



5 DAYS TIL 1ST PTO MEETING



State of the School

The new principal, Mrs. Tierney, will be making a State of the School address at our PTO meeting next week. She will be summarizing the results of this week's parent survey, discussing changes with the school as well as clarifying her vision for the new school year. The survey was sent home this week for parents to provide comments and all are encouraged to return it to help Mrs. Tierney respond to the most pressing needs and concerns. Thank you for your cooperation and feedback.

Volunteer Thank You



A hearty thank you to all who answered the call to help at the Summer Festival and for joining the big Painting Party the following weekend right before Irene came to town. There were parents and students along with teachers and our new principal. What a great start to a new year!



Budget Planning

This year, the PTO officers will be presenting a budget plan for approval at the first meeting. The intention is to plan for and vote on standard requests at this initial meeting so these expenses can be paid without itemizing each request at the meetings. This will also be helpful for deciding on other requests to ensure we have funds to cover planned expenditures. The idea is to pre-approve for certain things like teacher disbursements, buses and planned event needs. Anything requested above the budgeted limits, or for different items, will continue to be reviewed at the meetings. As always, an updated treasurer's report will be available at each meeting.



PTO Member Registration

The PTO is made up of parents and teachers working together to show support for Mater Dolorosa School, to plan social events, fund raise and volunteer. Money raised is used for assemblies, field trips, yearend BBQ and other fun activities throughout the year. We hope that with your support and ideas, we can accomplish even more. We start our new year with a \$10/family dues, which is due by the end of September. Please send it into school in an envelope marked PTO or bring to the September PTO meeting. Please use Registration Form on back.

PTO Mtg Agenda Wednesday, Sept 14th

Please join us next Wednesday from **6:00–7:00** in the school cafeteria for our first PTO meeting of the year. The agenda for tonight's meeting is a modified version of the regular meetings and is detailed below. As always, we strive to start and end on time. Certified babysitters from our 6th grade class will be available for childcare on the far side of the cafeteria during this meeting. Please feel free to stay after the meeting for a more personal "Meet & Greet" with our new principal. Refreshments will be served.

- 6:00 Call To Order
- Opening Prayer
- Induction of New Officers
- Bylaws
- Issues List
- 6:10 Treasurer & Secretary Reports
- Principal's Report/Comments
- Fr. Alex Welcome
- 6:14 Confirm PTO Liaisons for Parish Council & School Board
- 6:15 Old Business:
 - Toast to the Future Oct 22nd – Jillian Larkin
 - Vendor Fair Nov 5th – Dora Courchesne
- 6:25 New Business:
 - Schedule of Events (2 min)
 - On Deck Fundraisers/Activities (3-5 min ea.)
 - Disbursement Requests & Vote (2 min)
 - Issues List
 - If meeting runs early, start reviewing issues brought up during meeting. If not, put on next month's agenda.
- 6:30 State of the School –Comments & Questions:
- 7:00 Closing Prayer
- Meeting Adjourned – Social to Follow

Please remember to check out the meeting minutes shortly after each meeting to stay current with decisions, event needs or new information. Minutes and other info are available at our website, www.mater-dolorosa.com/pto. You can also email us your ideas at pto@mater-dolorosa.com.





**Mater Dolorosa PTO Registration Form
2011 – 2012**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Children	_____	Grade	_____
	_____	Grade	_____
	_____	Grade	_____
	_____	Grade	_____

Fee: \$10.00 per family (Please make checks payable to Mater Dolorosa PTO)

We need your help as we begin planning the calendar for the new school year. Sign up sheets for volunteers for each event are circulated at the PTO meetings and will also be sent home with your child. Please check your child's backpack.

Please return this form to school with your child in an envelope marked "Attention PTO" or bring it with you to the first PTO meeting.

Tentative 2011 – 2012 Event and Meeting Dates w/ chairperson

Note time change for PTO Meetings: 6pm – 7pm

- 9/14 September PTO Meeting
- 10/12 October PTO Meeting
- 10/22 School: Toast to the Future Gala @ Open Square (Jillian Larkin)
- 11/5 PTO: Vendor Fair (Dora Courchesne)
- 11/9 November PTO Meeting
- 12/10 Dinner with Santa (Jennifer Skibel)
- 12/12 -12/15 Gingerbread Shoppe (Bonnie Brainard)
- 1/11 January PTO Meeting
- 2/8 February PTO Meeting
- 2/18 – 2/19 Winter Festival
- 3/14 March PTO Meeting
- March-April PTO: Cookie Doug Fundraiser (Sharon Orr)
- 4/11 April PTO Meeting
- May Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/9 May PTO Meeting
- 6/1 Field Day & School Barbecue

There are various fundraisers throughout the year, some of which are specifically for the PTO treasury and others that are needed directly for the school operating and special needs budget. In the list above, the fundraisers have been identified as either PTO or School to differentiate the two.