



St. Angela Merici Cooperative Club Newsletter



August 2008

Welcome! The co-op executive board and committee chairs hope you all had time to relax with family and friends this summer and are now ready to renew your commitment to Catholic Education. As the new school year begins, we again rejoice for the gift of our children. The beginning months of this new school year are filled with many events and activities to participate in. Please mark your calendars and find the time to share your special talents with us here at St. Angela. Your children will appreciate the time that you spend investing in their school and their lives. Have a great year!

“Welcome Back” Coffee – Join us Friday, August 22 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room for Coffee & Pastries.

2007-2008 Executive Board: If you have any questions, or need assistance, please feel free to contact one of the **Co-Op board members:** President **Teresa Miller;** Vice-President; **Kim Guerin,** Treasurer, **Peggy Lulich;** Corresponding Secretary, **Susan Tortorich;** Recording Secretary, **Sherry Gaffney.**
Committee Chairs: Social, **Tanya Carroll & Jill Villarrubia;** Room Mother, **Lisa Clulee;** Labels, **Rae Erato;** Scrapbook, **Susan Tortorich;** Vocations Cross & Prayer Service, **Melissa Mandella,** Fundraising, **Cindy Zandi.** Other Fundraising Committee members include: Spirit & 50/50, **Juli Blackwell,** Children’s Christmas Shop, **Vicky Genova,** and Scholastic Book Fair, **Susan Tortorich & Suzanne Leonard.**

St. Angela Merici Cooperative Club supports our school in following ways:

Service – the Co-op is involved in charitable causes through membership in the Council of Catholic School Co-operative Clubs (CCSCC) of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. These include the **Clothe-a Child** campaign During Christmastime, **Madonna Manor Birthday Parties** for the children who reside there, and the **Keep Christ in Christmas** Campaign. The co-op also provides refreshments and assistance with many school and parish functions throughout the year.

Fundraising – the Co-op sponsors several school fundraisers throughout the year and assists with major parish functions as well. The projects funded in recent years have included **refinishing school lockers, computer software, basketball goals, library renovations, playground equipment, science lab desks, and WeatherBug Program.**

Social activities – the Co-op sponsors several fun activities throughout the year and 5 meetings with interesting and entertaining topics. Food and drink are plentiful at the meetings and it is a great time to meet other parents and relax with adults only. Please take the time to read the Co-Op newsletters and reflect on the ways that you can get involved and support these activities.

Fundraising: The Co-Op is selling **Sally Foster Gift Wrap and Gifts and Cookie Dough.** Kick Off will begin August 19th and the sale will continue through September 2nd. Packets will be sent home on Tuesday.

FIRST MEETING: We are planning a great year and hope everyone will come to our **Back to School Meeting on September 8, 7:00pm in the Msgr. Kern Center. Please arrive early for registration and sign in. Doors will be open at 6:30 pm,** and food and drink will be provided by the social committee. Join us for an enjoyable and informative meeting.

As an added bonus to **Co-Op Members,** there will be **two (2) tuition voucher** drawings at the end of the year. Any member who has paid the \$25 membership fee and, who has **attended all five meetings,** is eligible for the drawing. A **“Sneaker Pass”** will be given to each child for every meeting a parent attends. **Plus,** All paid members will receive a **student directory.** **We appreciate prompt payment of the \$25 membership dues and completed form for our records. Please support your parent group and enjoy the activities offered.**

SAVE THOSE LABELS:

Family **BOXTOPS** contest!! Thanks to all of you who have been saving those **BOXTOPS and Community Coffee UPC labels** over the summer! **The collection contest will end on Sept. 19th.** Please begin sending in now with **Family name and homeroom teacher** on the envelope. **There will be a family contest as well as a homeroom contest, so please label when sending to school.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Best Wishes to Colleen Remont (Aug 6) and Karin Gerace (Aug 22) who celebrate their birthdays this month.