



Home and School Report: Melissa Denson

Our treasurer, Monique Malzahn, would like to relay the following:

- We've earned the following amounts from our Fall Fundraisers:
 - Used Uniform Sale: \$1658
 - Talent Show: \$2849 (used some of this to purchase new audio equipment)
 - Coupon Book Sales: \$9581
- After accounting for all of our expenses for the remainder of the year and ensuring we can cover our operating budget, we hope to give the school \$5,400 for the cafeteria lunch program, which had a bill of \$6,200. I hope you are all enjoying this new feature in our cafeteria.

I've been sending out email newsletters highlighting our Old Business, so for the sake of time I will refer you to those. So we'll move onto New Business, and I'd like to introduce our Vice President, Tracy Staples, who is going to talk about Just Give 5!

Volunteerism: Tracy Staples

I have just a few brief words about our Just Give 5 program. As I mentioned in the beginning of the year, we are trying to make it easier to record volunteer hours when doing things outside of the school day. Many of you have logged onto the Home and School page and completed the Volunteer Tracking Sheet. This is a really easy form to complete and submit all online. Remember, you can also submit any donations made to the school for hours.

Now, I'd like to congratulate Tania Liuzzo for being our winner for the Second Quarter. Tania was randomly chosen from all parents who have volunteered at least five hours this year. She will be getting two tickets to this year's Starry Night Auction.

On behalf of Home and School we want to sincerely thank everybody who has volunteered their time or sent in items to make our events really special. We could not do all of the fun activities without each of you.

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Our Box Tops program recently earned \$941 dollars for its fall submission. Thanks to everyone who turned in Box Tops during the first part of the year. There is one more submission left, but it's not at the end of the school year, I recently learned it's in March. So if you have Box Tops, don't wait to turn them in. Get them in now so we can reach our schoolwide goal of \$1500.

Our Starry Night Auction is going to be Saturday, February 10th at 5:30. This is a very fun, adults only evening, and the theme this year is "Celebrate the Night in Black and White." The proceeds from this event are going to be used to purchase curriculum and iPads. It's

not too late to contribute to the auction. A small donation to a class auction basket can make a difference. If you own a business, contributions are tax deductible. If you have a special talent, like making Adirondack chairs or cornhole sets, consider donating one. If you are able to contribute time, we need people to pick up donations, so come see me afterwards if you are able to drive and pick things up for the auction committee. When we pool our resources together we can accomplish a great deal. There is nothing more important to your child's education than having great teachers, and giving our teachers the tools they need, and buying textbooks is just right up there at the top. So thank you for your support of this event.

Now I'd like to introduce Allison Mall who is our Committee Chair for Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week: Allison Mall

Catholic Schools Week is January 29-February 2. The National Theme is Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed. It is a week full of activities! BE sure to check the paper packet for the agenda for the week as well as read the daily newsletters by email. Please be on the lookout for sign-ups for volunteering in the nursery as well as sending food items for the Parent Coffee.

This year, we are partnering with the Office of Religious Education and offering a Parent Night on MONDAY, January 29th at 7pm at the Cody Center. The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (who will be speaking to the students on Monday and Tuesday) will be presenting a talk for parents called "Living a Life of Love: Fostering an Openness to Vocations in the Hearts of Your Children". Pre-registration will be required as space is limited.

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I always look forward to Catholic School Week, especially Open House. Since my kids are a little older, I think they just want me to make an appearance in their classes, so I hope a few of you can join me in helping out in our nursery if you have some time. Parents helping other parents is the very essence of Christian community.

School Update: Rhonda Rose

Mrs. Rose updated parents on the implementation of electronic lunch ticket system and thanked all the volunteers who attended training and helped work out the kinks in the first few weeks.

She also spoke briefly about the upcoming accreditation visit, noting that it will be two days instead of three as in past years. The formal opening program involving students and faculty has been eliminated.

Mrs. Rose also provided an update on the ongoing search for a new principal. Potential candidates will be vetted by a committee comprised of school, parent, parish and diocesan representatives.

Finally, Mrs. Rose introduced Jeff Mall as the new head of the School Advisory Board. The school board has been revived and is currently forming six committees to address evaluate

and address the needs of the school. The committees are as follows: Finance, Facilities, Technology, Safety, Spiritual, and Marketing.