

TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL PARENTS' GUILD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

BACK- TO- SCHOOL NIGHT

Welcome to Back-to-School Night and the start of another school year. One of the greatest strengths of Transfiguration School is the support and dedication demonstrated by our parent community. Guild-sponsored programs enhance curriculum, student experience, and school community. Through the Guild, parents can play an essential role in the education of our students.

We encourage parents to attend the monthly Guild meetings. These meetings serve as a forum for new ideas as well as an opportunity to meet new people. Visit the Parents' Guild page on the school website for more information, and be sure to check your child's backpack for flyers about upcoming activities. We will also send Guild news by email. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

If you have a comment or suggestion, you can contact a board member directly, or at Guild@TransfigurationSchool.org. The Parents' Guild is governed by a set of bylaws. These bylaws were revised and ratified in May 2008. To obtain a copy, please visit the "For Parents" page on the school website, www.TransfigurationSchool.org.

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2007-2008

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided \$40,000 in school-budget support
- Contributed \$15,000 to the sports program for the new gym floor
- Acquired the new front awning
- Provided new science-lab tables, new school-cafeteria countertop and cabinets, and a new library cataloging system
- Funded three cultural assemblies for the entire school, as well as school trip transportation
- Sponsored the Fall Family Picnic, the Fall Gala honoring Fr. Lucien, "Hooray For Hollywood" Annual Spring Auction and Benefit, Book Fair and Christmas Tree Sale, and Student Field Day

2008-2009

FUNDRAISING

This year we will hold our two major annual fundraisers: the Spring \$20,000 Raffle and the Fall Calendar Raffle. Together, these fundraisers generate a significant amount toward our annual fundraising goal. To meet our goal, every school family is asked to sell:

- Two tickets for the Spring \$20,000 Raffle—held in April
- \$150 worth of tickets for the Fall Calendar Raffle—which will kick off in October.

Additional revenue is generated from the:

- Annual Guild Dues that are assessed in September
- Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale—currently underway
- Book Fair and Christmas-Tree Sale

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

We sponsor a number of events throughout the year. Some of our upcoming Fall events include the Fall Family Picnic on Saturday, October 4; the Guild meeting on Tuesday, October 7; and the 7th- and 8th-Grade Halloween dance on Friday, October 24. Other important dates can be found on the attached Guild Calendar.

VOLUNTEERING

The Guild coordinates the many parent volunteers throughout the school. We welcome as much or as little as people want to give of their time—even one hour of playground duty is a valuable contribution. The Guild is still in need of volunteers for the:

- Annual Spring Auction and Benefit
- Library
- Community-Service Program

The School also needs volunteers for to run the:

- CYO Basketball Program Administration
- After-School Enrichment Program

BUDGET

This school year, we expect to raise \$50,000 from our fundraising efforts, and bring in \$29,000 in guild fees and other income, for a total of \$79,000. From that, we will provide \$40,000 in school operating support, and \$39,000 in additional support for student, family, and faculty programs (such as student cultural events, class-trip transportation, faculty wish lists, library support, student field day, and many other events and programs).

