

# THE BULLDOG BULLETIN



From the Presentation BVM Home & School Association

February 2010

## Home & School Notes

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the school year and hopefully we've seen the last winter blizzard of the season. Although I'm sure the kids would probably disagree.

The H&S would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the Father-Daughter Dance, the Hospitality Hour and the Covered Dish Dinner. Each time you help out, you're making your child's school just a little bit better and we simply cannot do it without you!

The key to success starts with open lines of communication and your continued support! Please feel free to contact the Home & School Board with any questions or concerns:

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## Home & School General Meeting



Our next Home & School General Meeting will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school gym. This meeting will be our Annual Art Exhibit & Music Presentation.

Our children's art work will be exhibited through out the school for everyone to enjoy. And there will be a small music presentation for the evening.

Remember each family that attends receives a free chance to enter into the \$100 tuition voucher raffle.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Family Pancake Breakfast



Save the Date! You don't want to miss our Annual Family Pancake Breakfast on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Church hall. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage & a drink for \$5 per person.

## Family Fun Carnival



The Carnival is coming to town! So spread the word that everyone is invited to join us for our 2nd Annual Family Fun Indoor Carnival on February 20th from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Church hall.

This is a fantastically fun event for the entire family on a cold winter's day. The fun filled day includes 50¢ games & prizes, face painting, tattoos, sand art, a moon bounce, popcorn, cotton candy, funnel cake, fried Oreos, hot dogs, pizza and soda.

## Volunteer Call

Volunteers are needed to help with the Family Fun Carnival on February 20th. We need parents and high school students to help run the various game booths. If you can help, please contact Nyvette Gonzalez at 215-272-0267 or [nyvette.gonzalez@acegroup.com](mailto:nyvette.gonzalez@acegroup.com).

## Father - Daughter Dance



Thanks to all the families who attended our Annual Father-Daughter Dance. We are happy to report that the dance was a huge success and everyone had a good time. The event raised \$900 towards our fundraising goal.

And many thanks to Jill Ritts for all her hard work to make the dance a special event. And we would also like to thank all of the volunteers, who helped set-up, clean-up and made the event run smoothly.

## H&S Cover Dish Dinner & Academic Exhibition



The Home & School Board would like to thank all of the families who participated in the Covered Dish Dinner. It was truly nice to see the overwhelming number of families who came out to share their family's favorite dish.

Our hope for the evening was to bring us one step closer to becoming a stronger unified school family community. And we hope you would agree that it was a success. Also the overwhelming turnout afforded us the opportunity to provide 70 meals for the Aid to Families with the leftover food.

And last but not least we would like to give a special thanks to the teachers and students for providing the Academic Exhibition and the Student Council for providing the beverages for the evening. A good time was had by all.

## Safety Comes First!



The H&S Board would like to believe that all of the Presentation BVM parents would put the Safety of Our Children First!

We bring up the issue of Safety Comes First because we are very concerned about the growing numbers of violators who are dropping off their children in front of the school barricades or backing up the one way street next to the school. These traffic violations pose a risk for a serious car accident that could very easily involve any one of our children as they walk over the bridge or up the hill to school.

Mrs. Sharnikow has asked the parents in several communications this year to utilize the crossing guards available to us and stressed the dangers of stopping on the hill or backing up the one way street. The hill is dangerous on a good day - visually, as you drive over the bridge, you can't see that someone has stopped, there is always a lot of traffic, and when the weather is anything other than warm and sunny, the danger is even greater.

To those parents who use the crossing guards to help their children safely get to school, we thank you!

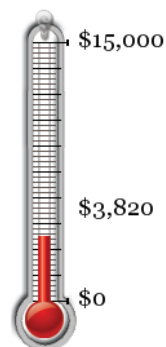
To those parents who still continue to drop their children off in front of the school barricades or choose to back up the one way barricaded street, we are begging you to **STOP** before something tragic happens to one of our school children.

## Home & School Calendar of Events



February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Carnival
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>H&amp;S General Meeting –</b> Art Exhibit & Music Presentation
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake Breakfast
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Skating Party at Palace Roller Rink
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	H&S Walk-a-thon
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	H&S Adult Social “The Hooligans”
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mother – Daughter Event
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Show - Tuition Raffle Drawing
May TBD	Mother – Son Event

## Fundraising Thermometer



The Presentation BVM Home & School Association has many different FUNdraising activities & events throughout the school year in an effort to raise the necessary money needed to keep our Fine Arts program alive. Our remaining activities & events for the school year are listed above. The money earned from these fundraising activities & events goes directly to our Fine Arts program.

Our Fundraising Thermometer will track our fundraising success throughout the year!

## Presentation BVM C.Y.O.



The CYO Board is still in need of a Vice President. If you are interested, please submit a brief description of qualifications and experience in youth activities to any CYO Board Member. All Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Please feel free to contact the CYO Board with any questions:

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You can also visit the CYO website: [www.leaguelineup.com/prescyo](http://www.leaguelineup.com/prescyo)

## Upcoming CYO events

February 21 <sup>st</sup>	CYO Mass – Baseball/Softball/Track Sign Ups
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	CYO Pizza Kit Fundraiser
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball Pizza Party
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	CYO Pizza Kit forms due back
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	CYO Mass
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CYO Pizza Kits Delivered
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	CYO Mass – Fall Soccer Sign Ups
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	CYO Mass – Alex’s Lemonade Service Project

Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming CYO Events through the Family Communications.

Please remember that the CYO is a self-sustained organization which receives **no** funding from the school or Church. So it's very important that all sports fees be paid before the start of the season. Regrettably any child that has not paid their sports fees for Soccer and/or Basketball will not be eligible to play Baseball or Softball.

CYO is always in need of volunteers for the CYO sponsored events. Please consider volunteering for at least one event!

Presentation CYO is a registered program to receive United Way funds. Our CYO United Way number is 08735. Please remember our CYO when designating your United Way deduction.

## CYO Updates

- The Annual Toys for Tots & Gift Wrapping Service Project was a great success, the collected toys were given to Sister Joan to distribute to the needy children in our parish.
- The 9th Annual Young at Hearts Luncheon was a huge success. The turn out of seniors surpassed last year's nearing 125 seniors in attendance. As usual the girls from Little Flower High School gave a wonderful performance and the enormous amount of talent from our own children was astounding. The seniors sent a beautiful Thank You card conveying the good time that was had by all.
- Basketball season is in full swing and all the teams are playing well.