

June 15, 2009

Dear St. John of the Cross Family,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we reach the end of the '08-'09 School year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish our graduating families all the best life has to offer. May every step our Crusaders take be blessed.



As PTG President I also want to personally thank all our volunteers who helped out this year. Room parents, parent coaches, classroom volunteer, the list goes on. Our children's lives are that much more enriched because of your involvement.

And to our Teachers, Classroom Aids, Administrative Staff, etc. We just can't express the gratitude we feel for not only the educational aspect, but the nurturing and life skills you offer our children on a day to day. Thank you.

And to the PTG Committee members; your commitment to balancing employment, volunteer efforts and more important, family life is humbling and to be admired. Please accept my sincere appreciation for all you do.

Thanks also go to **Todo Pa Mi Fiesta** catering service who stepped in to serve Hot Lunch to our Crusaders these last few days when Mt. Miguel was not available.

This was an extraordinary school year that called for immense volunteer labor needs, school population growth and program expansion. The PTG met it straight on with innovative ideas, program modifications and new resources.

As you all know fundraising has been exceptionally challenging not only for our own school but for hundreds of thousands non-profits due to a critical time in our nation. *The decision was made by the PTG to lighten fundraising efforts this school year in order to give our school families a chance to face these tough times.* Still throughout the year we partnered as best we could with such opportunities as the Crusader Christmas Campaign, PTG Hot Lunch program and Fun Day Fun Pack which provided a small yet welcome boost to our budget. Thanks to all who participated and supported our school events.



**The Crusader Student Store** also made its debut this school year. This is the first of its kind in the history of the school. This is due entirely on donations and the hard work of parent volunteers during its construction and start up phase. Though still in its infancy the Crusader Store is a source of much pride for the PTG and students. It also promises to be a wonderful and consistent fundraising resource for the general PTG Fund which aids student programs. The store will also serve as a Service Hours opportunity for both parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students so look for those sign up sheets come August '09.

Next year, we look forward to a new and God willing prosperous year for both our school and families.

On that note the PTG will also be launching a **SJOC Family Business Resource Guide**. We want to promote our own SJOC families who own a business to hopefully boost business among our own. If you have a business you would like to promote to over 400 families please contact Roxanna Bullington [bullingtons@cox.net](mailto:bullingtons@cox.net) to submit your information ASAP. A minimal donation of \$5 is welcome to help with printing cost. The *SJOC Family Business Resource Guide* will be distributed to all our school families at the beginning of the school year. We invite and welcome all business owners both local and across the border.



## **Now on to PTG business:**

Below is a breakdown of the various investments by the PTG for this school year. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to support the following:

### **Sports \$13,021**

You helped launch the '08-'09 sports season which covered such programs as Flag Football, Basket ball, Volleyball, Soccer, etc. Expenses; field rental for offsite field use, uniforms, referee fees, soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, volleyball nets, Volley balls, etc.

### **Advent Prayer Service \$4,359.45**

Stage Rental \$1535, San Diego Linens \$1760, Concession Supplies \$350, Program Supplies \$714.45 etc. Our sincere gratitude goes out to the Massaway family for their unending dedication not only to this event but to our school and children, and to José Luis & Maru Escamilla, for providing delicious D'Volada Coffee for the event.

### **First Aid Station \$ 239.50**

Bed \$214.42, First Aid Supplies \$25.08 it is important to make sure our students have a comfortable place to rest when not feeling well. Your support has helped the PTG purchase a bed and other medical supplies needed to transform the First Aid area into a well stocked, comfortable & supportive environment for our little ones.

### **Student Store - \$7096.09**

Tough Shed \$5306.90, Electrical/Concrete work \$889.19, Hot Dog Concession Machine \$473.02 (for '09-'10 school year), Drywall/Paint & supplies \$326.98, first product purchase \$100.

The Crusader Store opened during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the school year.

***Heartfelt thanks go out to*** Mr. Jose Martinez and son Miguel (4<sup>th</sup> grade) for their time and endless hard work in doing the interior electrical and restructuring needed to route the electricity to our store. Also thanks to Don Alfonso, Victor De La Cruz, Flavio Valdez Jr., Michael Odanga and Carlos Ramirez for doing the interior drywall and paint. Thanks to the Aaron & Jennifer Shulman for the donation and installation of the alarm system. Big thanks also go to Lorena Mercado for supervising the volunteer effort and inventory control for the store. And to all our parent and student volunteers who have made the first few weeks a complete success.

### **Teacher Appreciation Event \$2025.19**

Out of the Ordinary Group Adventures \$1,487.50, Bus Transportation \$474.99, Refreshments \$62.70. <http://www.groupadventures.com/clients.htm>. Afterwards they were treated to a Christmas dinner on behalf of all SJC Families.

### **Red Ribbon Week \$356.29**

Student Essay Awards \$278, Red Vines for every Classroom \$78.29

### **Math Conference for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers \$676.21**

### **Library \$200**

Administrative Supplies \$200 **A big Thanks to Mrs. Bonnie Nager** for getting the library up and running.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas over the summer at [sjcpre810@cox.net](mailto:sjcpre810@cox.net).

On behalf of the PTG we hope you have an adventure filled vacation. May it create many wonderful memories.

God Bless our SJOC Families,

Rocio De La Cruz  
PTG President  
St. John of the Cross School

P.S.

In case you are wondering what Sister Marilupe will be doing over the break :o)



Prepping Her Team for the Fall!