



St. Joseph School
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The PAC Connection

What is The PAC Connection?

The PAC Connection is a quarterly newsletter from your parent advisory council (PAC) of St. Joseph School (SJS) to keep you informed about PAC activities.

What is PAC?

PAC consists of family representatives from each grade, kindergarten through grade 6, to develop good communication and support between the home and school so that the parents and teachers may cooperate in the development and education of the child. Meetings include the principal and are open to the public. New members are welcome.

Who are the PAC Grade Representatives?

The current PAC representatives for the 2009-2010 school year are:

- Grade K:** Tanya Bennett
- Grade 1:** Julie Curtis, Carmen Krugman, Carol Weis
- Grade 2:** Susie Hagen, Amy LaBuda
- Grade 3:** Lori Diederichs, Lori Kloos, Rose Larson, Dana Voigt
- Grade 4:** Pauli Elliott, Gretchen Glass, Rhonda Hartung
- MAGS:** Tammy Davis, Pam Nelson, Kerri Schramel

PAC has an E-Mail Address

For your convenience PAC has set up an e-mail address for you to communicate any issues, comments, or suggestions that you would like discussed at a PAC meeting. You may request to have your name kept confidential. The e-mail address is sjspac@gmail.com (not case sensitive).

Halloween Carnival

The annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by PAC was held on Saturday evening, October 24, 2009. What a fantastic turnout! Thank you to those who helped in any way and who came to the event. Mark your calendars for this year's Halloween Carnival which will be held on Saturday evening, October 23, 2010.

Skatetime Roller Skating

St. Joseph School teamed up with Skatetime School Programs to bring an exciting and innovative Physical Education program to students the week of January 11-15, 2010. This event is one of the highlights of the year for the students and is paid for by PAC.

Kindergarten Open House

PAC members assisted with the Kindergarten Open House held on January 14, 2010 to answer questions prospective parents had for current school parents. The next open house for kindergarten and preschool is March 18, 2010.

Catholic Schools Week

The kickoff for Catholic Schools Week begins with the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, January 31. PAC members will assist with the reception following mass.

Conference Meals for Staff

First and second trimester conferences are generally scheduled into the evening hours. PAC provides dinner for the staff to thank them for the outstanding job they do and for their commitment to Catholic education!

Spring Clothing Order

PAC is coordinating a spring clothing order of popular items that include a school embroidered logo. Watch for more information coming soon.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. This is not a fundraiser, but rather a "buy 1, get 1 free" opportunity to purchase books for your family and school classrooms. PAC members will need assistance with the setup on the evening of April 19, along with working a shift during the event on April 21, and then packing the books up at the end of that day. Children will have an opportunity to preview the selections on April 20. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children on April 21.

Dinner & Casino Night

The Dinner & Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010. PAC is coordinating the creation of a gift basket from each grade to be used as a silent auction item. Your PAC grade representatives will be contacting you soon for your ideas and for volunteers to assist. Do you have a secret talent you are willing to share?

SJS Rummage Sale

PAC will host a rummage sale in the school gym on Saturday, May 15, 2010 (fishing opener weekend). Proceeds of the sale will go to St. Joseph School with unsold items being donated to charity unless arrangements are made for you to take your items back. As the planning process begins, it would be helpful to get an idea of the number of SJS families and staff who would like to be involved. Please e-mail sjspac@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Detailed information will be included in the Friday Folder toward the end of February with guidelines for the type of items that will be accepted, how they should be priced, and a request for volunteers.

Mark Your Calendar...

January 31 – Catholic Schools Week kickoff at the 9:00 a.m. mass

February 9 – PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of St. Joseph School

March 18 – Kindergarten/Preschool Open House

April 13 – PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of St. Joseph School

April 21 – Scholastic Book Fair

May 15 – SJS Rummage Sale