



St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School AQUINAS

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Dear Aquinas Families,

St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School relies heavily on the PTO for school activities and improvements. The PTO's budget consists of two parts: our capital expense contribution dictated by the school's finance committee (this year's amount is \$27,090, designated for the fine arts wing renovation) and the PTO expenses (student activities and enrichment, faculty support, hospitality, gifts, etc.) of \$17,950. Our budget for this school year requires that we raise \$45,040. (A complete copy of the PTO budget is available in the office.)

Your support in these efforts is critical, either through participation in our fundraisers or "buying out" of any fundraiser. Our three primary fundraisers this school year will be Yankee Candle, Fundraising with Flowers, and Scrip sales. In order to meet our goal, we are asking each family for a minimum contribution of \$150 *profit* to the school through these fundraisers or the buy-out option. Yankee Candle and Fundraising with Flowers profits are 40% of total sales; Scrip profits vary based on vendors, but average about 4-5% of total purchases. For more information about these fundraisers, please feel free to contact the appropriate chairperson. Please note that all *buy-outs* are tax-deductible.

Parental involvement is critical to the success of our school, and the PTO is extremely grateful for the support of parents who volunteer their time and support our fundraisers. May God bless you and your family as we work together to make STARS the best school it can be!

With grateful appreciation,

The STARS PTO

If you are interested in participating in the buy-out option, please return the following form along with a check payable to STARS PTO to the office by Friday, October 3, 2008.

PTO FUNDRAISING BUY-OUT

My family would like to buy out of the following fundraisers:

- _____ Yankee Candle: \$50
- _____ Fundraising with Flowers: \$50
- _____ Scrip: \$50
- _____ Any two fundraisers: \$100
- _____ All three fundraisers: \$150

Printed Name: _____ Student's Name/Grade: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(All contributions are tax-deductible.)