

Saint Bernard School

PTO Meeting

October 1, 2008

PTO Officers:

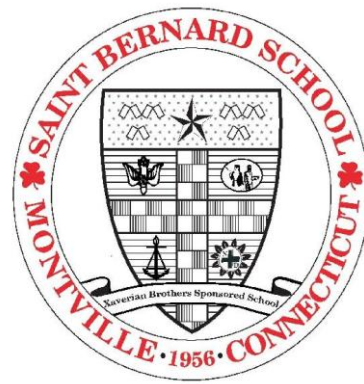
President - Debbie Ordille

Vice President – Donna Lacey

Treasurer – Lori Merlo

Secretary – Peg Pitluck

Middle School Liaison – Nancee Terracciano



Attendees:

Debbie Ordille, Donna Lacey, Lori Merlo, Peg Pitluck, Mark Pitluck, Meg Gustafson, Anne Pappalardo, Sharon O'Connor, Gregory Page, Deborah Guth, Joyce Plisinski, Nicole Nelson, Shelli Schumaker, Elizabeth Sikorski, John Ayres

Agenda: --- Discussions :

- Several Department Heads honored us this evening and spoke of their realm. As the head of the Foreign Language department, Mr. Ayres, spoke of a new Latin teacher Ms. Betsy Abel that was recruited this year. Ms. Betsy Abel is also a teacher for the middle school students along with teaching Latin. Latin is only offered for 2 years. AP French and AP Spanish are offered. [www.classzone](http://www.classzone.com) – for language classes with practice tests, vocabulary flashcards, and workbooks are available for every chapter.
- Ms. Nelson, head of the Science department, informed us that several classes are utilizing E-Books as opposed to hard copies. [www.classzone](http://www.classzone.com) provides on-line book virtual labs, dissections. Quizzes and practice tests by chapter also for students in biology and chemistry to name a few.
- Ms. Sikorski, head of the Theology Department, introduced herself as being responsible for the freshman and juniors along with Mr. Leone working with the sophomores and seniors. She was kind to inform us as parents that if we go to Edline we will find many websites set up by the teachers that we should utilize. There are many websites for students to use for their classes. One site she thought was interesting for all is www.catholic.today. On the <http://www.americancatholic.org> we may find a daily catholic question which changes daily!
- Mr. Fred Smith, Head of the English Department, kindly informed us that the same staff at Saint Bernard as those on hand at the end of 07-08. The 9th grade English class is essentially an integration of all middle schools when they join into our school. Provided is the study of World-American Literature and therefore there is no AP Language called for. AP literature is taught.
- Mr. John Ayres spoke on his role as Director of Student Activities and handed copies of extra curriculum activities offered after school. Activities are scheduled from 1:45 → 2:45 and Sports aren't allowed to occur until after 3 p.m. unless there is a make-up game. This was set so students may have a chance to participate in the extra curriculum activities. Look on-line via Edline to see some of the activities that exist.
- October 15th is set up as a career day for 9th graders. Mr. Ayres is looking for 8 parents to speak with

the students for ½ hour to provide them with desires for what to do when to the finish high school.

- Poinsettias will be available to purchase again this year as they add to the decorating of the school. They will be available to take home from school on December 19th.

---- Actions -----			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Date Due	Completed Yes/No
Carpenter needed for lighting both re-construction	Mr. Ayres		
Car Magnets -(Fundraiser)			
Poinsettia Sale – Dec (PTO Fundraiser)	Peg Pitluck		
Oct 15, 2008 – Career Day – Speakers Needed	Mr. Ayres		

----- Volunteers -----			
Action Items	Person	Date	Suggestions ?
Career Day – Speakers Needed		Oct 15, 2008	
Open House , Bake Cookies, tables, registration		Nov 2, 2008	
Craft Fair, Registration		Nov 8, 2008	

Next meeting is schedule for November 5th, 2008, 6:30 p.m. in the library.
