

# St. John's Home and School Newsletter

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This years  
Home and School  
Theme is:

**Building  
for the  
Future**



## Dates to Remember

- ◆ ✓ Aug 17  
New Parent Tour
- ◆ ✓ Aug 17  
Clean School
- ◆ ✓ Aug 20  
1<sup>st</sup> day of School
- ◆ ✓ Aug 20  
School Picnic
- ◆ Aug 26  
Meet the Principal
- ◆ Sept 2  
Magazine Kick-Off
- ◆ Sept 14  
Room Parent Mtg
- ◆ Sept 17  
Open House
- ◆ Sept 18  
Magazine Sales End
- ◆ Sept 20  
Harvest Festival

## 2009-2010 Board Members

The Board Members for this school year are:

Co-Presidents – Katy Morpew  
Linda Baumert

Vice President – Marg Bohy

Treasurer - Melissa Carpenter

Secretary – Lori Sehnert

Volunteer Coordinators -  
Bev Bartek, Jen Rezac,  
Melinda Mattson, Aaron Lyons

### Fundraiser Volunteers

Magazine Sales– Jen Rezac  
Room Parents – Jen Rezac, Bev Bartek, Lori Sehnert  
One Cause – Melissa Carpenter, Bev Bartek  
POGO Cards – Melissa Carpenter, Bev Bartek  
Chairbacks – Melinda Mattson, Marg Bohy, Aaron Lyons  
Uniform Store – Katy Morpew, Melissa Carpenter

## What is the Home and School Association?

The Home and School Association is an organization much like a PTA. Its purpose is to promote better communication, cooperation and service between St. John's school and parents. The Home and School also supports the school financially with money earned through a few lucrative fundraisers.

There are four general meetings

throughout the year. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings to contribute your ideas and to keep up-to-date on school happenings.

Every St. John's School family is a member of the Home and School Association. Annual membership dues of \$35 per family are included in each year's tuition.

## Welcome Back to School Picnic

The Back to School Picnic was held on the first day of School, August 20, in the Social Hall. The weather was great and some families got to eat outside. The Pre-School Open House and Kindergarten Open House were also held on this night.

Thanks to all families who came and brought food; and a big thanks to the Knights for grilling the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!!



## School Clean-Up

A huge Thank You to the 17 families who helped clean the school on August 17.

You helped make the classrooms spotless for the first day of school.

## Room Parents

Room parenting is a great way to be involved at St. John's, meet other parents and get to know your child's classmates and teacher. It only requires someone that likes to have fun with kids and is willing to do a little planning. The primary responsibilities include: planning the Halloween, Christmas and Valentine parties for the classrooms. Room parents from grades 1, 4 and 7 are

also responsible for helping serve receptions for 1st Communion, Confirmation and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, respectively.

An informational meeting and sign-up will be Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. Please consider being a room parent for your child's classroom.

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## School Uniforms

The St. John's Uniform Store is to be used for all school uniforms.

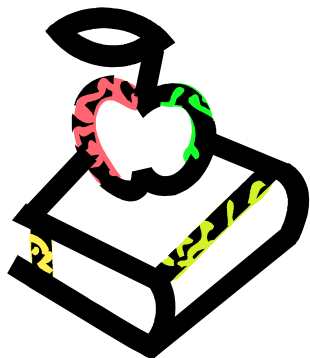
The uniform store will generally be open two Monday evenings and two Saturday mornings a month. Check the school website for details.

For Grades K-5, shorts can be worn from the beginning of the school year

through October 31 and starting again April 1 through the end of school. Junior High can wear shorts year round.

For uniform store questions, please email Katy Morphew at [morphikla@aol.com](mailto:morphikla@aol.com).





## Fundraisers

St. John's Home and School Board oversees and organizes the principle fundraisers of the school each year. These include chairback rentals at NU football home games, magazine sales, POGO cards and the uniform store. The monies generated from these fundraisers help support the school and buy extra things for the school.


Examples of items bought in the past would be new library tables and chairs, new playground equipment, DVD/VCR players, whiteboards, back to school survival kits for teachers, Christmas luncheon for teachers & staff, and cookies and punch for the Sacrament receptions.


## Volunteer Opportunities


This year St. John's Home and School Association is promoting Stewardship throughout the school year. We are asking our school families to consider offering their time for 1 hour a month throughout the 10-month school year.

For more information contact Marg Bohy at [bohyboyzmom@yahoo.com](mailto:bohyboyzmom@yahoo.com) or Melissa Carpenter at [melissa@ieselectricinc.com](mailto:melissa@ieselectricinc.com).


Some of the many ways you could volunteer are:


 Be a room parent for your child's classroom

 Pick up chairbacks at the Husker Football Games. The Home and School makes about \$1,000 a game on this fundraiser – and you get to see the Huskers play for FREE!

 Help plan one of our newest fundraisers – Trunk or Treat

 Help with Christmas Program in December

 Help out in the Lunchroom at School

 Work with the teachers to help in the classrooms



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## What is Scrip and OneCause?

**Scrip** is a fundraising tool used at St. John's Church & School. St. John's Scrip program utilizes gift certificates from over 40 businesses in Lincoln. These businesses sell their gift certificates to St. John's at a discounted price. The church then sells the certificates at face value to the parishioners. Scrip can be purchased after masses and in the school office.

Every time you shop through **OneCause** you will not only be contributing to our school with every eligible purchase, you will also save money with valuable Coupons & Deals at hundreds of well-known merchants. Check out the school website for information.

We're on the Web!  
[www.stjohnlincoln.com/sj/home.html](http://www.stjohnlincoln.com/sj/home.html)