



HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Thanks to all of you who have supported our **Christmas Scrip fundraiser**. Our second collection for Christmas orders will be this Thursday, December 3rd. It's an easy way to finish up your Christmas shopping, and help out St. Mary School at the same time!

Christmas Shopping Day is this Friday, December 4th. Every student will have the opportunity to shop for members of their family from a wide selection of inexpensive, new items. Please remember to send in a shopping bag with your child's name. And don't forget to contact Anna Kubish at kbjmic@cox.net if you are available to help out at this fun (and busy) event!

A reminder...**grocery cards for both Stop & Shop and Shaw's are available** at the school **every Thursday**. It costs you nothing "extra" to shop this way...but a percentage of your purchase goes directly to our school! Stop by the scrip table in the gym between 8:00 and 8:30 am, or between 2:15 and 2:45 pm. You may also send in your order with payment each Thursday morning, and the cards will be sent home with your child.

Finally, **we are asking for volunteers** to help sell grocery cards after masses at Saint Mary Church. There are only three HSA officers, and three exits at the church. If we can get just a few parent volunteers to help out, the task of staffing all of the exits will not fall on us every weekend. Please think about whether you are able to give up an hour of your time to help Saint Mary School, and contact Kara Russell at hsa@stmarynewington.com. Thank you!

ON THE HORIZON

Our second open **HSA meeting** will be on Wednesday, January 20th in the gym. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Cristina Santos-Tomas**, a pediatric dentist in Newington. ...hope to see you there!

Our **second annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction** will be held on Friday, March 26th. Please give some thought over the coming month to any new goods or services your family might be able to donate to the auction. 100% of the proceeds of this event go to Saint Mary School, and your gift is tax-deductible.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our **Lyman Orchard Pie fundraiser** was a huge success! Thanks to your efforts, St. Mary School earned over \$1,700.00 toward its fundraising goal.



OUR TOP SELLER: Sabrina Rivera's Family

With total pie sales - \$266!!! Great job!

You will be receiving a dress down pass for your efforts!

Just a reminder that **our HSA candy sale fundraiser is ongoing**. These 52-piece variety boxes may be purchased for \$52.00 each, and bars are resold at \$1.00 each. Your family will earn \$26.00 toward their fundraising for each box sold! E-mail Kara Russell at the.russell.family@cox.net by January 1st, and indicate the number of boxes you'd like to sell next month.



In mid-January, your family will receive a fundraising update indicating how much your family has raised to date. We'll also detail the remaining fundraisers that will help you reach your family's obligation.