

St. Mary of the Lake Home & School Association (H.A.S.A.)



Congratulations to our new H.A.S.A. Board Members and Class Parents!

Karen Oselka and Diane Giancaspro, Co-Presidents
Jen Coffeen, Vice President
Donna Cawley, Corresponding Secretary
Patty Thorn & Heidi Hornaday, Co-Social Secretaries

K- Kim Nesbitt & Jen Coffeen
1st - Angie Smith
2nd - Gina Adams & Donna Cawley
3rd - Jonelle Andre
4th - Patty Thorn
5th - Shelia Stutesman & Kelly Aroney
6th - Heidi Hornaday
7th - Jen Coffeen
8th - Karla Madison & Heidi Jaffee

Diane Giancaspro will be our Class Parent Coordinator.

All parents are members of the H.A.S.A. Please come and learn about how to get involved.
**Our first meeting this school year will be held
October 15th, 7:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria.**

**We also encourage our parents to attend the
Education Commission meeting held the first
Monday of each month. The next meeting is
October 5th, 7:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria.**



Volunteering at St. Mary of the Lake School And the Home School Association

Sharing your Gifts

St. Mary of the Lake School is place where our children are nourished and where family friendships form and flourish. There are many ways to join our school community, whether it is driving on field trips, coaching, reading in the classroom, volunteering for special events or the Home School Association (HSA), or lending your expertise to your child's teacher.

Get Involved!

St. Mary of the Lake School thrives on parent participation. No matter what your skill or interest we have a role for you in our community. Contact the HASA (Home and School Association) and see how you can help.

Contact: Karen Oselka, (269-469-5041) or Diane Giancaspro, (269-469-8119), Co-Presidents

Get a little involved:

- Spend time in the classroom
- Drive on a field trip

Get more involved:

- Join a committee: Mardi Gras Party and Auction, Scrips program, Field Day, the Memorial Day Festival...Refer to the following detailed list of committees.

Get very involved:

- Be a solicitor for the Annual Fund
- Join the Development Committee
- Teach an afterschool program or enrichment class

10 hrs. per family is required for the Festival, but our fundraising depends on all families being involved.

Home School Association Committees

Spirit Scrip Program

Throughout the Year

Scrip is **fundraising while you shop™**. Our "Spirit" program allows our school families to purchase gift cards for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment; while earning a percentage of each dollar of scrip purchased back in revenue. 50% of revenue goes toward family tuition and 50% goes toward the school operating budget.

Market Day

Monthly-Scheduled Friday Afternoons

It's a ton of fun when our parents pull together to assist in the roles of grocery check-out, stock person, baggers and checkers in the parish activity center each month to distribute the delectable fairs of our Market Day fundraiser to our supportive shoppers.

Athlete Boosters **Throughout the School Year**

The Lakers need your valuable time and talents to establish their sporting abilities to their fullest potential. Many are welcome to help us with concession sales, keeping score, coaching, cheering and raising funds for equipment and uniforms.

Give-Back Dinners **Throughout the School Year**

Go out to dinner and support St. Mary of the Lake School at the same time. Area restaurants donate or "give-back" a percentage of the total that you spend at their establishment on a designated day.

Fundraiser Lunches **Throughout the School Year**

Make hot lunch for our students on days when New Buffalo Area Schools doesn't offer hot lunch. The kids just love it when Mom makes lunch!

Magazine Sales **November**

Buy new or renew old magazine subscriptions through QSP reader's Digest Fundraiser. Your help is needed with promotions and recordkeeping.

Rummage Sale **November and Festival**

Your "Trash" is certainly someone else's "Treasure"! St. Mary of the Lake School holds two rummage sales per year – in the Fall and in the Summer. Helping out at the rummage sales is easy – bringing items in, donating bags/hangers, sorting and pricing items, working the checkout, and clean-up.

Book Fair **December**

Your time and effort will fill the halls of the school with adventures and knowledge in books for children of all ages.

Advent & Lenten Service Projects **During Advent and Lent**

Give a hand collecting food, clothing toys and much needed items for the Harbor Country Emergency Food Pantry and other charitable organizations in our area.

Lend-A-Hand Campaign **National Catholic Schools Week**

This is a Student Council and Student Senate organized event. Assist St. Mary's students with a fun and easy regional fundraiser. Your help is needed in the kick-off, recordkeeping distribution and return of restaurant discount coupon booklets.

Mardis Gras **Before Lent**

Winter blues? Join us for an adult fun-filled evening with dinner, dancing and silent auction. Many volunteers are needed to help with this important fundraiser.

Field Day **Mid-May**

It's a day the children look forward to all year long - day of fun and challenging outdoor events where all children play and earn a treasured ribbon. Help is needed in arranging and managing the events, keeping times, serving lunch, giving out treats and presenting awards.

Festival **Memorial Day Weekend**

Major end-of-the-year fundraiser that is still in the early planning stages. Many volunteers are required to pull off this important event. Check out the various committees for this event after the New Year.