



## *Welcome to St. Patrick's Athletics!*

You have already received the Athletic Association Newsletters, but we thought we would provide a little more information as your child enters the athletic program for 2009-2010. St. Patrick Athletics has a proud heritage of hard work and good sportsmanship.

The same is true for the volunteers that are the true backbone of the program. No tuition or parish funds are used. The programs are solely supported by fundraisers. It is critical that every family helps out. Students are able to play sports at St. Patrick because of the dedicated involvement of their parents.

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### ***What is Asked of Athlete's Parents-***

#### **Gate and Concession Workers (Football, Volleyball, Basketball):**

- Sign up sheets are available at the first home game of the season.
- Depending on the size of the team, you are generally asked to sign up to work one gate and one concession.
- Parents of seventh grade basketball and volleyball players work the eighth grade games and vice-versa, so you don't miss any of your student's game. It is the same for JV and Varsity.
- There are challenges as the league continues to work with scheduling high school girls and boys basketball in the winter. Junior Varsity will play at St. Pat's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Varsity will play at Portland Middle School on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Varsity football needs gate and concessions workers. If you would like to watch the game, that's great! Extra concession workers are always needed before the game and during halftime, so consider helping out at those busy times.
- At all events, the Athletic Director or Assistant will be on hand to help set-up/clean-up and answer any questions you may have.

### **Clock and Book Attendees (Basketball, Volleyball)**

- At basketball and volleyball games, parents help the coach by operating the clock and keeping the book. Let the coach know you are interested in helping and they will put you in touch with the right person.
- The board is pretty easy to run and, as always, remember that while games are fun and exciting and sometimes intense, these are junior high, freshmen, and junior varsity games without the concern of college-level pressure.
- Training can be scheduled during an upcoming practice.
- Mentoring during your first or second game can be arranged.

### **Football Chain Gangs, Clock Runner, Spotters, etc.**

- Home football games held at Fr. Flohe Field need workers for chain gang, clock, and spotter. Kristen Schrauben (647-2674) is organizing for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Eva Pung (566-7084) is organizing for JV.
- There is a group that works the chains for Varsity games. If you are interested, stop one of the members of the chain-gang at the next game and let them know. They enjoy adding numbers to their ranks!
- This holds true for the press box which houses an announcer, clock operator, and a hand full of spotters. These folks have the best seats in the house in all types of weather.

### **Clean-Up Crew**

- Parents are asked to help cleanup the facilities after each game. And just as our moms always taught us, we like to leave it a little cleaner than we found it.
- Bags and containers are provided to pick up all the trash (don't forget the visitor's side).
- At St. Pat's gym, the bleachers need to be put up and the area swept. When everyone pitches in, it only takes the few minutes you are waiting for your athlete to come out of the locker room.

### **Assistant Athletic Directors**

This person commits to being at the games early to open things up and welcome the teams as well as close down at the end of the event. They are also visible and available during the game to answer questions and manage situations as they arise.

### **Care of Uniforms**

Uniforms are an expensive commodity and they stand up to a lot of Shamrock sweat! **Cold water wash and line dry.** Avoid color safe bleach, especially for the first few washings of new uniforms. Please take good care of them and return all game and practice jerseys, shorts, etc. promptly as the season ends

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### ***How You Can Help Raise Over \$100,000 Annually!***

#### **Fall Fest (20%)**

**October 11, 2009**

The dinner, craft show, and raffle are held the second Sunday of October. Athletes and Parents are asked to work a shift along with supplying a dessert and bread to serve at the dinner. Mary Cook (647-2331) organizes the over 90 workers needed on Saturday and Sunday. An additional draw at the Fall Fest Craft Show is the famous Cookie Booth in the gym. Please supply 3 dozen cookies per athlete. Watch for details as this event draws near. It is also important to sell all your raffle and dinner tickets to make this event a success. Help is needed to run the event through a variety of chair people including Arts and Crafts, Kitchen, Dining Room, Take-Out, and, very importantly, the overall Fall Fest chair that keeps everything running smoothly. Do not let any of these things sound too intimidating... careful notes are taken each year so anyone, **maybe YOU!** can step in and do a great job!

#### **Shamrock Auction (20%)**

**April 17, 2010**

Several years ago, this event replaced Las Vegas night and has greatly increased profits. This is a joint venture with the school and the profits are split 50/50. It is held the third Saturday in April. Items for the silent and large auction need to be donated and solicited. Workers and chairs for this event are also needed. Please say a hearty YES when called or, better yet, call the contact numbers in the newsletters and bulletin as the event approaches. Chair persons and committees keep the wheels rolling. Please consider helping as the chair of the Kitchen, Check-Out, Auction Tables, Raffles, Database and, of course, the overall chairs and committee members.

#### **Sports Raffle (18%)**

Just 325 tickets are sold at \$85 each and entered into 4 drawings each month (48 per year!). Beginning in September, winners drawn the first Sunday of the month will receive \$500. Winners on the second, third, and fourth Sundays will receive \$100. The tickets are returned to the drawing, continuing their chances of winning all year long! Jan Simon (647-2028) and Amy Smith (647-2671) will sell you a ticket or can put your name on the list for next year.

# Go Shamrocks

## **Sports Passes (6%)**

Family passes are available for \$150 and individual passes are \$60. This admits parents and students (K-college) to all home athletic events. A little number crunching for you to consider...with an average of 60 home events, a family of four can attend eight events and get the other 52 free. Now if that's got you excited, attending just eight Athletic Association meetings gets you a FREE family Sports Pass. Grandparents of athletes in grades 7 – 12 can get a FREE pass at the first home game of the season or by contacting the school office.

## **And the Rest of the Budget...**

The remaining percentage of the budget is raised by gate and concessions (30%) and other smaller fundraisers including Gordon's Food Center 'Fun Funds' program and SCRIP (account 4000). In addition, there are very special families who designate St. Patrick School Athletic Association when a loved one passes away. Those funds are usually used to purchase something particular such as a set of uniforms or piece of equipment in honor of their loved one.

## **St. Patrick Athletic Association**

***You are already a member.*** According to the by-laws, every member of the parish who is over the age of eighteen is considered to be a member of the Athletic Association. Active members attend meetings and help out where needed. Active members also receive free season passes for their entire family---a \$150 value!

Meetings are generally held the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in room 202 (enter the building at the middle doors on West Street). They only last about an hour and are a great opportunity to get to know other parents. ***Your help is needed.*** Please take the time to give a hand to keep the athletic programs at St. Patrick going strong.

## ***Mark these meeting dates on your calendar:***

### **2009**

August 2  
August 30  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6

### **2010**

January 3  
February 6  
March 6  
March 28  
May 2  
June 6