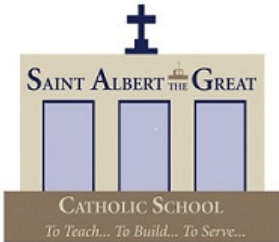


St. Albert the Great PTO January 2012 Newsletter



From The President

It's hard to believe that the school year is already half over. It has been an exciting time, and our PTO has had a remarkable time. Our community building events were well attended. We sold out the Fall Fest again; in addition, the Craft Fair and Breakfast with Santa each had their largest attendance in recent memory. Our fund raising efforts have been extremely successful due to a dramatic increase in Manna purchases (up over **250%** from 2010-11!!!). We also started a new service for our members as we began to have educational programs. I thought that our discussion on Bullying facilitated by the McKeon Education Group was informative and will help us address this major problem. As I look back at the 1st half of the year, I am proud at how our PTO has fulfilled its mission to provide social, financial and educational support to our children's school

However, as good as the 1st half of the year was, the 2nd half will only be better. In January we have one of our newest and most enjoyable events. The 3rd Annual Mustang Derby is on Saturday January 21st. This is a fantastic way to spend time with friends in a casual atmosphere. It's also an easy way to support the school with all proceeds going to the PTO. On January 24th, we will have our 2nd General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be our own "Dr. Joe". He will be leading us in a discussion on how to prepare our children for standardized testing. With the Iowa Tests coming up, this topic is truly top of mind for many. Finally in January we will start in earnest the preparations for our St. Patrick's Day Raffle and Silent Auction. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the PTO, and we need **your** help. Any donations, whether it is your time, money or products, will help make this event a success. Please remember that the proceeds of this event go directly back to the school and will allow us to continue provide our children with the resources they need. I thank you in advance for your help with all of our events.

This month we will also begin the process of building our PTO Executive Board for the 2012/13 school year. I hope that you will consider volunteering for a position on the board. It is truly a unique experience to have while you are a parent at St. Albert's. It is also a very fulfilling experience because you know that your efforts are helping your children and so many people within our community.

God Bless and Go Mustangs!

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Secretary Report

Please visit the PTO website often to get the latest news. Feel free to contact me if there is PTO related information that you would like to see posted and is not.

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Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns regarding any upcoming event.

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Manna News

Yay MANNA! We reached over \$250,000 (that is over 1/4 of million dollars) in sales for the month of December. That is totally awesome. The school profit is almost \$10,500 for December (4.5%). School sales for December 2011 were up \$85,000 over December 2010.

We are 1/2 way through our fiscal year. The question is...How soon can we hit \$1,000,000 in sales???

Breakfast with Santa

We would like to thank everyone who worked on our Breakfast with Santa committee. It could not have been a success without all of those who helped us! A special thanks to the Riley family who printed our invitations for free! You were all great to work with! We had so much fun with this event! Thanks again for everything! Angela Rosberil and Heather Halvorson.

Mustang Derby

The 3rd Annual St. Albert the Great MUSTANG DERBY!

Come enjoy a night of fun!
Bet on your favorite horse!
Try your luck at sideboards and raffles!
Enjoy good food with great friends!



Saturday, January 21, 2012
6:30 – 12:00pm
Tannenbaum Family Hall
\$30/person (dinner and 2 drink tickets included in admission)
Walk-in's Welcome, COME IF YOU CAN!
Cash bar (beer & wine)

Tickets for sideboards and raffles sold as 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00, and 30 for \$20.00

Questions- call Angela at (440) 292-5710 or Barb at (440) 740-0538

General PTO Meeting and Speaker

You're Invited!

Presentation will be given by St. Albert the Great's
School Psychologist Dr. Joseph Rocchio, PhD

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend our next General PTO Meeting where we will provide updates on our events, fundraisers, and upcoming volunteer needs.

Following the meeting Dr. Joe will discuss his book "Get Smart About Tests: The Essential Parent and Teacher's Guide to Understanding Children's Educational and Psychological Testing" and give tips on preparing your child for standardized testing.

Join us for fellowship, fun, refreshments and education!

Where: Tannenbaum Family Hall (basement of church)

When: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00pm

Cost: Free!

Questions Ruth Crane ruthcrane1@gmail.com or Mary Hollish gmpollish@sbcglobal.net

The Great Skate

When: Monday, February 20th 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM (President’s Day)

Where: The Skate Station, 1261 North Industrial Parkway, Brunswick (www.skatestation.net)

Who: St. Albert’s Students, Family and Friends

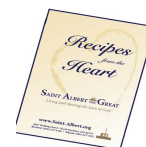
Cost: Pay at the Door
\$4.00 Admission
\$1.50 Skate Rental
\$3.00 In-line Skate Rental



Special: \$2.00 Pizza and pop combo at the snack bar

Cookbooks

“Recipes from the Heart” cookbooks are available! Over 400 traditional, well-loved recipes, including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and much more have been compiled into an attractive keepsake cookbook. This collection of recipes makes an ideal gift! The cost is \$12 per book or 2 for \$20. Books are available at the rectory.



Save These Dates: Look for more information on these events as details become available!

Mustang Derby: Saturday, January 21st – Tannenbaum Family Hall 6:30pm – Join the Fun!

PTO General Meeting: Tuesday, January 24th - Tannenbaum Family Hall 7:00pm –
Guest Speaker: Dr. Joseph Rocchio, St. Albert the Great School Psychologist

School Open House: Sunday, January 29th 1:30-3:30pm

Executive Business Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th – Rectory Room 3 at 7:00pm

The Great Skate: Monday, February 20th Brunswick Skate Station – NO SCHOOL

Fish Fry: Friday, February 24th, March 2nd, March 16th, March 23rd and March 30th –
Tannenbaum Family Hall - 4PM

Malley’s Candy Drive/Butter Braids: Kicks off Wednesday, February 23rd, deadline for paper orders/Butter Braid orders March 14th, deadline for internet orders April 2nd.

St. Patrick’s Day Raffle & Silent Action: Sunday, March 11th in the Basement of the Church

NEW EVENT- Jr. High Activity Night: Saturday, March 25th in the Basement of the Church

The Great Race: Saturday, March 31st on the School Grounds



Manna Gift Cards

Turning Everyday Spending into Cash for Our Kids!

**Thank you to all of our loyal MANNA customers.
Because of you, MANNA sales skyrocketed in December!**



- Over ¼ million dollars in sales for December
- YTD sales \$944,476
- YTD \$340,000 increase in sales over 2010
- Net Profit YTD \$36,800
- Let's hit a million dollars in sales by Jan 2012!
(Only \$55,524 to go!)

The MANNA Team has some promotions for you!

1. Buy \$3,000 of MANNA from July 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012, Be entered to win an Apple iPad. For every additional \$1,000 purchased, receive 2 additional entries.
2. For every \$100 MANNA purchased from Jan. 1, 2012 – Jan. 31, 2012, receive an entry to win up to 30 gallons of Get Go Gasoline.
3. For every \$100 MANNA purchased from our *****Local Vendors*****, between Jan. 1, 2012 – Jan. 31, 2012, Receive an entry to win up to 30 gallons of Get Go Gasoline.

*****Local Vendors*****

Augie's Pizza (10%)	Becker's Donuts (10%)
Carrie Cerino's (10%)	Cleats (20%)
Cozumel (10%)	Lang's Butcher Shop (10%)
Loder's Shake Shoppe (10%)	Mom's Deli (10%)
Pat Catan's (10%)	Rego's (5%)
Romano's (4%)	Royalton Music (10%)