Transfiguration School Parents' Guild Budget	Detail 2008-2009	Total 2008-2009
Income (Net):		
Annual Parents' Guild Dues		\$ 16,525.00
Parents' Guild Dues (\$75/family)	\$ 11,775.00	
One-Time Parents' Guild Dues (\$475/family)	\$ 4,750.00	
Wrapping-Paper Sale		\$ 5,000.00
Wrapping-Paper Sale Income	\$ 10,000.00	
Wrapping-Paper Sale Expenses	\$ (5,000.00)	
Fall Calendar Raffle		\$ 15,850.00
Fall Calendar Raffle Income	\$ 23,550.00	
Fall Calendar Raffle Expenses	\$ (7,700.00)	
Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale		\$ 3,000.00
Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale Income	\$ 9,000.00	
Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale Expenses	\$ (6,000.00)	
Book Fair		\$ 2,000.00
Book Fair Income	\$ 7,000.00	
Book Fair Expenses	\$ (5,000.00)	
Scholarship Fund/Dinner-Dance Journal		\$ 2,000.00
Scholarship Fund Income	\$ 2,000.00	
Scholarship Fund Expenses	\$ -	
Spring \$20,000 Raffle		\$ 19,000.00
Spring \$20,000 Raffle-Ticket Sales Income	\$ 40,000.00	
Spring \$20,000 Raffle-Ticket Sales Expenses	\$ (21,000.00)	
Spring Auction & Benefit		\$ 3,600.00
Spring Auction & Benefit Income	\$ 4,600.00	
Spring Auction & Benefit Expenses	\$ (1,000.00)	
Interest Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cash Reserves	\$ 11,675.00	\$ 11,675.00
Total Income (Net)	\$ 79,150.00	\$ 79,150.00
Expenses (Net):		
School-Budget Support	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ (40,000.00)
School Wish List	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)
Cultural Events	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)
Faculty Wish List and Gifts		\$ (6,100.00)
Faculty Gifts Income	\$ 13,000.00	
Faculty Gifts Expense	\$ (19,100.00)	
Field-Trip Transportation	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
Library Support	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
Scholarship Fund/Dinner-Dance Journal	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
Field Day	\$ (1,750.00)	\$ (1,750.00)
Computer Support	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
Student Dances	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
Picnic		\$ (1,500.00)
Picnic Income	\$ -	
Picnic Expense	\$ (1,500.00)	
Fall Gala		\$ (1,500.00)
Fall Gala Income	\$ 10,000.00	
Fall Gala Expense	\$ (11,500.00)	
8th-Grade Class Trip	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Playground	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Stipend for chaperone	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300.00)
Hospitality	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)
Pre K & K Graduation	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ (750.00)	\$ (750.00)
Total Expenses (Net)	\$ (79,150.00)	\$ (79,150.00)
Total (Net Income- Net Expenses)	\$ -	\$ -

PARENTS' GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009

SEPTEMBER	10	Guild Executive-Board Meeting	Weds., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	10	Innisbrook Wrapping-Paper Fundraiser kickoff	Weds.	
	15	Back-to-School Night—Annual Guild Meeting	Mon., 7 p.m.	School Gym
	15	Annual Guild Fees Due	Mon.	
	26	Innisbrook Fundraiser Wrap-up	Tues.	
OCTOBER	1	Guild Executive-Board Meeting	Weds., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	4	Fall Family Picnic	Sat.	Pierson Park
	7	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Tues., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	14	Fall Calendar Raffle kickoff	Tues.	
	24	7 th - and 8 th -Grade Halloween Dance	Fri.	
NOVEMBER	5	Guild Executive-Board Meeting	Weds., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	12	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Weds., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	15	Annual Fall Gala	Sat., 7:30 p.m.	Port. Amer. Club
DECEMBER	2	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Tues., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	6	Annual Book Fair	Sat.	Library
	6	Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale	Sat.	
	12	Fall Calendar Raffle Wrap-up	Mon.	
JANUARY	8	Guild Executive-Board and Spring Gala Committee Meeting	Thurs., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	13	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Tues., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	TBD	Winter Wonderland Dance		
	29	Heritage Day	Thurs.	
FEBRUARY	3	Guild Executive-Board Meeting	Tues., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	11	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Weds., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	13	7 th - and 8 th -Grade Valentine's Dance	Fri.	
	TBD	Spring Raffle kickoff		
MARCH	4	Guild Executive-Board and Spring Gala Committee Meeting	Weds., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	11	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Weds., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	31	Guild Executive-Board and Spring Gala Committee Meeting	Tues., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
APRIL	7	Monthly Guild Members Meeting	Tues., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	21	2009-2010 Guild Nominee List Distributed	Tues.	
	23	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon	Thurs., 12 p.m.	Library
	TBD	Spring Raffle Wrap-up		
	25	Spring Gala	Sat.	Parish Hall
MAY	6	Guild Executive-Board Meeting	Weds., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	13	Monthly Guild Members Meeting and Election	Weds., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	TBD	Field Day		
JUNE	2	Guild Executive-Board Transition and Planning Meeting	Tues., 6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	12	7 th - and 8 th -Grade Dinner Dance	Fri.	
	16	End-of-Year Guild Members Social Meeting	Tues., 7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
	18	Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduation	Thurs.	

