

PTO info to know

SPPS PTO

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Who Is the PTO?

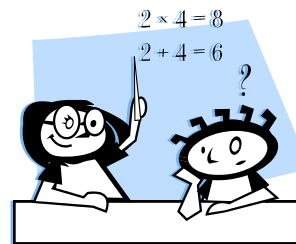
In a word—YOU! Welcome to Sts. Peter & Paul Parent-Teacher Organization. By virtue of enrolling your children in our school, you have joined the SPPS PTO. No membership fees and no extra forms to fill out. That was easy. The faculty and staff are also members of PTO by virtue of their positions. We are glad to have you!

The PTO conducts monthly board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Library (basement). These meetings are open to all parents, faculty, and staff wishing to attend. We also have "General Assembly

meetings" that include the parent, faculty, and staff populations. These meetings are more loosely defined and are typically held in conjunction with an evening school-related event, such as the Back-to-School Family Picnic.

The first PTO Board meeting of the year was a week before school started. We discussed the Back-to-School Parties, fundraising opportunities, and preparing the new car hangtags to name a few.

To learn more check out the school website to find the PTO's page listing not only the contact information for



all the board members, but also to find the monthly meeting minutes. We want all of you to be better informed about what is happening in and around school.

It was great to see so many smiling faces at the picnic!

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SPPS School Directory—Be a part of it!

The SPPS School Directory is one of the most useful tools you can have as an SPPS Parent! It can help you arrange play dates, learn the names of your child's classmates, or look up the first name of that parent you met at the picnic! Michael Weitlauf, Chair of the PTO Directory Committee, is already busy organizing content and soliciting advertisements.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! To

ensure that your family information is *included, accurate, and complete*, please go to the PTO Manager website: www.spps.ptomanager.com by **Friday, September 4th**. If you received an email with a password, simply enter your information in the top right corner of the page. If you did not receive an email, click on the 'new user' link on the right side of the page.

Once logged in, please check that the information is as complete and accurate as possible. For the purposes of the directory, make sure you fill in all information for Step 1 (contact info) and Step 3 (students).

To **decline** a release of information for the directory, please make sure your information is complete and accurate, and select the box "Do not include me in School Directory."

Help defray the printing costs by advertising in the SPPS Directory!

In years past, we have paid for the directory's costs through ads. Please help us continue to provide a "free" publication to our community.

Contact Michael Weitlauf at 859-223-0787 or MAWeitlauf@juno.com to purchase an ad.

PTO Mission:

- Promote the development & welfare of children in school, home, church & community
- Encourage an active interest in & support for education
- Encourage active parental involvement so home & school may cooperate
- Promote positive social interaction within the school community

Volunteering, Virtus-training, & Background Checks

To be a volunteer in any capacity associated with the school, you must have had Virtus training and a background check. The purpose of this training and check is in part to implement the directives contained in the Bishops' 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," which addresses the issue of sexual misconduct directly, and to make clear statements regarding the Roman

Catholic Diocese of Lexington's position on education, prevention, victim care and intervention with offenders.

You've read about the cumulative positive effects volunteering gives to your children, teachers, and school. Go the next step and sign up for training so when your 3rd grader asks you to drive his classmates to Shaker Village, you actually can!

Upcoming Virtus Sessions:

- Monday, 08.31, 6:30 pm
Seaton Catholic School
- Monday, 09.02, 6:00 pm
MQHR Church
- Saturday, 09.19, 9:00 am
MQHR Church
- Thursday, 09.24, 6:30 pm
St. Peter Church

Online Schedule & Registration Information:

www.virtusonline.org

About PTO Manager

Our PTO is now using a web-based tool to help manage all our volunteer information. PTO Manager's **Volunteer Builder** system allows us to register volunteers, assign volunteers to events, schedule work assignments, communicate with our volunteers through email, and track hours worked on events. **Volunteer Builder** will make it much easier and more

efficient for our event coordinators to manage their committees.

As a PTO member, you have the ability to register yourself in the system, view event details such as date and tasks, volunteer for events, email event coordinators directly, log your hours, and view total hours you've volunteered to date. The information is password-protected and the site is

secure so the *information is only available to authorized members* of our PTO.

Because this is a new system and ever-changing process, occasional mistakes may occur. Please be patient with us as we learn how to use this system to effectively benefit the entire SPPS Community.

We are very excited about using PTO Manager, and encourage you to sign on and check it out!

www.spps.ptomanager.com

List each parent or guardian separately in the system.

Before you recycle this newsletter...



- Go to **PTO Mgr** to verify your family information by **Friday, 09/04/09**
- Register for Virtus Training!
- Complete a Background Form
- Check out the volunteer opportunities on PTO Mgr
- Sign up to volunteer!
- Mark Grandparents' Day, 09/10/09
- **Advertise in the SPPS Directory!**

Plan to Attend:

- Saints Cup Golf Tournament, 09/28/09, Old Silo Golf Course
- Spaghetti Dinner & a Movie, 10/01/09

Send questions, comments, or suggestions to e.amend@insightbb.com