

PTO Notes

9/7/10

- ❖ First PTO president Jeff Hopp would like to thank all of those who participated in last year's events and looks forward to another great year at HNJ. Thanks to all the new and old faces that attended the first PTO meeting of this year.
- ❖ Many of you attended the ICE CREAM SOCIAL. It was a great success as usual, and the kids really enjoyed finding out who their teacher is for this school year. It is a great event to start off the new school year. Thanks for those who helped make the event possible!
- ❖ The PTO presented gifts card to the HNJ staff for all their hard work and dedication for last year. Thanks to Tara Benkovic for making the cards to present to the staff. Many notes of gratitude were sent to the PTO from the staff.
- ❖ The PTO agreed to help fund the 7th and 8th grade Spanish field trip for this year. It is a great learning experience for the students. The students see a presentation that is spoken all in Spanish. The presentation is very interactive with the students and they get to practice their Spanish skills!
- ❖ Something new for this school year is the ONE TOUCH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM via Ed Line. This will enable the HNJ staff to communicate with parents with a mass call system. For example, if school is cancelled due to the weather HNJ will be able to call the parents and let them know that their will be no school that day! Parents can receive notices via telephone, email or text message. There will be a trial run to ensure the calling system is fully operational. Look for more information in the near future. The PTO funded this project.
- ❖ The WIDE AREA NETWORK is now up and working! Great news for the students at HNJ! The system is in place and the kinks are still being worked out. Training is still needed and some new hardware needs to be purchased to ensure the students receive the full benefits of the new WAN. This new system will allow for more training for teachers, more educational tools for the students, and the ability for the school to more effectively use the resources that are available for school students! The PTO looks forward to help fund the much needed hardware to fully utilize the WAN.
- ❖ The Gala will be held April 9, 2010 at the Antique Auto museum, a new venue for this year! As usual many volunteers and donations are needed for the Gala. Look on Face Book for the HNJ Gala for more information.
- ❖ Look for the new pamphlets explaining SMART MONEY! The pamphlet is a great description of how important SMART MONEY is to the school. The

proceeds from SMART MONEY go to the operational costs of the school. Please whenever possible purchase the gift cards. They are available at all masses and are available at the rectory.

- ❖ Penn State Harrisburg has offered to make Holy Name of Jesus web design their fall project. Look for a new HNJ church website, school website and PTO website. The changes should make the websites more appealing visually, and more user friendly.
- ❖ KID STUFF BOOKS are out and available to be sold! 50% of the proceeds come back to HNJ! The books are great and are filled with many great offers. The end of the sale is October 1st, and all money is due on that day.
- ❖ The fall festival is Friday, October 15. The festival is a great gathering for the families of HNJ. Many activities are available for the students and their families. There is also a food and bake sale. Look for more information soon, and as always volunteers are needed!
- ❖ As you can tell many things are happening this year! The PTO looks forward to working with the administration to make HNJ the best it can be. We encourage all of the parents to come to a PTO meeting and get involved! Meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library.