

PTO News

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Booster Club comes to an end

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If you're like me, you may have wondered what the Booster Club was when your children first started attending Belle Valley. When I took over as president of the Booster Club, I spent a lot of time trying to explain what it was at school registration. I always began the conversation with, "We're like a PTO..."

It seems like many parents, guardians and teachers already have a good understanding of what a PTO does for a school, so at its November meeting the Booster Club voted to change its name to the Belle Valley Parent-Teacher Organization. Hopefully, the name change will lead to even greater support for our students from the community.

The holiday season is a busy time for everyone, but if you have time to volunteer we are looking for help. The PTO partnered with Tribout's again this year to offer the Jingle Bell Shop. Please see the details below.

Everyone is always welcome to the PTO's monthly meetings. The next meeting is Dec. 8 and as the New Year approaches, we will need help planning for the Spring Carnival among other events.

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and a terrific holiday season.

Volunteers needed

The PTO is trying to gather elves to help with this year's Jingle Bell Shop (aka "Santa's Kottage"). The shop will be stocked with a variety of inexpensive gifts for Belle Valley North students to purchase as presents for everyone in their family.

The shop will be at North from Wednesday, Dec. 9 to Friday, Dec. 11. The work schedule will be determined by the number of volunteers we have, but we need approximately three volunteers each morning and three volunteers each afternoon to help the kids shop and checkout. We are also looking for someone interested in filling in for Santa Claus on the evening of Dec. 11.

If you're interested, please E-mail bvboosters@stclair.k12.il.us or call Jason Warner at 236-2931.

Upcoming PTO events

Nov. 25, 5 to 7 p.m. – Skating party at Fun Spot

Dec. 8, 7 p.m. – PTO meeting at Belle Valley North's gym

Dec. 9-11 – Jingle Bell Shop at Belle Valley North

Dec. 10 – Support the PTO by ordering Papa John's Pizza

Dec. 11, TBA – Evening holiday pajama party and Jingle Bell Shop

Dec. 18, 5 to 7 p.m. – Skating party at Fun Spot

Belle Valley North Holiday Food Drive

All families are asked to donate one or more canned good/non-perishable item at this year's Christmas Concert at SWIC on Dec. 7. All food items will be donated to a local food pantry.

Belle Valley North is also looking for volunteers to help handout cookies and drinks at the concert. If you're interested, please E-mail bvboosters@stclair.k12.il.us or call Jason Warner at 236-2931.



Holiday PTO fundraiser offered now

If you're looking to send out customized holiday cards this year, please consider supporting the PTO at the same time.

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For more information, please call Karen Gros at 235-2479. The fundraiser will continue through the end of the current school year.