

Dear St. Anselm Parents,

As our children have now officially returned to their familiar routines, I want to take a moment to welcome you to a wonderful school. The St. Anselm Community is a gift we have given our children and ourselves. The St. Anselm Parent Teacher Group represents our parent community, we are all members. The PTG Board is comprised of 24 parents who meet monthly along with Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Giurlani and Mrs. Hicks.

The goal of the St. Anselm PTG is to provide financial support for classroom enrichment and professional development for our faculty. We achieve this goal by fundraising and annually collecting \$25 per family for PTG dues. The PTG raises and manages between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually. These funds are raised directly from you and your participation and generosity in PTG sponsored activities. These PTG activities include Sees candy sales, the uniform closet sales, the Super Bowl raffle, the Festival of Fun raffle, and the hot lunch program. The hot lunch program is our largest fundraiser and is a year-long program. We are again off to a great start with our hot lunch program sign-ups and are very appreciative of your support. You are not just purchasing a nutritious lunch for your child; your hot lunch purchase supports classroom activities!

PTG contributions to the school for classroom enrichment are varied. We organize and fund the opening school Mass, the first day of school parent coffee, the Back to School parent dinner, the eighth grade dinner dance, teacher appreciation gifts and luncheons, and science assemblies. Additionally, we provide monthly financial classroom support and provide funds for professional development courses for our faculty. Over the past two years, the PTG (our parent community) has financially contributed to the Accelerated Reading program, a second computer cart, the St. Anselm school scholarship fund, and the Playground project.

The PTG Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the math room. Our next board meeting is on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. These meetings are open to all parents and we encourage your attendance and participation. We also invite you to attend the Back to School parent dinner on Friday, September 18, 2009. Invitations have been sent through the school envelope and information is on the school website, click the PTG link. The dinner is a fun, relaxing event for parents. Please join us!

Thank you for your support and involvement in our school and parent community. I look forward to meeting you at the Back to School parent dinner and the PTG board meetings. Should you wish to contact me, please phone me at 456-7168 or email at salegt@msn.com.

The St. Anselm school parent community is a caring and generous group. Working together, we bring great things to our school for our children. Thank you for your support.

Adele Sale, PTG President, 2009-2010

