

# the Parent Organization Bulletin



## *St. Mary's Episcopal School July 2009*

### *Parent Organization Information*

*(HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR P.O. – SEE INFORMATION ON THE LAST PAGE)*

Hello everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well and staying cool during this heat wave. Can you believe August is almost here? The following is just a brief update on some of the events listed in the June newsletter and on the calendar you received with the June mailing.

**USED UNIFORM SALE** – Has your child outgrown his or her school uniforms? If so, please consider donating them to the St. Mary's Parent Organization. **Just drop off the items at school on August 17 or 18 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. (Please do not bring them by earlier).** All items donated will be available for purchase on Orientation Day, August 24 from 9:00am-11:00am. All proceeds benefit your children. Unsold items will benefit the children at Shidler Elementary. Donated uniforms should be clean and dropped off on hangers. Any questions, contact Donna Goins 340-1751 or Lela Brown 359-6478.

**FALL FUNDRAISER** – This year St. Mary's PO has decided to partner with Innisbrook for the Fall Fundraiser. The Innisbrook wrapping paper and chocolate sale will begin Monday, August 24 and will last through Friday, September 11. Look for sales packets in your child's classroom and for the display during Orientation Day to see samples of actual items available in the catalog. Funds will go towards much needed PO/school storage containers and for new outdoor playground picnic tables. Thanks to Shelley Dabney who has graciously volunteered to chair our fall fundraiser again this year. As with all fundraising events at St. Mary's, participation is completely optional.

**FALL EVENT** – The Fall Festival will be held on Friday evening, October 9. Jaime Schultheis and Kelly Padgham have volunteered to co-chair this year's event. This is a fun filled evening for all ages and something you should definitely plan on attending with your entire family. Look for sign-up sheets during Orientation day. Ticket and event information will come home with your child as the date gets closer. There are many ways YOU can help make this night a success. There are opportunities to help set-up, clean-up, work a booth, or donate something for the bake sale. Whether you have just a few minutes or an hour or two of time, your help in any capacity is greatly appreciated. A big THANKYOU to Jaime and Kelly for volunteering to organize this event!

**ST. MARY'S PARENT ORGANIZATION and BEAU GESTE COMMITTEE:** meet on the first Friday of each month (see school calendar for exceptions during the months of February-May) at 8:45 am. We welcome all parents to our meetings and value your input. However, if you are unable to attend these meetings please know that attendance is not required for you to be a beneficial part of our organization. We need our parents support!

As the end to summer draws near and we busy ourselves getting ready for another school year, I encourage you to stop and reflect on the precious time you've spent with your families this summer. Whether you travelled a great distance, or just took some time to enjoy each other without the chaos of daily life - I hope you received many blessings and made countless memories to last a lifetime.

**Jamie Kalcich**  
St. Mary's Parent Organization President



## ***Beau Geste Information***

Dear Friends,

Your Beau Geste Committee is already hard at work. We are excited to begin our journey to ***Peace, Love, and Beau Geste, the theme for 2010.***

You all know that Rome wasn't built in a day and man cannot survive on bread alone. Your Beau Geste Committee is in the same boat. We have only months to organize this event and we cannot do it alone. We need your support! There are many tasks to be done. Some of these are time consuming and some, not so much.

The committees for Beau Geste consist of one for writing thank you notes, decorations, arts, underwriting, centerpieces, raffle, and of course acquisitions. Please take time this summer to consider how you might feel lead to contribute and then sign up for a committee on orientation day. Each of these committees has been appointed a chairperson so we are off to a great start! If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share please contact Jennifer Abney or Stephanie Gray at any time.

Thank you in advance for your much needed support. Your volunteerism truly benefits and touches each child in our school.

Warmly,

**Jennifer Abney**  
**Stephanie Gray**

## **PO Officers**

Jamie Kalcich - President

Nicole Lenochoan – Vice President

Regina Hedrick – Secretary

Donna Goins – Treasurer

Shelley Dabney – Benevolence/Chaplain

Jennifer Abney & Stephanie Gray – Beau Geste Co- Chairs

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*(If you have already participated in this donation opportunity,  
we thank you very much)*

## Parent Organization FAMILY DONATION

At the beginning of each year, your Parent Organization (PO) asks for a donation to assist the efforts of our PO's work. This donation request will also be available during Orientation Day, The following family donation is suggested:

One child: \$50

More than one child: \$75

or any amount would be greatly appreciated (and helpful!)

This will be a one time contribution to assist with the following:

**Benevolence:** provides SMES families with support for events such as births, deaths, hospitalizations, family illnesses, etc. by providing a meal or gift.

**Faculty/Staff appreciation:** provides faculty luncheons and gifts to show how much they are appreciated.

**Beau Geste class projects:** provide a wonderful, original project from your child's classroom to be auctioned off at Beau Geste, our school's annual fundraising auction.

Our Parent Organization, in partnership with the school, exists to further the school's vision through combinations of volunteer work, fundraising efforts, and special events that offer many ways to encourage SMES families to become involved.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION — PLEASE SEND THIS BOTTOM SECTION WITH YOUR CHECK!!!—THANK YOU!!!

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To support the work of your Parent Organization as suggested above, please make a separate check to St. Mary's PO and mail it or bring it by the office. THANK YOU!

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AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_