

## **The Parent Club of St. Isidore Catholic School**

### **The education of our children academically is a shared obligation**

The parent club is an association of all the parents of St. Isidore School. It is an essential part of our school-home communication system. The parent club offers parents the opportunity to enhance the educational environment of their child by providing parents with the opportunity to participate in the educational and social life of their child. We need an active, involved parent organization if we are going to build and sustain a true faith and learning community at St. Isidore School.

The Successful operation of St. Isidore School is contingent upon parents' active participation in both Parent Club fundraising activities and School Service Projects.

The parent club fundraising activities are any activities which raise funds for the support of St. Isidore Catholic School. Service Projects are projects which must directly affect the students of St. Isidore Catholic School and/or their environment.

It is important for parents to attend as many Parent Club meetings during the year as possible and at least one General Meeting. St. Isidore School is truly your school. The Parent Club is one important way in which you exercise that ownership.

The Parent Club is a working group whose main function is to organize fund-raising activities, conduct monthly meetings, promote parent involvement and communication, and coordinate room parents. The parent Club helps insure a working relationship among students, teachers, parents and the parish community.

Last year, the Parent Club committed to raising \$80,000 for our school. With the help of parents, faculty, students, and parishioners we met our goal. We were also able to contribute to the student curriculum account and purchase supplies for our fund-raising events.

This year the Parent Club has again committed to raising \$80,000 for St. Isidore School. The money that is raised by the Parent Club helps in keeping tuition costs down and provides our students with extras that help to create a quality education. The sources of income for the Parent Club are the revenue from the fund-raisers which we sponsor during the school year. We need you to participate in providing a quality education for your child by volunteering your time to work or participate in all fundraisers or by agreeing to organize or co-organize a fundraising event. With your help, we can continue to make our school the best that it can be.

## **Hours of Service**

The school requires that each family complete 20 physical hours and 20 general hours for the school year.

The 20 PHYSICAL HOURS are earned by actively working at a fundraiser or be on a fundraiser committee. The 20 GENERAL HOURS are earned by attending Parent Club General Meetings, working on school projects at school or at home, driving on field trips, working in the sports program or youth activities, donating to the school or fundraisers, and/or babysitting for another parent permitting them to work at school.

Each family is responsible for reporting all hours to the Parent Club. Forms for reporting hours are available in the school office. Each quarter parents will be given a record of hours reported. If there are any questions regarding hours of service, please contact the Parent Club Recording Secretary.

### **These are the obligations required for all families:**

Providing 2 cakes for the carnival (2 general hours for 2 cakes)

Each family is expected to work in each of their child's carnival class booths.

Each family is expected to work in a Parent Club carnival booth or activity.

## **Fundraisers**

The following is a list of the tentative scheduled fundraisers for this school year:

<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<b>September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jog a Thon</b>	<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Dinner Auction</b>	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Carnival</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>TBA</b>

Parent participation is crucial to the success of our fundraisers, many hands make light work. Many of the organizers are dedicated parents that help year after year. We encourage new parents and families to get involved and be a part of the activities. Everyone has something to contribute. Please contact any Parent Club member to ask how you can help. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheets in your parent envelope.

Other programs that earn money for our school include Campbell Soup, Box Tops, Cartridges for kids and Target. We have a recycle box in the school office.

## **General Meetings**

1. 9-2-2009 (Back to School night)
2. 1-20-2010 (Spaghetti Dinner)
3. 5-19-2010 (Ice Cream Social)

## **Parent Club Meetings**

1. 08-11-2009 @ 5:15 pm TBA
2. 09-08-2009 @ 5:15 pm school library
3. 10-13-2009 @ 5:15 pm school library
4. 11-10-2009 @ 5:15 pm school library
5. 12-08-2009 @ 5:15 pm school library
6. 01-12-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library
7. 02-09-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library
8. 03-09-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library
9. 04-13-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library
10. 05-11-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library
11. 06-08-2010 @ 5:15 pm school library

All parents are welcome to join us at any Parent Club meeting and welcome your suggestions and or concerns.