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hands make light work

Amy Santoro - PTL President



## Letter from the President

Hello ILS Families,

With so little snow this year, it's not hard to start anticipating spring. The Parent Teacher League officers and volunteers have been hard at work planning spring events. You'll find out more about those events within this newsletter.

Many of you have probably heard me say that "many hands make light work." The PTL is tremendously grateful for the many "hands" who have already blessed us by helping this year. But we need more hands. We are a small PTL that orchestrates many events.

But we rely on helping hands to make all of those events happen. Please be sure to see our "Help Wanted" section and let us know how you can help. Many of the volunteer roles take only small amounts of time. We will give you the training you need - we will never just "throw you in" and won't ask you to do more than you have time for. And the best part? The "pay" is seeing the smiling faces of our children and/or families having a great time at an event that YOU helped organize. One of my favorite moments of this school year happened just before our Thanksgiving Feast, when a first grade girl came downstairs to the cafeteria and saw all the decorations and said excitedly

"It looks BEAUTIFUL!" For me, all the planning leading up to the Feast was completely worth it at that very moment.

Please join us and I promise you a rewarding experience.

Kind regards,

Amy Santoro  
PTL President

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson



## Swingin' Into Spring!

The PTL is very pleased to announce our Dinner Dance and Auction. "Swingin' Into Spring, featuring The Clark Eno Orchestra, will be held on Friday, 3/23/12 from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel, CT. This event will feature silent and live auction items, raffle items, dinner, cupcake buffet, and music/dancing.

Don't miss this fun event. Make it a date night or bring some friends and catch up with them while supporting a great cause (the public is invited). Invitations will be coming soon.

Please note that this event is for adults only this year.

There will be **MANY** auction items available including:

- \$100 Kohl's gift card
- [\\$75 Adam Broderick Salon & Spa Certificate](#)
- \$50 gift certificate to [Mannen](#) or [Toro](#) restaurant

- Dance Lessons
- A free week of half-day camp at [Summer at Immanuel Lutheran School](#)
- Original artwork
- Birthday party entertainment package including DJ and dance lessons
- Photography session with Cynthia Bennett
- [Elmer's Diner Gift Certificates](#)
- Interior Design Services – 2 hour consult
- Piano lessons with Heather Palkewick
- Mary Kay gift set
- Free gutter cleaning from [Emerald Seamless Gutters](#)

## The ever popular ILS

### auction items:

Bowling with Mr. Palkewick

Lunch with Mr. Palkewick

After school snack and craft with Mrs. Person

Movies with Miss Larkin

Norwalk Aquarium outing with Miss Vill and Mrs. Puglisi

Voice lesson with Miss Cadmus

Casual day for an entire class

Casual day for the entire school

Class pizza party

As mentioned this is only a sampling of the auction items that will be up for bid that evening. Many, many more items are anticipated.

Many thanks to the [Lathrop School of Dance](#) for generously underwriting much of the cost of the band. The Clark Eno Orchestra is not to be missed! The group has entertained at thousands of corporate events, private parties and weddings. They also played at Lincoln Center as part of First Night 2000 New York City. Check them out here:

<http://clarkenoorchestra.com/>

## Auction Goods & Services Donations Needed - Can You Help?

The previously mentioned "Swingin' Into Spring" is the PTL's largest fundraiser. As you may know, the PTL has a goal of raising enough money to replace the ILS playground. We can't do it without lots of help.

The auction committee is in the process of soliciting items to put up for bid and we need your help!

- \* Do you own a business or work for a company that could donate an items for the auction block – such as merchandise or a gift certificate? Or maybe a family member or friend owns a company that would be willing to help?
- \* Do you own a business or know a business that would like to advertise in our Auction Program Booklet?
- \* Do you have sports tickets, a vacation home or a time share that you'd like to offer for a weekend getaway?
- \* Do you have a special talent you'd like to share? For example, if you're an artist, consider putting a picture or craft up for bid. Rumor has it that a home-cooked Thai meal may be one of our auction items. And there was a past bidding war on homemade baklava (sadly, yours truly lost).
- \* Would you be willing to ask a favorite restaurant, hairdresser or other business if they'd consider donating?
- \* Would you consider donating an item or gift card? Still have one in your wallet from Christmas, for a store that really isn't to your taste? Someone else might love it.

