



Holy Family Association Newsletter

September 2008

Gina McGuire, President

Hello and Welcome Back! For the new families...welcome to Noonan Academy. I hope everyone is getting settled into the new school year. Sad to say goodbye to summer but having a routine again is nice. I am both honored and excited to be serving as president once again this year on the Holy Family Association. I could not be more blessed than to have such a wonderful board to work with as well as an incredible staff to assist. This will be our 8th year at the Academy. My husband Brian and I have four children: Christina 7th grade, Michael 5th, John 2nd and Mary Pre-K. I have served on the HFA board for 5 years...this being my 6th year. I hope all of you will consider in some way of becoming involved in the many activities the HFA has to offer. Whether it is big or small, all is welcomed. Your input and involvement is truly appreciated. For the Nursery and PreKindergarten families please be aware that it is **not** mandatory for you to do any service hours but definitely appreciated. Our annual Dinner Dance is right around the corner. Please mark your calendars; this is not an event you want to miss. Not only is it our largest fundraiser, it is such a fun evening for all the



parents to get together. For our new families, the dinner dance is a great way to meet other Noonan families. I look forward to seeing many of you there as well as serving you this year. If I can be of service in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Home 815-469-6910, Cell 312-758-4819

God Bless You and Your Families!!!

Kim Townsend, Vice-President

Hello! This is my second year serving as Vice-President of the HFA. My husband, Mike, and I have three boys at Noonan Academy: Ryan (5th), Conor (3rd), and John (Kindergarten). We feel blessed to be able to send our children to such a wonderful school. This will be our 5th year at NEA. This year I am also serving as the Staff Support Chairperson, **however, I am currently looking for someone to assist me with this role.** The Staff Support Chairperson oversees the "Room Moms" in helping the teachers throughout the year. This is a fun and rewarding job as we are able to work closely with our wonderful teachers and staff. If anyone is interested in helping me with this role, please give me a call at 815-469-5630. I look forward to another great year at NEA!!



“While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about.”

-Angela Schwindt

Clyde Gualandri, Treasurer

Welcome to another grace filled school year 2008-2009 at N.E.A. Allow me to introduce myself and family. My name is Clyde Gualandri and my better half is Catherine Gualandri who is a Third Grade Teacher at N.E.A. She has been teaching at Noonan Academy going on her seventh year. We reside in Mokena with our five sons, Nicholas(22), Timothy(20), Dominic(17) a N.E.A. graduate, Michelangelo(11) currently in the sixth grade at N.E.A., and Marcus(7) in the second grade at N.E.A. Our first son, Anthony(27), is out on the East Coast in the Washington D.C. and New York City areas.



While this is my third year full time teaching at the Academy, it will be my first year serving as Treasurer of the Holy Family Association. I am delighted to be a part of this wonderful organization so crucial to the life of the school. I look forward to a fantastic year working with many H.F.A. members along with many of you, the parents of Noonan Academy!

Secretary, Maria Karnezis

Hello, and Welcome Back! My name is Maria Karnezis. This will be my fifth year serving on the HFA Board and my third Year as Secretary. I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful group of people. This is my family's seventh year at the Academy, and we love it here. I have 3 children, 2 of which attend the Academy, Anastasia, Fourth Grade, and Stefanos, Second Grade. We were also blessed on May 20th, 2008, with our 3rd child, Konstantinos. My husband Ted, our children, and I reside in New



Lenox and could not be more thankful for such a wonderful school as Noonan Academy. The school has been a blessing to us. Our children have learned so much and have kept strong in their faith and values. We are so thankful to the Academy for this and so much more!



On behalf of myself and the Holy Family Association our goal this year, every year, and the years to come is to keep our school as successful as it can be for our children and the children who will follow. The Minutes From our Monthly Board Meetings will always be available for your review in the NEA Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you and May God bless you always.

Christine Morford and Rhonda Vandenberg, Fundraising Chair



Rhonda and I have eagerly begun our 2nd year as Fundraiser Chairs. Last year we raised over \$100,000 for NEA. These funds were raised by the generous support of our annual Dinner Dance and Golf Outing. This year's Dinner Dance theme is "**Dance to the Music**" and it will be held at Odyssey Country Club on October 24th at 6:30 pm.

