

## **PTO EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**BABYSITTING CO-OP** provides a way for parents with young children to volunteer in the school.

**BABYSITTING COURSE** is offered to interested students grade 5 and up (must be 11 years old) and held once a year on a Saturday. A certified Red Cross volunteer teaches basic childcare practices.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABEL PROGRAMS** allow the school to earn credit/dollars for various items to benefit the school such as gym or playground equipment.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** is held in late January or early February. A variety of events are held throughout the week including special activities for students that focus on Catholic education.

**CLASSROOM PARTIES** are held at spaced intervals throughout the year with various themes.

**CONFIRMATION RECEPTION** is held for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. Cake and punch are served in the gym following the Confirmation Mass.

**EVERYBODY COUNTS** is a program designed to help our children become more aware of various disabilities (physical and learning) that they might encounter in friends and classmates.

**FACULTY CONFERENCE DINNERS** are held during parent-teacher conferences in November. PTO supplies dinner and volunteers are needed to donate food and other items.

**FAMILY DINING OUT** are held monthly at various local establishment such as CiCi's Pizza, McDonald's, LaRosa's, Chik-Fil-A, etc.

**FAMILY SKATING PARTIES** are for all grades. There are usually several parties throughout the school year.

**FIELD DAY** consists of outdoor fun and games. Held at the end of the school year for grades K-4, it is a treat for both students and parents alike.

**FIRST COMMUNICANT RECOGNITION** is held the Wednesday after the First Communion Mass in May. Donuts and milk are provided for the second grade class as a special treat from the PTO.

**HOMEROOM TEAM REPRESENTATIVES** are assigned to each class. One job of the Homeroom Rep is to delegate the work responsibilities for PTO events by making phone calls and enlisting the help of others.

**JUNIOR HIGH SOCIALS** are held twice a year – once in the fall and again in the spring.

**MARKET DAY FOOD CO-OP** offers high quality food items that are easy to prepare. The PTO earns a 15 to 45% profit per item.

**MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Each celebrant receives a birthday card/invitation and an ice cream cup and cookie at lunch.

**QUARTERLY TEACHER LUNCHEONS** are “themed” lunches provided for the staff. Grades will be contacted to help with one luncheon. It’s just a little treat to remind teachers that we support them and appreciate their hard work.

**RECYCLING PROGRAM** is a way to turn empty ink cartridges and used cell phones into cash. All monies raised go into the school technology fund.

**REVERSE RAFFLE** is a major fund-raising and social event. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets and work at the event.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORY** includes class lists and phone numbers of student families (with parent permission) and other pertinent information. PTO volunteers edit, proof read, and assemble the directory. A copy of the directory is included for each family with paid PTO membership dues.

**JUNIOR HIGH PIZZA PARTY** is held during school hours in the last week of school for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers in the school gym. Pizza, drinks, and dessert are provided.

**SCRIP PROGRAM** is a great parish fundraiser. The program sells certificates from numerous companies that you can use to make personal purchases or give as gifts.

**SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS** are informative and entertaining. PTO is interested in learning about speakers or special programs that you are aware of that may be of interest to those at St. Helen.

**SWEATSHIRT SALE** is held twice a year. Light gray fleece-wear with St. Helen logo embroidery is sold. Crewneck and hooded sweatshirts can be worn as part of the uniform. However, you may also purchase sweatpants, and denim shirts to be worn outside of school.

**USED UNIFORM SALE** is held each August prior to the uniform company’s new uniform sale. Items may be purchased outright or a one-for-one exchange. Used uniforms are also available from 7:00 pm until 7:25 pm prior to each PTO meeting.