



MOTHERS' CLUB NEWS

August 2011

I hope each of you has enjoyed a fun-filled relaxing summer with your family. After meeting and speaking with some of our Chairpersons during the past few weeks, I am more excited than ever about the upcoming Mothers' Club Activities for the 2011-2012 school year. I encourage all moms to participate in any way possible. It is a great way to be involved in your son's school whether it is attending our monthly meetings, mailings or workshops, assisting in the upcoming Cherrydale Gift Wrap Fall Fundraiser or joining us on our fall trip. We have many events to prepare for: our Mother-Son Communion Luncheon, Homecoming, our Senior Mother-Son Dinner and the Gesu Christmas service project, all of which occur in the first four months of school. If the fall is a hectic time for you and your family, the second semester holds many opportunities for you to join us as well. In February there is a wonderful Day of Reflection for all Prep moms and then we jump right into the spring where much help is needed to support the Fashion Show, Junior Ring Mass Reception, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon and the Baccalaureate Mass Reception. As you can see, there are many chances for you to volunteer at the Prep!

WHAT'S HAPPENING....

OPENING MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Mass will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the Church of the Gesu. Following Mass we will have coffee and refreshments. This is a great chance to catch up with friends, meet new moms and sign up for some of the exciting events scheduled for this year. If you did not have the chance to return your volunteer forms through e-mail, regular mail or online at www.sjprep.org/motherclub, this is another opportunity to place your name on our sign-up sheets for the different activities for the upcoming school year. Our general meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Theater. Father Bur and Mr. Gomez will speak to the moms about expectations for the coming year.

FUNDRAISING – CHERRYDALE GIFT WRAP

This year we have chosen Cherrydale Gift Wrap as our fall fundraiser. Cherrydale is a favorite of everyone and is known for their outstanding service and products. This collection has over 185 items, including high quality gift wrap, accessories, candies, and other gift items. The catalogs will be available for you to pick up at your Mini-School Night in September. This program is an important fundraiser for the Mothers' Club. Online purchases may be made beginning September 1. The link is available on the Mothers' Club webpage. If you have any questions or are available to volunteer, please contact Monica Moeller at hidemm88@aol.com.

MOTHER & SON COMMUNION LUNCHEON – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

Chairpersons Melissa McGrath and Ellen Giangiordano are busy organizing this very special event. Invitations have been mailed and your swift reply would be much appreciated so they can plan accordingly. This is a great tradition at the Prep for mothers and their sons to celebrate Mass together and enjoy lunch with other moms and their classmates. Our special guest speaker this year is the Prep's own Tony Braithwaite! Please join us for this special day. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at mcgrath839@gmail.com or Ellen at ekcgian@comcast.net.

PREP SPIRIT SHOP

During the school year, the Prep Spirit Shop will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. In addition, there are various dates that the store will be open such as Freshman Orientation days, Mini-School Nights and most times when parents may be at the Prep. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Stop in and see what new items are available for purchase!

ON ANOTHER NOTE.....

The Students' Mothers' Club at St. Joseph's Prep helps fund a financial aid program, "Mothers for Others", that we are very proud of. We are honored to have been able to assist a few of our Prep families during their time of need. All details are handled through the Financial Aid office and kept confidential. Thank you for being a part of supporting this service.

LASTLY.....

As a member of the Prep Mothers' Club, you will receive a monthly newsletter electronically. During our busy times and when a response is required, there will also be paper mailings of the monthly newsletter. The paper mailings will be in November, February and a final mailing at the end of the school year. Any questions regarding the mailings, please contact Kathy Galcik at kathygalcik@comcast.net or Sheila Faia at s.fuia@verizon.net.

If you do not receive the email version of this Newsletter, please contact me at ncentrella@comcast.net with your correct contact information.

Enjoy your final days of summer! I look forward to seeing you at our mailing on August 24th or at our first meeting on September 14th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any Executive Board Member listed on the enclosed handout.

Sincerely,

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