Volunteers are desperately needed! If you are able to make a few phone calls or would like to help on one of several committees, please feel free to call me at **815-861-8616** or Rhonda **708-525-3170**. Remember, this is an investment in your children's education.

If your family or business would like to donate an item(s) for our live or silent auction, please call myself (**815-861-8616**) or Rhonda Vandenberg (**708-525-3170**). This is a great opportunity to advertise your business while helping us in our efforts to raise funds for the betterment of our children's education. As always, thank you for your support.



"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much."

-Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Tiffany Signore, Social Chair

Welcome back everyone. My name is Tiffany Signore. I have three children at Noonan: Danny (3rd grade), Mia (1st grade), and Abigail (pre-k). This is an exciting year for me, for I will be heading all of our wonderful Social Events. We will be kicking the year off with our Mother/Son event at Climb On, November 16th. Followed by my favorite Secret Santa, December 4th. Splashing into Grand Bear, February 21st. And last but not least, the Father/Daughter Dance waltzes in on March 8th. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please call me at 708-417-6916 or email at: tiffy72@comcast.net.



"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you."

-Robert Fulghum



Jill Veitkus and Elise Pratt Spiritual Chair

Welcome back to school and the 2008-2009 academic year. I'm Jill Veitkus and I'll be serving with Elise Pratt as co-spiritual chair for this year. My husband, Dan, and I have 4 children attending Noonan Academy: Hannah in 8th grade, Daniel in 6th, Ryan in 2nd and Abigail in Kindergarten. This is our second year with the Noonan family and we feel blessed to be in the company of so many wonderful families and staff members. This is my first year serving on the Board.

I am Elise Pratt. I am a stay-at-home wife and mom. We live in Lemont and are parishioners at St. James of Sag Bridge parish. My husband, Allen, and I have four children. Our two youngest children joined Noonan Academy at the end of October 2007 – just as the second quarter was beginning. Our son Connor is in seventh grade and our son James is in first grade. This is my first year on the board and my role is to assist Jill Veitkus in her position as head of the spiritual committee. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet you and to serve you and your children.

The development of our children's spiritual life is a core priority for us. We look forward to assisting your children in this pursuit and we welcome your input and ideas.

We have a wonderful group of women that have graciously volunteered to help this year. We are always looking for more volunteers and new ideas. If you feel called to get involved in any way please call Jill Veitkus. We would love to have you aboard. We will be making phone calls to those of you who have requested to volunteer in any of these areas. The following people have already pledged their commitment:

Prayer Line – Sharon Wilko – 708-403-9442 or psycsharon@aol.com

Meal Support – Norma Vilutis – 815-469-0863

Rosary – Norma Vilutis – 815-469-0863

The Prayer Line is for anyone that has a prayer request. Please contact Sharon by phone or email. The power of prayer finds strength in numbers.



Katii Mele, Communications and Public Relations Chair



Welcome back to school!!! It's me, again. You know, Katii Mele. My husband and I have two children at Noonan. Dante is in second grade and Violetta is in first grade. This is my third year on the fun filled, exciting, fear factor, fraternizing, fandangolishous HFA board. Sowhy don't you people write to me? Am I to wordy? Perhaps I'm too much of a punctuation rebel? I **know** you have kids here at Noonan. I've seen them. I also know that afore mentioned children actually do stuff and accomplish things other than hanging out learning with plaid uniforms and snappy pants. What's the big secret?

If your fabulous child or stupendous student has a special accomplishment that deserves recognition (or even if he/she doesn't really deserve it) in a local newspaper, or if you would like to include a bit of news in the HFA Newsletter, please email me at Barnodog@aol.com or call me at 312- 961-7101. Are you mad about ads? Well you can run one in the HFA newsletter which is read by some of the finest people around! The deadline for newsletter articles is the first Monday of each month. Seriously, I know you're out there.



If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

~Attributed to both Andy McIntyre and Derek Bok

Jennifer Mueller – Box Tops and Cambell's Labels

Hello. My name is Jennifer Mueller and I look forward to working as your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels chair for this school year. My husband, Gary, and I have two children at NEA. Our daughter, Josie, is in eighth grade and our son, Bobby, is in fourth grade. This is our 10th year at Noonan and we feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful school. Box Tops and Campbell's Labels are a great way to earn money for our school! General Mills (box tops) will donate up to \$20,000 per school, per year depending on the number of box tops sent in. **NEA's box top goal for this year is \$4,000.00.** That means 40,000 box tops – I know we can do it!!



