

A Call to Serve!

Dear parents,

On the school web site, all of the committee listings and sign-up links have been updated, and are ready for use by our parents. It is a lot of information and, hopefully, puts everything in one accessible place. In this letter, which will be also posted online, I will gather together a quick summary of all the committees on which we are asking parents to serve. Note that some committees require only a few members!

We have defined three different starting points for committees:

- **School Council-sponsored**
- **Guardian Parent-sponsored**
- **Jointly sponsored (School Council & Guardian Parents)**

This distinction determines which group is ultimately in charge of making sure the committee gets started and completes its task.

JOINTLY SPONSORED – Five (5)

- Guardians Gala
(In 2012, it is the 25th Anniversary Dinner celebrating the Papal Visit to Texas in 1987)
- Catholic Life Raffle
- Annual Fund Dinner and Drive
- All-Student Activities Program
- Golf Tournament

GUARDIAN PARENT SPONSORED – Twelve (12)

- School Store Committee - on-going
- Coffee & Rosary Committee - Thursday mornings
- Back to School BBQ - Friday, 10 August 2012
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Thursday, September 27, 2012
- Comal County Fair Parade - Float! - Friday, September 28, 2012
- Founders' Week/Homecoming - 2-3 November 2012
- Middle School Fun Night - no date set yet
- Advent Brunch Committee - Wednesday, 12 December 2012
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Catholic Schools Week – Fri., 1 Feb. 2013
- Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, 15 February 2013
- Parent Casino Night - no date set yet
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Friday, April 19, 2013

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPONSORED – Four (4)

- Building Committee
- Finance Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Technology Committee

Summaries of each committee follow.

JOINTLY SPONSORED – Five (5)

• **Guardians Gala**

In 2012, this event is the 25th Anniversary Dinner Celebrating the Papal Visit to Texas in 1987. This committee has been hard at work since the Spring of 2012. We will call the event the Guardians Gala again the 2013, and form that committee in Winter 2012/3.

• **Catholic Life Raffle**

This raffle is available, through Catholic Life Insurance, to all schools in the Archdiocese. They provide all the supplies, tickets, and prizes. We only need to sell tickets! The sale begins in late September 2012 and runs through early January 2013.

• **Annual Fund Drive and Dinner - Friday, 5 April 2013 - Saturday, 25 May 2013**

The Annual Fund Drive is a fundraising event in which all in the general community are asked to consider a giving a yearly gift to the school. This includes businesses, foundations, and families.

The drive kicks off with a fun parent and community event on Friday, 5 April 2013 at the Boulder Springs Event Center.

NEW Jointly Sponsored Committees for 2012-13

• **All-Student Activities Program**

As discussed at the all parents meeting on 23 August, we have added a few committees/fundraiser to support student activities. The all-activities program will encompass all activities at the school -- athletics, arts, academics -- and be sold at all events. The program will include individual ads and business ads.

• **Golf Tournament - February/March 2013**

Again, along with the program and the Fish Fry, the golf tournament will support student activities needs. The goal will be to place the tournament away from to the other major fundraisers (but will come close to the Fish Fry).

GUARDIAN PARENT SPONSORED – Twelve (12)

ON-GOING COMMITTEES

• [School Store Committee - on-going](#)

Manage JP II school store performing functions of product order, inventory control, new product assessment, budget cognizant, explore and staff event sales opportunities. Committee will have full control with guidance from Principal.

• [Coffee & Rosary Committee - Thursday mornings](#)

Promote and coordinate parent fellowship with weekly morning coffee, historically held each Thursday, with periodic special incentives.

FALL COMMITTEES

• [Back to School BBQ - Friday, 10 August 2012](#)

Plan and coordinate school wide, all family barbeque, hosted on school grounds, first Friday of the 2012-2013 school year.

• [Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Thursday, September 27, 2012](#)

Plan and coordinate a faculty/staff appreciation lunch in the Fall.

• [Comal County Fair Parade - Float! - Friday, September 28, 2012](#)

Help coordinate our participation in the Parade during the Comal County Fair. Float Decorating.

• [Founders' Week/Homecoming - 2-3 November 2012](#)

Plan and coordinate the chili cook off, bake off, car decorating, and family festival style activities which make up this signature JP II community event. (November 2 (Football)- November 3 (Cook Off), 2012)

• [Middle School Fun Night - no date set yet](#)

Coordinate a Middle School Fun Night for local area 6th, 7th and 8th Graders. Preferably before the Catholic Schools Entrance Exam. Another event will be held in the Spring.

WINTER COMMITTEES

• [Advent Brunch Committee - Wednesday, 12 December 2012](#)

Plan and coordinate our traditional parent-student brunch on Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe

• [Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Catholic Schools Week - Friday, 1 February 2013](#)

Plan and coordinate a faculty/staff appreciation lunch during Catholic Schools Week

SPRING COMMITTEES

• [Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, 15 February 2013](#)

Plan and coordinate annual Lenten Fish Fry which provides fellowship and fundraising potential

• [Parent Casino Night - no date set yet](#)

Plan and coordinate a casual, off campus, parent only casino night in the spring.

• [Faculty/Staff Appreciation Meal - Friday, April 19, 2013](#)

Plan and coordinate a faculty/staff appreciation lunch in the Spring.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPONSORED – Four (4)

• Building Committee •

The group helps to direct the school in its maintenance and development of school grounds and buildings. Ideally, members of this committee have experience in these areas, especially in the trades. The committee meets monthly or quarterly depending on needs. **Chair:** Mr. McCabe

• Finance Committee •

This committee, chaired by the Finance Officer of the School Council, audits the school's finances monthly, meets quarterly, and reports on the school's finances to both the council and the school community as a whole.

Chair: Mrs. Rybicki

• Strategic Planning •

This committee is working at this time to develop a revised strategic plan for the next three years. The goal is to complete this work by December 2012.

Chair: Mr. Iliff

Technology

This committee is review and updating the school technology plan. Tasks include mapping the school's network and examining the future technology direction of the school (laptops, tablets, interactive whiteboards, access points, etc.). **Chair:** Mr. Iliff