

# DRAGON TALES

NEWS FROM ST. MARY SCHOOL SSO



NOVEMBER 2017

## SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SSO)

*Katherine Ritchie, President*

Another school year is in full swing and your SSO is hard at work. We love suggestions on how to enhance the school and make changes to benefit our teachers, staff and students.

There are brand-new water and bottle fountains installed, all thanks to a parent suggestion. We are excited about this great investment and all who researched and installed it.

*Note: We are working to make sure they are able to run all the time without any issues.*



## BOX TOPS NEEDED – FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

Monica Watson, watson1028@embarqmail.com

Where can I find Box Tops? They are on more products than you may believe. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Drop off containers located in the entryway to school and in the Parish Hall. Box Tops are **FREE** money for the school. A few tips: It is greatly appreciated if you fully clip the box tops before drop off and they do expire so check dates carefully.

Thank you to Miss Barber, third grade teacher and dedicated attendee of SSO meetings, for creating this awesome drop off in the church. Thank you to Mr. Cannon for installing a Box Tops cabinet in the school lobby.



### SSO 2017-2018 OFFICERS

Please contact your SSO Officers with any questions, more information or ideas!

President: Katherine Ritchie,  
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Vice President: Michael Seifried  
Secretary: Tina Grassman  
Treasurer: Monica Miyashita

### NEXT SSO MEETING

The next SSO meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7 pm in the Teacher Lounge, located off the main office.

SSO will not meet in December.

### SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary School Family Social  
Saturday, December 2, 1-3 pm  
Free bowling & Christmas fun,  
in Scot Lanes, located in  
Lowry Center at The College  
of Wooster. Invitation to  
follow.

## **TASTING GOD'S CREATION**

*Lunch time excitement*

With funding from SSO, Regan Meier is educating our students on food from around the world. In this second half of the semester, students have tried pomegranate and figs. The students learned they grow where Jesus lived. Bible references, verses and art are being used to illustrate and demonstrate along with trying the food. Be sure to ask your children what they thought of trying what could be a new to them food.

Thank you to Regan for proposing and coordinating this program.

## **MARDI GRAS NIGHT**

Alicia Holford and Nuris Acosta, Mardi Gras Co-Chairs

Planning is under way for St. Mary School's largest fundraiser. St. Mary Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Memories Party Center. The night will include a wonderful New Orleans style meal, live and silent auction, Lucky Draw, 50/50 and entertainment.

Tickets are available in the school and church office and sold during the Christmas concert at an early bird price of \$30 until Dec 31st, \$40 from Jan 01st.

We are asking for your help to make this event a success. Your donations will help us raise money to fund curriculum and technology enhancements, library and science needs, facility upgrades as well as underwriting the costs for school and student initiatives. Your kids will be bringing home forms today.

We request items from the following categories:

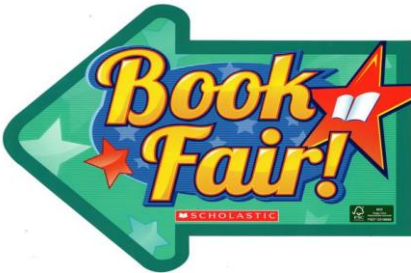
- Tickets (professional sports, concerts)
- Gift certificates
- Vacations (condo for a week, etc.)
- Experiences (concert tickets and a limo ride, a night in Cleveland with hotel, museum tickets and dinner, autographed items)
- Gift baskets

Cash or check

Questions? Please contact Alicia at [aliciaholford@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciaholford@hotmail.com)

## **BOOK FAIR**

A huge thanks to Susan Biery and all of the volunteers that helped with set up, wish lists, sales and tear down to make this year's book fair another success. As you can imagine, it is a great deal of work and SSO is grateful. Thank you to all who shopped and supported our school library and classrooms.



## **MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

From home

- filling out online forms for donations
- social media and publicity

Around town

- dropping off donation forms to local businesses
- making asks for donations to use in the silent and live auction

Day of volunteers

- set up
- beer and wine sales
- 50/50 and Lucky Draw raffle sales

Are you interested? Contact Katherine Ritchie at [kritchie@wooster.edu](mailto:kritchie@wooster.edu) or 614-226-6446