For more information go to boxtops4education.com/clubbonus. Register your family at this website and we earn extra box tops as well, it only takes a couple of minutes. This is a totally free and easy way to earn money for our children's school. Campbell's awards points for UPC codes collected and Noonan Academy can redeem the points for equipment for our classrooms and gym. Goal posters will be at the main entrances of each school and the marquee will also keep you updated of our progress. We can work together to make this goal a reality! Watch you children's backpacks for collection bags and details on a school wide competition starting soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (815) 464-5886 or GMUE29@AOL.COM if you have any questions. Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful 2008-2009 school year.



“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.”

~John W. Whitehead, *The Stealing of America*, 1983



Kristin Huguelet, School Support Chair

Hi! My name is Kristin Huguelet. My husband Paul and I have three children: Paul (8th), Grace (5th), and Jimmy (3rd). We have been attending Noonan Academy for the past four years. I am the School Support Chairperson and this is my second year as an HFA board member. It is my responsibility to keep track of the task hours that each family volunteers at NEA. Mrs. Noonan requires that each family volunteer 3 hours per month. Any time that you volunteer your time, please make sure to contact me. God Bless!



"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

-William Arthur Ward

Therese Bogs, Uniform Resale



My name is Dr. Therese Bogs, and my children have been attending Noonan Academy since 1996. My oldest daughter, Lauren, is a 2007 graduate of Noonan and attends Marian Catholic High School. My youngest daughter, Alexis, is in 6th grade this year. My husband, Wayne Haser, is also the parent of two Noonan alumna. His oldest daughter, Alex, is a 2003 graduate of Noonan, and currently attends the University of

Illinois in Champaign. His youngest daughter, Emily, is a 2007 graduate and also attends Marian Catholic.

I have been heading the Uniform Resale for 8 years now, and I like to make it as user friendly as possible. Any questions, do not hesitate to give me a call, at (708) 534-7818. I wish everyone a successful and fun-filled school year!



'It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.'

-Joyce Maynard

Market Day – Barbara Sieradzki



Welcome back! I'm Barbara Sieradzki and I will be working on Market Day this year. Chris and I have been part of the NEA family for 9 years. Our son, Chris, is in 8th grade this year—it is very bitter sweet. Noonan Academy has been such a big part of our life for so many years and we hate to see it end. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful school to send our children to—thank you Mrs. Noonan!

Market Day is one great way to support our school and serve healthy meals to our families. Please give it a try if you haven't already. There will be two special sales this year. The first one will be the Pie Sale in November. We did excellent last year on this promotion and I know we can do even better this year. The second one is a Coffee and Tea Sale. I'll have more information on this later, but start thinking now about some gifts you might like to give for Christmas. The sale will be in December and we all know that coffee and tea is a great gift idea for employees and other special people. Please feel free to contact me with any questions during the year (708-917-7660), or if you would like to help with Market Day. Here's the schedule for this year



Market Day Schedule for 2008-2009

<u>SALE DATE</u>	<u>INTERNET ORDER CUT-OFF</u>	<u>EARNINGS BENEFIT</u>
09/12/08	09/08/08	Class of 2009
10/15/08	10/11/08	Class of 2009
11/12/08	11/08/08	Class of 2009
12/10/08	12/06/08	Class of 2009
01/21/09	01/17/09	Class of 2009
02/18/09	02/14/09	Class of 2009
03/18/09	03/14/09	Chess Club
04/22/09	04/18/09	Drama Club
05/20/09	05/16/09	HFA
06/17/09	06/13/09	Chess Club
TBA	TBA	Staff

President	Gina McGuire
VP	Kim Townsend
Treasurer	Clyde Gualandri
Secretary	Maria Karnezis
Fundraising Chair,	Chris Morford Co-Chair, Rhonda Vandenberg
Social	Tiffany Signore
Spiritual	Jill Veitkus, Elise Pratt
School Support	Kristin Huguelet
Staff Support	Kim Townsend
Communications/PR	Katii Mele