

Dear Parents:

The Parent Association would like to welcome you to a new school year.

The Parent Organization was founded in the 1960's by active mothers who helped the school as well as the community. Some alums remember their mothers involvement in various activities they worked on together as a team. They established a solid foundation in which they saw their sons grow and mature into what they are today. With the change of time the Parent Organization came to an end.

However, the Parent Association was once again brought back to life in 2006. An Executive Board was elected with much enthusiasm and full of ideas and goals. The board is composed of dedicated working mothers who work together with the school and the community to establish a secure base to guide their sons' future. We are watching them grow from boys to young men. For two years we hosted a Casino Night where the guest won prizes and had a wonderful time. It was a huge success and many were looking forward to coming back the following year. We have also run concession sales during all the St. Raymond basketball home games.

The Parent Association meets every other month beginning September in the library on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. We have informative guest speakers at each meeting as well. Please see the meeting or contact one of the board members for the dates and times. We also host a Holiday dinner and an End-of-School year dinner. You are welcome to join us, it's a great way to stay connected and meet new friends.

Our main fund-raiser this year is the **"Card Party."** The proceeds we get will go toward academic resources, technology upgrade and a student scholarship fund.

The **Card Party** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2009**. In order to make the event a success, we are counting on your help. Please contact any of the board members listed to volunteer on a committee. We also need donations; gift certificates, monetary donations, and gift baskets are appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and thank you in advance for all your generous donations.

Please click on the links below for the Executive Board directory, volunteer form, and information about this year's Card Party.

Rita Alvarez, President

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