

**Blessed Sacrament School - Parent Teacher Association Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2010**

In an effort to keep everyone involved, the following is the agenda from the last PTA meeting. Comments are in *italics and bold*. If you are interested in anything, please contact Mary-Ellen O'Brien at 479-8721. Remember, we always need new volunteers.

**Opening Prayer: Prayer for the New Year:** O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen

**Parent Teacher Association Report: Mary Ellen O'Brien:**

- ≈ Hospitality Committee - Susan Deapo; Tasha Terzini; Jayne Martin; and Margaret DeLorenzo
- ≈ Holiday Auction - Sandy Craner; Diane Thompson-Naylor; and Jen Schultz
- ≈ Breakfast with Santa - Jen Schultz (***Proceeds of \$1600 given to Food Pantry***)
- ≈ Wreath Sale - Bridget Carbone
- ≈ School Book Fair - Lisa Coppola; Sharon Granholm; and Patti Vono
- ≈ Santa's Secret Workshop - Patty Vono; Marge Lanza; and Theresa Collins
- ≈ Catholic Schools Week - Teachers' Luncheon - Jen Schultz (Chair)
- ≈ Open House: February 3, 2010 from 6-8 pm - **Also Expert Expo Night**
  - Dinner in cafeteria from 5:30-7pm - ***Volunteers Needed --call MaryEllen O'Brien 479-8721***
- ≈ Family Fun Night - Charlene Patane and Melanie Cifonelli (Co-Chairs)
  - February 5, 2010 at 7 pm (***Bingo and Games; Donations welcome for prizes***)
- ≈ Ice Skating at Sunnycrest - Mary Jo and Jim Beamish (Co-Chairs)
  - March 20, 2010 from 6-9 pm (***More Information coming home***)
- ≈ Craft Show - Lisa Coppola (Chair) on April 10, 2010; ***Linda Woodrow (Food Chair)***
  - ***Need Chair for 50/50 raffle - call Lisa Coppola***

**Treasurer's Report – Andrew Hagen**

- ≈ School Commission Report
- ≈ Treasurer's Report: (handout)

**School Report - Andrea Polcaro** (*Elaine Ferguson filled in for Andrea Polcaro as she was at St. Daniel/St. Matthew Academy giving a presentation for BSS*)

- ≈ Thank you: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; Holiday Auction; Scholastic Book Fair; Breakfast with Santa; Christmas Concert; Santa's Secret Workshop; and Christmas Wreath
- ≈ St. Daniel-St. Matthew Academy - ***Closing after 2009/10 school year***
- ≈ Catholic Schools Week Activities - ***See pamphlet sent home with students***
  - Teachers' Luncheon (January 29)
  - Open House (February 3)
- ≈ Dinner Dance at the On-Center on December 29, 2010
- ≈ School Emergency closing - ***When Syracuse City School are closed for a snow day, BSS is also***
- ≈ School Banking
- ≈ Technology update - ***Purchased 4 new airports and a 16 port switch for computer lab***
- ≈ After School Tutoring - ***Available for 2-6 graders - more information coming home***
- ≈ Price Chopper Tools for School - ***Currently have 23,168 points at Price Chopper***
- ≈ Going "Green" - ***Less paper coming home, must start utilizing website. Lunch menus will continue to come home***
- ≈ Tag Day Passes - ***No longer handing out passes to volunteers***
- ≈ Renaming the Cafeteria - ***"The Eagle's Café Where Manners and Respect Matter"***
- ≈ ***The Drama Production Has Been Rescheduled – March 16, 2010***