



August 2024

Dear Families of St. Peter RC School,

The Home and School Association Board (HSA) would like to welcome you as members of the HSA to the 2024-2025 school year!!

As you read in the Tuition Mandate Agreement, all families whose children attend the school are automatically enrolled as members of the HSA (typically aka the PTA), a member-led, member-run organization. We look forward to working together this year at our many family-fun events and fundraisers which is a great way to get to know each other as we continue building our SPS community.

The duties of the HSA are to provide the following:

- Financial support to the school by sponsoring and facilitating fundraisers; and
- Volunteers to coordinate the fundraisers and activities for the benefit of the school, its staff, and the students.

The HSA Board is made up of the following parent and teacher/staff volunteers:

Rev. Luke P. Uebler II, Pastor
Maureen Ingham, Principal
Elizabeth Colvin, President
Paula Shears, Co-Vice President
Russ Nixon, Co-Vice President
Adam Burns, Treasurer
Mary Helen Johnson, Middle School Representative

The HSA Board is always open to anyone interesting in joining. Nominations are open for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Primary School Representative, and Middle School Representative, and will be voted on by YOU at the end of the 24-25 school year in preparation for the next school year.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to the HSA Board or email stpetershelpinghands@gmail.com.

More information is included about the HSA and the events planned for this school year.

Who is the HSA?

HSA stands for Home and School Association. As implied by its name, the HSA is a partnership between the student's family at home and the staff at school. By enrolling your child(ren) in the school, YOU are automatically a member of the HSA and granted all the rights and responsibilities of membership.

As a member, you are entitled to attend and speak at meetings, run for and hold office, vote in elections and on proposals, join and lead committees, serve as representatives of the school in the community, and participate in HSA activities.

As a member, you are responsible for volunteering your time, effort, and talents to assist with the duties of the organization, and the events and activities sponsored by the HSA for the good of the school.

On behalf of its membership, the HSA is accountable for a financial contribution equal to at least \$120,000. The Parish Financial Committee sets the amount of the HSA's contribution. The ("Current Diocesan guidelines call for tuition...to equal 60% of the per pupil cost, parish...subsidy to equal 25% of the per pupil cost and other revenue sources such as fundraising and mandated services to equal 15% of the per pupil cost.") This financial contribution goes toward salaries for teachers and staff, equipment and programs and other necessary expenses of the school. **The HSA raises the money to make its contribution through general fundraising and the "mandate."**

The HSA also sponsors several events throughout the year that are not fundraisers. At the beginning of each year, we provide \$2000.00 to the teachers' start-up funds, and we host a back-to-school picnic for the Blessing of Backpacks event. Throughout the year, we sponsor various events and activities for students and their families, such as Movie Night, holiday programs, Special Person's Day, and a Veterans Event. For our Middle School, the HSA pays for 8th graders and their adult guests to attend their Hope Day banquet (moving up ceremony) held in late May. At the end of the year, the HSA provides funds for special graduation celebrations. We also award \$100.00 scholarships to the 8th graders who pursue their secondary education at Catholic high schools.

Fundraisers for Mandate Credit: credit given to family when indicated and confirmed

- Referrals: \$100.00 credit
- Raise Right Gift Card Program
- Golf Classic: 25% sponsorship credit
- Family Fall Fest: 25% sponsorship credit
- Calendar Cash Raffle: 100% credit
- Strike Out for St. Peter's: 25% sponsorship credit

General fundraisers: all proceeds go to HSA general fund

- Galentine's Live Auction: all net proceeds from event
- Box Tops: as stated by the company
- Other Family FUNdraising Events (e.g. Skate Night, etc.)
- SPS Spirit Wear Shop twice a year: share of profits from sales
- Favorite's Pizza Fundraiser
- Hibbard's Custard Fundraiser: last day of school

How can I participate?

As an HSA member and as described above, it is expected that you volunteer your time, effort, and/or talents to assist with the duties of the organization, and the events and activities sponsored by the HSA for the good of the school. Time/effort/talent donated does not fulfill the \$700 mandate requirement as part of the tuition agreement. If you have questions about any of the items listed below, please email stpetershelpinghands@gmail.com.

-----RETURN THE PORTION BELOW to the Office-----

Please circle your preferred event(s) to donate your time/effort/talent and the HSA Board will reach out to you in advance to obtain your help.

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

- Golf Classic
- Blessing of the Backpack
- Peach Festival Parade Float
- Calendar Cash Raffles (Fall and/or Spring)
- SPS Family Fall Fest
- Strike Out for St. Peter's
- Galentine's Night Out Live Auction
- Veterans Event
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Angel Tree

- Thank You Crew
- Movie Night
- Skate Night
- Room Parent
- Uniform Exchange Closet
- Sunshine Committee
- Step Up for St. Peter's
- Flower Gift Card Fundraiser