

The Knightly News

PTG Newsletter – September 2009

Parent Assembly **No Bully Presentation.**

All parents/guardians, coaches & parishioners are encouraged to attend a *No Bully Seminar* on **Wednesday, Oct 7th, at 6:30 pm in the school gym.**

Gloria Rodriguez from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit is prepared to deliver an informative speech & answer questions concerning the following topics:

- The definition of bullying
- Characteristics of bullying
- Normal behavior or bullying?
- What you can do if your child is being bullied
- What you can do if your child IS the bully

Please plan on attending and learning about this very troubling and timely issue.

Did You Know ...

Submitted by Kimm Loughlin

You can join your child for breakfast in our cafeteria from 7:45 to 8:20 any morning. It's a bargain at \$1.50 and better yet, can be charged to your child's account. And best of all, it's a great way to start your day with those you love best!

Dates to Remember

- 10/7 – Early Dismissal @ 11:30am
- 10/7 – “No Bully” Presentation @ 6:30 pm (Gym)
- 10/12 – PTG Mtg. @ 6:30pm (Room 202)
- 10/22 – Open House @ 7:00pm
- 10/27 – Childhood Anxiety Seminar @ 6:30 pm (Cafeteria)
- 10/29 – Halloween Parade (1:30pm) & Parties (2 – 2:45pm)

Heinz Field Fundraiser

Please join the PTG in thanking the following volunteers for working the concession stand at Heinz Field during the Pitt vs. YSU, Steeler vs. Titans, and Pitt vs. Navy football games. These wonderful volunteers raised \$1050.00 for our school!!!

THANK YOU ...

Lynn Becker (2)
Lori Bliss
Richard Marciniak
Bill Marks
John McDonagh
Larry McGrath
Johnna Melchiorre
Ellen Mustovic
Adelyn Rogalla
Craig Schneider
Tara Stella
Dennis Weising
Elizabeth Wells

GREAT NEWS!!!

We're pleased to announce the PTG recently received a donation from Target for \$677.84 because you designated our school and shopped with your Target VISA/Target Redcard through the *Take Charge of Education Program!* **THANK YOU!** This money will be used to pay for the CLO performance scheduled for our school the first week of February, 2010.

Please enroll and select "**Saint Sebastian School - ID# 15192**" if you haven't done so already. And remember, any family member, neighbor or friend (even those across the country!) can help our school with this program. Just provide them with our ID #! We currently have 63 cardholders and our goal for this school year is 100 cardholders. Help us meet that goal ... sign up today and help spread the word on the *Take Charge of Education Program!*

Fundraising

Please consider signing up and working our concession stand at a Pitt or Steeler football game this season. We could really use your help! As stated before, the PTG is asking for one person from each family to work one game this season. If we can make this happen, all our fundraising goals will be met for the year! The "Heinz Field Sign-Up Form" can be found on the SSS website by selecting "PTG" and then "Forms". You can send your completed form to the PTG c/o Office 1. And don't forget, SSS families will now earn **\$35.00 in tuition credit** for each game worked! Any friend, family member, etc. can help you earn these credits as well!

We need volunteers for the following games in October:

- 10/4 – Steelers vs. Chargers
- 10/10 – Pitt vs. UCONN
- 10/18 – Steelers vs. Browns
- 10/24 – Pitt vs. South Florida
- 10/25 – Steelers vs. Vikings

Student Assembly – sponsored by the PTG

On Wednesday, September 9th, Karen Hathaway and Ingrid Kalchthaler from the Shaler Library visited our school and presented a wonderful puppet show titled "Bullies Be Gone... Rumble in the Jungle". The puppet show, presented to all students in Preschool - 3rd grade, was narrated by Kayla kangaroo and her son Joey. The children were introduced to many wonderful insect puppets including brother Dung Beetles "Dwayne and James", "Stacy & Simone" the sister Stick Bugs, and "Timothy", a spider with a Jamaican accent! The children listened intently as the anti-bully story unfolded and the insects learned the lesson of kindness, acceptance of others and self-love and pride. The assembly ended with all the children yelling in unison ... 1-2-3 Bully Free!!! They were loud, very loud ... a great way to end an equally great assembly!

Parent Training Night ...
Childhood Anxiety Seminar

A parent workshop/meeting has been schedule for **Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria**. The presenter is Sherri Karas, MEd, the coordinator of the federally-funded *Child Anxiety Treatment Study* at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Sherri's presentation will include the causes of anxiety in children, common anxiety disorders, when to seek professional help and what options are available.

All parents/guardians and parishioners are welcome to attend this very informative seminar!

Coming in the October Newsletter ... Autumn Fest!
Reserve the date ... Friday, November 6th!