\*"Please contact Amy Santoro via [PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org) or (203) 770-6554 (call or text) before approaching any business, to be sure that business hasn't already been approached. We are keeping track of businesses that have already donated or already been asked."

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact the PTL at [PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org). At the bottom of this newsletter we've included a donation letter you can show merchants or service providers, as well as a form for advertising in our program booklet. Most merchants are happy to help, and we will provide them with a receipt for tax purposes. Contact us if you'd like the forms e-mailed to you. Hard copies are available in PTL Mailbox in the school office – take as many as you need. We'll be sure to keep the forms stocked. Donations and ads are due 3/1/12. Thank you in advance for helping us to make this event a huge success.

# FUNdraising Corner

## Snowmen for Swings:

Thank you to those who have already sent in festively decorated snowmen for our playground fundraiser. They'll be going up on the cafeteria walls by early next week. If you haven't already turned yours in, there is still plenty of time. Be as creative as you'd like in decorating those snowmen. Return snowmen with a donation of at least \$3 per snowman, checks payable to ILS PTL. Should you need more snowmen, drop us a note at [PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org). The PTL would like to thank Christine Feenan for her generous donation of the snowmen and for her time searching for them.

## Munson's Easter Chocolate:

Did you know Munson's Chocolate is a Connecticut based company, serving up yummy chocolates since 1946? The PTL has tried hard to avoid fundraisers that sell things you just don't need - candy, wrapping paper, and so forth. But... most of us will be buying Easter candy at some point and Munson's has some great offerings. Bunnies are available in two sizes in milk, dark or white chocolate. Also available are foil eggs, jelly beans, and other great Munson's offerings like gummi bears, chocolate bars, truffles and assorted chocolates.

Munson's catalogs/order forms are coming home this week. Orders are due 3/2/12 (checks are payable to ILS PTL) and will arrive in time for Easter giving. Many thanks to Kelly McCormack for coordinating this fundraiser for the PTL. If you have any questions about Munson's ordering, please contact Kelly at [Kanorvig@aol.com](mailto:Kanorvig@aol.com).

Don't forget to put your car magnet on your car to help spread the word about ILS!

## Square One Art Tiles:

Artwork tiles arrived recently from Square One Art and will be added to the cafeteria "Wall of Art" in the coming weeks.

## Box Tops for Education:

Thank you to everyone who has sent in [Box Tops](#) this year- we have gotten lots. Please help us by cutting them out neatly before sending them in - the Box Tops administrators require that we sent them neatly clipped.

## Goodsearch.com:

When you do your on-line shopping by going to [Goodsearch.com](http://Goodsearch.com) and selecting Immanuel Danbury as your charity, ILS receives back a percentage of the purchase from the merchant (percentages vary by merchant). This is an easy way to donate to ILS while doing your usual on-line shopping. Put a post-it note on your computer and remember [Goodsearch.com](http://Goodsearch.com).

## Save the Dates:

Sunday, 2/12	Mannen Fundraiser 12:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday, 3/1	Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, 3/2	Student Assembly - It's a Jungle Out There - with Beardsley Zoo
Wednesday, 3/14	Grandparent Tea, 7:30 a.m., grandparents welcome to stay for chapel
Thursday, 3/15	PTL Meeting 6:30, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom, babysitting available
Saturday, 3/23	Swingin' Into Spring Dinner & Auction, 6:30 p.m., Stony Hill Inn.

# Help Wanted

The PTL urgently needs volunteers for the following events:

## Valentine Sundaes, Tuesday, 2/14

Students are served Ice Cream Sundaes during their lunch periods (yes, only after they've eaten their veggies!) compliments of the PTL. We need parents, grandparents or other friends of ILS who can help set up, serve the children, and clean up. Remuneration is offered in the form of a free ice cream sundae (sorry, the kids get first dibs on the gummy bears!)

Please do not send any donations to school yet. A sign up sheet will be coming home in the coming weeks.

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We also need help with the following:

### Dinner Night Out

**Coordinator** - There are several more fundraising nights coming up this school year. We need someone willing to coordinate details. Most evenings are already scheduled and just need to be confirmed. The coordinator will confirm with the restaurant, help coordinate publicity for the event and bring school banner and/or placemats to the event, as permitted by the establishment. This is a fun and easy way to make a big difference for the school.

