kids could 'hawk' our goods so effectively! We couldn't have gotten this organized without the help of Kris Stasek for tips on pricing and marketing. Thanks to all who contributed: Trish Vidovich, Amy Breudigam, Kathleen Golian, Janet Ward and everyone who baked (David Vidovich, Susan Bem, Amy Breudigam, Kristy Bender, Kathleen Golian, Cassandra Meyer, Janet Ward, Brenda Moguel, Angelica Brewer, Jill Natran, Katie Sebastian)

Again a sincere thank you to all for your enthusiasm for the bake sale. All of the money raised will be used for the kids at our school. Many, many thanks to Carole Bettinger for chairing this fundraiser!



### **Spaghetti Dinner**

It takes a great group of committed individuals to pull off dinner for nearly 300! Sincere thanks to this group for their hard work: Lynda, Sara, and Mary Mangan, Amy and Luke Breudigam, Cassandra and Nick Meyer, Jackie and Joni Kilo and the whole Kilo family, Christene Pantalone, Kristy Bender, Janet Ward, Carole Bettinger, Amanda Shroka, Traci Ciryak, Chrissie Hahn, Jill Natran, Annette Klanac, Mary and Jim Wetter, Trish and David Vidovich, Mollie and Bob Wirtz, and our wonderful teachers: Martie Progar, Megan Sunyak, Kelly Thompson, Lisa

Bates, Traci Byrne, Wendy Parente, Dawn Burke, and Martie Jacobs. Thanks again to Chrissie Hahn for her amazing basket raffle planning!

Also, many thanks to our food sponsors this year: Bucci's Restaurant, Olive Garden, Tony K's Bar & Grille, Donte's Restaurant & Pizza Shop, Sidari's Italian Foods, The Upper Deck Sports Café, Barbarino's Restaurant, Italian Creations, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Baker's Square Restaurant & Pies, Lipton, Shaker's IGA MarketPlace, and Giant Eagle. *Please visit these fine establishments, and thank them for their support of the Academy of St. Adalbert!*

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### ***Mark your calendars!***

**Santa Shop - Dec 1-3**

**Santa Breakfast - Dec 3**

**Light Up Berea parade - Dec 3**

**Mother's Mass and Reception - Dec 8**

**Class Christmas Parties and early release - December 21**

**Back to School - January 4**

**PTU Meeting - January 11**

**Movie Night - January 20**

**Toboggan Night - January 30**

**Mardi Gras at the Races - February 18**

**We hope to see you there!**

## PTU Meeting 11/9/11 - Minutes

1. Call to Order/Prayer
2. Community Challenges (illnesses)
  - a. Continue to pray for the Kho family
    - i. PTU plans to plant a tree in his honor in a memorial garden
    - ii. Reasonable budget discussion: \$100-200 dollars
    - iii. \$50 donation from Keri
    - iv. Motion made and passed unanimously
  - b. Please pray for the Kwiatkowski & Rickman families
    - i. Karen Kwiatkowski – would love positive thoughts and prayers
      1. Prayer chain from the kids
      2. Amy will send cards regularly from PTU
      3. Maybe a video in the future
    - ii. Rickman family – Cheryl needs surgery – send prayers for a speedy recovery!
3. Exec Comm Nominations
  - a. Janet Ward to VP
  - b. Sue Hren to Secretary
  - c. Motion made and passed unanimously
4. Treasurer's report
  - a. \$6660.63 balance

\*\*\*Congratulations to the Girls volleyball teams on their trophies for the division and CYO sportsmanship!!\*\*\*

CYO Grant for athletic boosters – Great job!

5. Review of past activities
  - a. Restaurant nights
    - i. \$197 for boosters from Tony K's
    - ii. Waiting for tally from BW3
  - b. Halloween festivities
    - i. Well attended despite date change – well done!
    - ii. Waiting to hear how many pictures were taken so we can get the final number for the night
    - iii. Around \$150 profit for the haunted classroom
  - c. Halloween parties
    - i. Went well!
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parties in Solinski were good
6. Upcoming events
  - a. Spaghetti dinner

- i. Lots of donations came in Perkins, Bakers Square, Dantes, Upper Deck, Barbarinos, Italian Creations, Sidaris Italian Foods, Olive Garden, Buccis, Brennans, Tony Ks
      - ii. Flyer came home asking for desserts
        - 1. Drop off desserts 1:30-2:30 or after 5 on Friday or 10am and after on Saturday
      - iii. Baskets – we have 25!! Raffle tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10 or 25 for \$20
      - iv. Some sign ups still needed on signupgenius.com
      - v. We'll have "Tips for Teachers" jars (funds used for teacher's lounge)
    - b. Bake sale
      - i. November 19 at Walmart in Strongsville (Pearl Rd.)
      - ii. Need donations of bakery
      - iii. Signupgenius.com for sign up
      - iv. Drop off 8am-3pm on Friday at Keller Ctr
    - c. Santa Shop
      - i. Ann is taking care of it – yay Ann!!!! (and thank you so much!)
      - ii. December 1 -2 at school and the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Santa breakfast (if there is one)
    - d. Christmas parties
      - i. Room parents taking care of it
7. Ongoing activities
  - a. Box Tops
    - i. Raised \$562 this time
    - ii. Sarah Wertz won the drawing – congrats!!
    - iii. Check for \$1350 coming in December
    - iv. Giant Eagle has a special this month
  - b. Basketeria
    - i. Going well
    - ii. Molly Fritz is our pick up person – many thanks to her!
    - iii. Sarah Glass has taken over the process – thanks to her as well!
  - c. Market Day
    - i. Amy Breudigam is taking over this program – thank you for volunteering!
    - ii. \$256.13 for this month
    - iii. Cookie bonus days are next month (and other freebies as well)
8. Planning committees
  - a. Parent conferences
    - i. PTU will provide food for teachers on one night
      - 1. We'll buy the food from one of our generous donors from spaghetti dinner
  - b. Toboggan night – Monday, January 30
    - i. Ann is taking care of the reservation
    - ii. We will ask for help for that after spaghetti dinner
  - c. Night at the Races

- i. Watch for the email/announcement
  - d. Wine and Cheese
- 9. Miscellaneous items
  - a. Sign up for Edline and check to get the emails (and please provide your email!)