

Fundraiser update May 6th, 2015

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe how quickly the end of school year is approaching. The St. Peter's Home and School Association (H&SA) would like to give you some updates on our recent school fundraiser and where the raised funds will be allocated.

Dancing through the Decades was definitely a night to remember. I would like to take a minute and say thank you on behalf of all of us at H&SA, to all of our parents for sharing your time, resources, and talents with the school and parish community and to **all** the individuals who contributed countless hours planning and working this event. Your commitment to our kids, to the values of Catholic education, and the future of our school is what sustains us.

I would also like to acknowledge and express gratitude to a group of individuals who were an integral part in the planning of Dancing Through the Decades, Garlana Mathews, Cheryl Ducey, Jessica Witry, Irene Nave, Diana Fernandez, Erin Thompson, Alice Werntz and Jennifer Clanton. Thank you for the time and effort you have invested for the future and growth of our Robotics and Computer Technology programs.

The gross profit from the event came to \$98,000.00. Once the expenses have been deducted and cash prizes from the raffle are disbursed, we will have netted a profit of over \$74,500. The money raised will go to the following areas: The annual tuition subsidy payment to the school budget; The robotics and computer technology programs which will enhance and expand the education of our students at St. Peter's; and the playground work and maintenance (including drain replacements & repairs, pavers, minor electrical work).

The Robotics program will add additional robots, new laptops, another mission competition table, and an updated and expanded software system. Adding equipment allows more students to participate in robotics by increasing opportunities for hands-on, creative instruction. This expansion will further incorporate technology into the math, science and engineering instruction that comes with a state-of-the-art robotics program.

The Computer Technology program which was started in January of this year will be adding new equipment such as light tables to create slide shows, & flip books, & short films, new cameras and tripods to learn cloning, purchasing additional software and software licenses to increase the class size. The Computer Technology club will expand the students imagination and help them discover their creativity while developing writing skills. There is so much to learn and the time is now.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas for future events, feel free to contact Christina Swenson or members of the H&SA board. As always, we thank you for your continued commitment, and support to St. Peter the Apostle School and to our Robotics & Computer programs.

Sincerely,

Christina Swenson President H&SA