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## Grandparents Tea, Wednesday, 3/14

Grandparents are invited to join students for a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and are invited to stay for chapel afterwards. We need a chairperson who will handle the arrangements of the morning - planning the event and shopping for it, and working with volunteers during the event. We also need help with set up (if you're an early bird, we'd love to hear from you), serving, and clean up. We would also appreciate donations of baked goods, fruit, orange juice, etc.

To volunteer for either one of the events or the any of the opportunities listed here on this page, go to the PTL bulletin board at school or email us at:

[PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org)

### FUNdraising Volunteers -

Do you enjoy fundraising? Have ideas for the school? Excel at organization? If so, we can use your help with future events.

### Campbell's -

[Campbell's](#) offers Labels for Education; just like Box Tops. Kelly McCormack is diligently clipping, mailing in and coordinating on the Box Tops end. We need a counterpart to do the same with the [Campbell's Labels](#). This is a simple job that can be done at home but would be a huge help to the PTL.

## Board Members

- We are in need of board members for next school year. Board members serve two-year terms. Vacancies anticipated next school year include Vice President and Secretary. Interested candidates could start working with the PTL board this year to "learn the ropes" for next year. If you have an interest, please let us know. We'd love to talk to you.

To help with any of those opportunities, please e-mail us at [PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org)

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*“Make Disciples”*

Walt Harper, Senior Pastor  
Joel Cundiff, Associate Pastor

Nate Palkewick, Principal  
Bill Hunt, Business Manager

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to ask you to support the Immanuel Lutheran School Parent Teacher League's **Spring Auction**, which will be held on March 23, 2012. The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are seeking donations of goods and services for the auction block.

Proceeds from the auction will go directly to school enrichment programs. We are currently fund raising for a new playground for the children. Past funds have been used for technology upgrades, new physical education equipment, and educational assemblies.

Immanuel Lutheran School is Danbury's oldest private school and has been providing quality education for 130 years. Immanuel Lutheran School is a non-profit organization and our Tax ID # is 06-0721734.

This event and the list of donated items will be heavily publicized within Immanuel Lutheran School and Church and printed in the program booklet. We expect an excellent turnout for this event, which allows word of your kind donation to reach many Immanuel families and friends.

Your donation is tax deductible and we will provide you with a receipt of donation. All donations can be mailed to my attention at: Immanuel Lutheran School PTL, 18 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811. I can be reached at [PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:PTL.SEC@immanueldanbury.org) or (203) 770-6554 if you have questions or would like a volunteer to pick up your donation.

Should you not wish to donate an item to the auction block at this time, please consider placing an ad in our program booklet. Details follow on the next page. Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Santoro  
President  
Parent Teacher League  
Immanuel Lutheran School

**18 CLAPBOARD RIDGE ROAD**

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Church Email: [churchoffice@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:churchoffice@immanueldanbury.org)

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School Office: (203) 748-7823

[www.immanuelutheranschool.org](http://www.immanuelutheranschool.org)

School Email: [schooloffice@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:schooloffice@immanueldanbury.org)



# PTL Dinner Dance

Featuring the Clark Eno Orchestra! March 23, 2012

18 Clapboard Ridge Road  
Danbury, Connecticut 06811

## We invite you to advertise in our Program Book or donate a gift for our Auction!

\$40 for a Quarter Page

\$75 for a Half Page

\$125 for a Full Page

### For Ads:

Please mail checks made out to "Immanuel Lutheran PTL" to: 18 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury CT 06811. Email digital files (PDF or JPG) B&W artwork to: [maura@72architects.com](mailto:maura@72architects.com), or drop a business card in the mail and we'll scan it for you (ILS address above, attn: Maura Juan). Art submission deadline is March 1, 2012.

### For Auction Items:

Thank you for your donations of goods or services! Deliver the original item (or gift certificate) to ILS before March 1, 2012.

Donation Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ THANK YOU!!!!

Donor keeps top half of form

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ILS keeps bottom half of form

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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ILS Person who made this Contact / Referral is \_\_\_\_\_