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Volunteer Committees and Chairs

There are many ways to become involved with your child's school. Consider helping out with one (or more!) of the many programs and activities that have been planned for the school year. Sign up for one of the "open" committees listed below. Your help and support enable our programs to run successfully. If you are interested, please contact one of the Board members, or send an email to Guild@TransfigurationSchool.org.

Committees	2008-2009 Chair
1. After-School Enrichment Program	Open
2. Annual Spring Auction and Benefit	Open (Chair), Grades 2 & 6 Class Parents
3. Community Service Program	Open
4. CYO Basketball Program Administration	Open
5. Hospitality	Open
6. Fall Wrapping-Paper Sale	Open
7. Library	Open
8. Parents' Guild Membership	Open
9. School Annual Appeal	Open
10. School Alumni Association	Open
11. School Development and Grant Writing	Open
12. School Passive Fundraising Programs	Open
13. School Public Relations	Open
14. Weekly Family Envelope/Communications	Open
15. Annual Book Fair	Shevaun Doyle & LEEANNE SULLIVAN (Co-Chairs), Pre-K, K and Grade 1 Class Parents
16. Annual Christmas-Tree Sale	Joe Agro (Chair), Grades 4 & 5 Class Parents
17. Annual Christmas-Wreath Sale	Audrey Moore (Chair), Grades 4 & 5 Class Parents
18. Annual Spring \$20,000 Raffle	Eileen Wiseman & Chris Gullotta
19. Clothesline Program	Cristina Sullivan
20. Cultural Events	Terry Fernandez
21. CYO Basketball Program	Terry McGlynn
22. Fall Calendar Raffle	Eileen Wiseman & Chris Gullotta

Committees

2008-2009 Chair

23. Fall Dinner Dance	Nancy Mareschi
24. Fall Family Fun Day	3 rd Grade Class Parents: Dorothy Strnad, Martina Patterson
25. Guardian-Angels Program	Monique Kozlowski
26. Heritage Day	Class Parents
27. Parish Food-Coupon Sales	Vicki Ragone
28. Playground and Lunch-Room Duty	Rachel Fortinash
29. School Alumni Database	Maureen Natkin
30. School Marketing	Clare Farmar
31. School Newsletter	Eileen Wiseman
32. School Open House	Ria Sumitro
33. School/Parish Council Liaison	Clare Farmar
34. School Website	Clare Farmar
35. Spiritual Committee	Monique Kozlowski
36. Spring Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon	Eileen Wiseman & Chris Gullotta
37. Student Dance	Eileen Kyriacou
38. Yearbook	Sheila Coughlin

So, Are You Right for the Transfiguration School Parents' Guild?

Take our simple test to see whether your personality type makes you well suited to become involved in the Parents' Guild.

We're faced with choices every day of our lives, some more critical than others: What type of career should I pursue? Which breed of dog should I own? For help, many people turn to personality tests and skills assessments. But, none exist for another of life's big questions: "Am I a 'Parents' Guild' type of parent?" Well, we've attempted to fill this gap by creating the following unscientific test. Please read each question and select the answer that best describes you.

1. I'm not myself if I get less than:

- a. 8 hours of sleep a night
- b. 10 hours of sleep a night
- c. 6 hours of sleep—a week

2. I like to unwind by:

- a. curling up with a good book
- b. going for a leisurely walk
- c. practicing my Excel spreadsheet skills

3. Discussions among my circle of friends tend to get heated when they involve:

- a. religion
- b. politics
- c. the relative fundraising merits of product sales vs. silent auctions

4. The most dangerous item in my home is:

- a. the circular saw
- b. hot glue gun
- c. the school family phone list

5. When I go to a restaurant, I tend to:

- a. order a new dish every time
- b. order the same dish every time
- c. pilfer the sugar packets for our teacher and staff appreciation lunch

6. When I get dressed in the morning, I like to wear:

- a. casual clothing
- b. professional attire
- c. at least one article of school spiritwear

8. When my children argue, I:

- a. send them to their rooms
- b. tune them out
- c. put them to work counting out box tops

Now, tally up your answers.

If you selected "c" the majority of the time, you are an ideal Parents' Guild parent.

If you mostly responded "a," you are a fabulous match.

And if you answered "b" most frequently, you guessed it—you and the Parents' Guild simply belong together.

Remember, unlike picking a career, a dog breed, or a new car, you can't go wrong by becoming involved in the Transfiguration School Parents' Guild!