



75 DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS! 

Vendor Fair Update



Mark your calendars and save the date because on **November 5th** we are having our 3rd annual Holiday Hoopla Vendor Fair.

Things are going well for this year's event and we are almost at capacity. There are some nice grand prizes including both a boy's and a girl's bike, an American Girl Doll and more. There are about 10 booths still available for vendors. We are looking for help for setup the day before, the day of the event in 2 hour blocks from 8 – 4, and clean up at the end. A volunteer form will be sent home shortly listing options for people to sign up to help. Also, Parents, if your child hasn't already brought in an item for their classroom theme basket, we'd appreciate having it come in by October 24th to provide time for other volunteers to assemble the baskets. A notice was sent home with the theme for each grade.

For any other questions, contact chairperson, Dora Courchesne, doracourchesne@hotmail.com or 533-0531.

Toast to the Future Gala



Tickets are on sale now for the Oct. 22nd event that's being held from 6 pm – 10 pm at Mill One in Square One, Holyoke. Several flyers have been sent home already. Please take a moment to buy some tickets, send in a donation if you can't make it, or provide a gift or donation for the silent auction. This fundraiser is being done specifically to raise money to replace the 2 aging boilers in the basement that provide heat for the school.

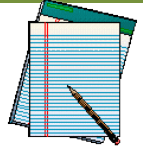


In Other News...

Although these are not strictly under the PTO umbrella, here are a few reminders of some other upcoming activities:

- Nov. 12th : Contant Family Benefit: Tickets on sale for event w/ food, music, fun and Chinese auction. Please consider donating gift cards or other prizes for the Chinese auction. Information sent home under separate flyer, call the office for more details.
- Achievement Assemblies: Our new principal, Mrs. Tierney is planning to hold several assemblies on Thursdays throughout the year to recognize special achievement by students. These assemblies will be held in the Social Center at 1:00 pm and parents are welcome. The first such assembly is scheduled for this Thursday, 10/13. Future dates will be forthcoming.
- A little birdie mentioned that kudos should go out to Karen Godbout for the great job she has done with the web site! We agree!

PTO Mtg Agenda Wednesday, Oct. 12th



Please join us on Wednesday, 10/12/11 from **6:00–7:00** in the school cafeteria for our next PTO meeting. The agenda for the meeting is detailed below. As always, we strive to start and end on time. Once again, certified babysitters from our 6th grade class will be available for childcare on the far side of the cafeteria during this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

- 6:00 Call To Order
- Opening Prayer
- Bylaws
- Issues List
- 6:05 Treasurer & Secretary Reports
- 6:10 Principal's Report/Comments
- Fr. Alex Comments
- 6:20 Parish Council & School Board Update
- 6:30 Old Business:
 - Toast to the Future Oct 22nd – Doug Loughrey
 - Vendor Fair Nov 5th – Dora Courchesne
- 6:40 New Business:
 - On Deck Fundraisers/Activities (3-5 min ea.)
 - Dinner w/ Santa
 - Gingerbread Shoppe
 - Donation for Contant Family Benefit
 - Disbursement Requests & Vote (5 min)
 - Issues List
- If meeting runs early, start reviewing issues brought up during meeting. If not, put on next month's agenda.
- 7:00 Closing Prayer
- Meeting Adjourned

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.



PTO Member Registration - Thank you to the 78 families that have already paid!

The PTO is made up of parents and teachers working together to show support for Mater Dolorosa School, to plan social events, participate in fundraisers 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 October PTO meeting. Please use Registration Form below.



Mater Dolorosa PTO Registration Form 2011 – 2012

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Children _____ 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 next 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	Parish/School: Winter Festival – PTO provides baked goods & operates Bake Sale Booth
3/14	March PTO Meeting
March-April	PTO: Cookie Doug Fundraiser (Sharon Orr)
4/11	April PTO Meeting
May	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (chairperson needed)
5/9	May PTO Meeting
6/1	Field Day & School Barbecue (Jessica Powers / Tammy Everett)

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.