

2011 - 2012 Fundraising Events & Development Opportunities

St. Gabriel School's Development Team is happy to present events to benefit our school and most importantly, our children! Below is a list of fundraising opportunities for families to participate in throughout the school year. There are many ways to get involved and the Development Team welcomes new ideas and encourages everyone to participate. Following this piece is a sign-up sheet for families - please fill out and return with your paperwork on the first day of school or at the school picnic in August. All of the events and fundraisers listed are both fun to work and great ways to earn your development.

ANNUAL EVENTS:



GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION (November 2011): This year SGS is celebrating our 21th annual Goods and Services Auction! The auction is one of the biggest annual fundraisers for our school. This year's auction will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011. The auction is a fun-filled evening with items in our live and silent auction for everyone. All proceeds from the evening directly benefit the children of St. Gabriel School.

Development Opportunities: The auction provides many opportunities to earn development credit early in the school year. Everyone's help is greatly needed in several key areas- soliciting and donating quality items, attending the auction and volunteering at the auction. ~Please join us for an informational meeting which will be held in September (date to follow). The development team encourages new ideas and volunteers!



LIBRARY BOOK FAIR (Fall): During the fall SGS will hold a book fair to benefit classroom libraries. The children will be given the opportunity to purchase books during the day and parents may purchase books at other times during the fair.

Development Opportunities: Chair, Co-Chair & Volunteers needed. Credit is received for all hours worked.



MEN'S NIGHT (January): Since "Ladies Night" was such a success, we are going to try a Men's Night, but a **with a men's spin!** St. Gabriel fathers are encouraged to head up this evening. Don't worry there won't be any shopping or pampering.

Development Opportunities: Chair and Co-Chair are needed for this event as well as volunteers. Credit is received for all hours worked.



LADIES NIGHT (February): We had a fantastic turnout last year (for our first year) and look forward to an even better one this year. Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012. Come enjoy a night of pampering (massages, manicures, etc), shopping, food, fun and friends.

Development Opportunities: Chair and Co-Chair are needed for this event as well as volunteers. Credit is received for all hours worked.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (January-February): The SGS Basketball Tournament is scheduled to start in January with the finals held mid-February 2012. This is definitely a fun-filled couple of weeks! A school-wide Pep Rally will kick-off this annual event. Not only does the basketball tournament bring in funds, it promotes school spirit and gives St. Gabriel School the opportunity to invite other Catholic schools to visit our wonderful school. *Development Opportunities: A large number of games are held during this tournament, so many volunteers will be needed. Areas to help include selling food from the kitchen, raffle tickets, admission, score/time keepers, etc.*



MILFORD HARBOR DUCK RACE (May): The Milford Harbor Duck Race is presented by St. Gabriel School! This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2012. Can we sell more ducks next year...we will try our best! All profits from the Duck Race directly benefit St. Gabriel School. Due to such tremendous support from our St. Gabriel School community, the Duck Race has turned into our largest annual fundraiser (after bingo)! THANK YOU!

Development Opportunities: Due to the large scope of the event, help is needed in many areas- our goal is 100% school participation! The Development Team supports the event Chairs, Co- Chairs and volunteers.



MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL (August): This community event draws tens of thousands of people to downtown Milford each August. St. Gabriel School has had a presence at this annual festival for many years. With a tent in the food court we draw large crowds anxious to eat our delicious food. Quality fresh, fried and raw seafood is served! It's a fun for all who volunteer!

Development Opportunities: Work on this project as a committee member or simply volunteer for the event itself. Volunteers are needed for Friday night set up, Day of Event (Sat.) and for a few hours on Sunday after the event.



WINE TASTING (FALL 2012): This will be a new fundraiser for the fall of 2012. We are looking for a Chair and Co-chair to get this fundraiser off the ground.

Development Opportunities: Due to the large scope and newness of the event, help is needed in many areas. With the help and guidance of the Development Tea, we need Chairs & Co-Chairs and several volunteers to get involved early on.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:



ANGEL DEVELOPMENT FUND: The Angel Development Fund was created to accept personal and corporate donations to St. Gabriel School. We turn to generous donors for financial support: grandparents, former parents, parishioners, alumni, local businesses and friends of the school. Communicating with potential donors is an integral part of the Angel Fund program as well as keeping past donors apprised of all of the wonderful accomplishments the school has made due to their support. The Angel Development Fund plays a key role in our annual financial situation.

ALSO NOTE: All direct donations made by you, or in your name, will be credited 100% to your family's account. Please be sure to let us know if another person has donated in your name.



GREAT LAKES SCRIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: The Gift Certificate Program is a great way to generate cash for SGS and earn development- its money you are already spending! Use the program to purchase gift cards for groceries, clothing, toys, books, gifts, gasoline and more. Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Target, Borders, Barnes and Noble and Lands' End are included on a list of hundreds of retailers. Please consider using the Gift Certificate program for your purchases and support St. Gabriel School at the same time! *(Example: If your family spends \$100 week on groceries at Stop & Shop, \$5200 is spent annually. The 4% rebate back to St. Gabriel School is \$208.00 you will receive \$208 for development. (Many retailers have even higher rebates of 10%)*

Development Opportunities: Receive development based on the percentage the card generates in rebate funds.



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL BINGO: Bingo is the single largest fundraiser for St. Gabriel School! We count on every school family to do their part since every SGS family benefits from our Bingo program. There are two weekly bingos that run every Wednesday and Saturday and draw large crowds from the area. Last year, the Bingo Program raised more than **\$150,000.00** for our school! As such, it is an extremely important part of our school and families are asked to either work at least five shifts of bingo per calendar year or choose an opt-out payment. Supporting the Bingo Program is appreciated and can be quite fun!

Development Opportunities: Credit is given for all volunteer hours worked. Extra credit is given to families who choose to take on a larger role. Please see Bingo Handbook for details.

New! **NEWSLETTER:** Are you interested in re-starting our SGS newsletter? Beginning this year, a semi-annual newsletter for parishioners, parents, students and our alumni will be published. The newsletter will be filled with articles about our school, featuring interesting school happenings, fun events, student news, and an alumni section about former students and families, reunions, former teachers, etc.

Development Opportunities: Lots of help will be needed to get this off the ground. Working with the development team, help is needed in writing, laying out, printing and mailing. Credit for hours worked will be given.



BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION and LABELS FOR EDUCATION: It's so easy- Just clip and return "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education" labels to St. Gabriel School. Together we have earned thousands of dollars in cash and supplies that have gone directly to St. Gabriel School. Help us to continue our success this year. *Please don't throw money away- let's all starting clipping and see how much money we can earn!*



REGISTER YOUR GROCERY CARDS: We are about to start a new year with your grocery cards (Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Target, etc). The programs start in the fall and you need to re-register your grocery cards every year to our school in order to earn credit. Do you have a Target Charge card - Register that too! It does not cost you anything to sign up your cards and the school earns credit for free educational equipment and cash. If you need help registering your card, please see attachment.

