



HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

Thank you to all who helped make our first **Lyman Orchard Pie sale** a success. A special thank you to our pre-school families for their enthusiastic participation! As a reminder, the pies will be delivered **frozen** by noon on Thursday, November 12th. Please make arrangements to pick up your pies promptly.

There are big changes to the **Scrip program** this month! Beginning this week, grocery cards will be available on a "same-day" basis! Each Thursday, you may purchase the cards between 8:00 and 8:30 am, and between 2:15 and 2:45 pm in the cafeteria. You may also send in your order with payment each Thursday morning, and the cards will be sent home with your child that afternoon. We hope this same-day service will encourage more of you to purchase Scrip. It's an easy way for all of us to support Saint Mary School...just by doing our grocery shopping!

Also this month, you'll receive an invitation to purchase "**Christmas Shopping Scrip**." These gift cards represent a wide variety of local retailers, and are purchased at face value. Purchase the cards to give as gifts, or use them to do your own Christmas shopping! Either way, Saint Mary School earns a percentage of every dollar you spend. We'll make two collections for Christmas Shopping Scrip: November 12th and December 3rd (for last-minute shoppers)! Please watch for an order form to be sent home with your child, or click the "Christmas Shopping Scrip" link on the school's homepage.

ON THE HORIZON

Christmas Shopping Day will be on Friday, December 4th. This annual event allows our students the opportunity to purchase reasonably priced gifts for their own family and friends. If you have any questions about the event, or if you are interested in helping out, please contact Anna Kubish at kbjmic@cox.net.



Volunteers: 18th Annual Boo Bash 2009

Committee: Thank you all so much for the help and support!

Belinda Baruffi
Penny Contreras
Kathy Bishop
Kelly MacMeekin
Pam Doolan

Decorating & Set up:

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| Belinda Baruffi | Penny Contreras |
| Kathy Bishop | Linda Guerrette |
| Roseanne Scacca | Anna Kubish |
| Kelly MacMeekin | |

Special thanks to Linda Guerrette and Leni Wrobel for their extraordinary decorations!!!

Door/Kitchen/Tickets:

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| Belinda Baruffi | Mr. Gurekovich |
| Michael Baruffi | Mrs. Cefaly |
| Kathy Bishop | Penny Contreras |
| Mr. Cosham | Antonio Contreras |
| Mr. Jose | Rosanna Breton |
| Anna Kubish | Bonnie Shebat |
| Pam Doolan | Susan & Steve Babineau |
| Mrs. Barrett | Anyone else I might have missed |

Clean Up:

Countless people helped clean up the gym and I truly appreciate everyone's participation to make this year's event a great success! The kids had a blast and that's what it's all about.....fun for the kids!

Raffle Prizes & Donations:

A special thank you to our generous friends and neighbors for their raffle prizes & donations:

HSA / Yankee Candle fundraiser samples
Judy Fitzpatrick / Matchbox cars and Goldfish snacks
Michael Baruffi / Stamps, envelopes, pumpkins
Penny Contreras / Corn stalks, gourds, candy corn & digital pictures
Kara Russell / Painted pumpkin
Mr. Maynard / Dress down passes
Bowl-o-Rama / Free passes
Carvel Round / Ice cream cake
CT Beverage Mart / Soda

Joey Garlics / Gift card
Michael Angelos / Gift card
Mortensen's / Gift card
Elaine's Restaurant / Gift card
Puerta Vallarta / Gift card
Outback / Gift card
Regal Nails / Gift card
Laser Quest / Gift card
T-Bowl / Gift card
Wendy's / Coupons, misc.
99 Restaurant / \$25 Gift card for the crayon count

And congratulations to our big raffle winners:

1st Prize: The Wii – Andrew Kostka
2nd Prize: Sony MP3 Player – Dakota McMahon

On behalf of all St. Mary School families, the HSA officers wish to thank Belinda Baruffi for chairing the Boo Bash for *six years!* ☺

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Finally, 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 December 1st, and indicate the number of boxes you'd like to sell next month.

