



## Summer Festival Volunteers

Happy Summer to all MD School families. As some of you may be aware, the Summer Festival, one of the major parish fundraisers, is coming up soon on August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Both the Winter Bazaar and Summer Festival raise over \$50,000 every year to help subsidize the school operating budget.

We'd like your help next week in any number of various areas and any extra help is appreciated.

**SET-UP** - Basket Booth setup is on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> when we setup and decorate. Call Sharon Orr (427-9166) if you can help – it would be greatly appreciated.

**KIDS' BOOTH SET-UP & OPERATION** – Our very own 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Claire Orr, is once again looking for help to run a Kids' Corner Fun Booth. There will be a Duck Pond Draw and Grab Bag Fishing. She will need help on Friday afternoon before the event to set up the booth with signs and decorations and she will need help throughout the festival to operate the booth. Mater Dolorosa Junior High (Grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to join her. Please call to see when and where you can help. Home - 323-6873.

**WEEKEND BOOTH SHIFTS** – If you can help with a 2 hr shift (or more) during the weekend, please call Sharon Orr (427-9166). Perhaps parents could coordinate with their kids working on the Kids Corner booth.

**PRIZE DONATIONS** – The theme for this year is Colors of the Rainbow, so any small miscellaneous prizes for the Kids' Booth would help. In addition, a Themed Gift Basket for the Chinese Auction will help as well. You can drop off prizes at the Religious Ed. office (next to the school) or call Sharon to arrange 427-9166.

**TAG SALE** - Jim, the some-time art teacher, runs this booth and is seeking help in 4 ways:

- the week prior to the festival if you can be at the social center and receive tag sales items OR
- during the event if you can work as a cashier in the tag sale OR
- cleanup crew on Sunday evening from 7 – 8:30. It is amazing how quickly things get put away with some strong, young hands. **Students from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are perfect for this assignment.** OR
- Monday morning 10 a.m. if you have a truck and can help deliver unsold items to various donation centers

**SHOWTIMES** **Smiles the Clown - face painting**  
@ the Festival Sunday, 12:30 – 2:30

**Ed the Magician**  
Sunday starting at 3 pm



## A New Principal!

Our new Principal, Mrs. Tracey Tierney, is excited to meet the students and their families. She will be introduced to the Parish Family at 10:30 Mass on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> and will then attend the Summer Festival to visit and meet with people.

## PTO Mtg / State of the School

The first monthly PTO meeting is being held with a joint State of the School discussion. Our new principal will be on hand to present her thoughts for the new year and will then field questions and seek input from parents on their ideas. The meeting will be **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** so mark your calendars!

## A Thing of Beauty



One of our newly elected PTO officers, Laura Evans, took the initiative last this past spring to sponsor an island in Holyoke on behalf of the MD PTO. It's located near the Stop & Shop / K-mart plaza on Northampton St.

As in *Horton Hears a Who* – it shouts "We Are Here, We Are Here, We Are Here!" Nice job!

## Required Service Hours

We rely on parents to volunteer and help support the school. New this year, all families must volunteer 10 hours of service in some capacity. In lieu of service hours, families may pay a \$200 fee. There will be forms available at the summer festival to log your hours put in for this event if you can make it. More details on this program will be released at the beginning of the school year but we encourage you to volunteer now and get your time in – It's for a GREAT cause!

## B-I-N-G-O

Weekly Bingo brings in \$35k annually to help with school expenses. There are many "regulars" volunteering that have been helping for years and most do not even have kids in the school anymore. We need fresh, energetic new blood to keep this vital enterprise going. Whether you can help every Tuesday or once a month – all are welcome. There's different work to suit different folks. There is a special need for the Cleanup Crew from 9:45 to 10:15 on Tuesdays. For more info or to volunteer, email [mdbingo@gmail.com](mailto:mdbingo@gmail.com).



## School Hallway Facelift

Mrs. Tierney is coordinating a Painting Party on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Donated funds will be used to obtain paint but we need both painters and various supplies to paint the hallways. Older kids welcome to help. The PTO is providing snacks & lunch. If you can help, call the office.

