

# St. Mary's School

## PTA Board

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September 14, 2011

Dear St. Mary's Families:

We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer. The PTA is filled with excitement and enthusiasm for the 2011/2012 school year. You may note, our *new name is the PTA*. We changed to be consistent with all other schools in the Camden Diocesan's PTA. Over the summer we worked hard with our new principal, Mr. Hogan and Father Peter Saporito to ensure great things for this year!! We hope you join in our enthusiasm.

The St. Mary's PTA has been given a fundraising goal of \$60,000 for 2011-2012. The success of continuing vibrant academic programs for our students is paramount to the success of PTA fundraising. St. Mary's School policy is to not mandate fundraising, therefore, we need the cooperation of each one you to help us reach our goal.

We carefully considered the results of the PTA survey and have chosen the following four fundraisers:

- ❖ *Wine, Chocolate & Tapas Social* ~ *March 10, 2012*
- ❖ *Calendar Raffle* ~ *February 2012 ~May 2012*
  - Calendar Raffle will end with a Family Social night on May 19, 2012.
- ❖ *Laps for Learning*
  - Student oriented program that involves the entire student body. Students will earn \$\$\$ for each lap they walk around school. This program will help children academically, as they will write their own letters for sponsorship.
- ❖ *TRIP / Previously SCRIP*
  - Plans are underway to revamp and enhance our Gift Card Purchasing program. Previously known as SCRIP we are formally changing the name to TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program). Look for more details in our Wednesday Communications.

Plan to attend one of the many *Faith, Family, Fun Nights* along with a few other family socials. This is a great opportunity to Please check out the PTA calendar for a list of events and mark your calendars.

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We have added a few new and exciting programs and positions to the PTA this year as explained below:

***The New/Mentor Family Program***

This program is designed to welcome new families to St. Mary's and to support them through the year. A New/Mentor Family Social will be held October 14, 2011. If you would like to be a mentor family, please contact Gina Guiliani at [gmgiliani@comcast.net](mailto:gmgiliani@comcast.net).

***Gentle Mary's Store***

Located outside the library, Gentle Mary's Store features gently worn uniforms for \$1.00/each. The store was a big success during the school supply sale days. Details about store hours will be available soon.

***New PTA Board Positions***

To help us become more successful, we have created new PTA Board positions. They are: **Social Chair, Publicity Chair, TRIP Coordinator** (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program - formerly known as SCRIP) and **Faith, Family, Fun Chair**.

*The Social and Publicity chairs will be assigned through an election process. The TRIP (aka SCRIP) Position will be appointed. Mrs. Amy Barbera has been appointed as the Faith, Family, Fun Chair and will serve a two-year term. We greatly appreciate her dedication and success with the Faith, Family, Fun Program.*

***Helping Hands Committee***

This new committee is designed to help school families when they need it most. For example, if a family has suffered a loss or a severe illness and they need support, the *Helping Hands Committee* will be there for them. Perhaps, cook a meal, go to the market, or help out with the kids. If you become aware of a family in need or yourself are in need, please help us help them by alerting your teacher to notify the PTA.

Be sure to read over the school volunteer form. You can give a little or a lot of your time to St. Mary's School. Any amount of time you give is always greatly appreciated. We ask that each family volunteer for a minimum of one event or program.

As parents of St. Mary's Students, we are all members of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). As PTA Board Members, we ask for your prayers as we work together in our mission to support the Pastor, Administration, and Faculty in the education and spiritual development of our school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Hogan  
Principal

Patty Barse  
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Carol Kirchman  
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