

**St. Margaret Home and School Association**  
**2009-2010**

Dear SMS Families,

Welcome to another school year at SMS! The Home and School Association's purpose is to promote, support, and enhance our school and its programs through various volunteer opportunities and fundraising activities. It is a wonderful way to share in your child's experience at our school, and to meet other school families.

Our school benefits when every family is involved and our children benefit when they see examples of service to the school community. We are recommending that each family donates 20 hours of volunteer time to the school this year. There are numerous opportunities to do so. Spend an hour on the playground as a recreation aide, become a lunch cashier or a homeroom parent, help in the preparations for our annual fundraisers. We need your help and look forward to getting to know you.

Each year, Home and School collects dues to help offset various costs throughout the year, such as the printing of the School Directory, the cost of the Alert Now emergency notification system, faculty appreciation events, and other special events throughout the year. In prior years, parents were asked to pay H&S dues in addition to homeroom dues for each child's classroom (to provide funds for classroom holiday parties, teacher appreciation gifts). For your convenience, this year we are collecting these dues together, with the cost breakdown as follows.

Home and School Dues           \$15

Classroom Dues                   \$7 per child (\$20 for 3 or more children)

(For example, a family with 2 children at SMS would pay \$15 in H&S dues plus \$14 for classroom dues, for a total of \$29. A family with 4 children at SMS would pay \$15 in H&S dues plus \$20 for classroom dues for a total of \$35.) If you have not paid your dues, please send them in with the form on the back of this page in the envelope provided. If you have already paid, H&S thanks you.

The Home and School Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October, December, February, April, and June at 7:30pm in the faculty lounge. Mark your calendars and please join us. (See page 2 for a list of upcoming events).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your support of St. Margaret School. We look forward to a great school year.

Best regards,

Becky Klick  
President

Megan Byrne  
Vice President

SMS Upcoming Events

- The **SMS Family Picnic** will be held Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Narberth Playground. All you need to do is pack your picnic lunch and bring a dessert to share. Come have some fun with old friends and meet some new friends, too! (Rain date is Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>).
  
- **Opening Mass** for the school year will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
  
- The **Innisbrook Wrapping Paper** drive begins Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to buy gifts and wrapping paper while raising money for our school. Look for more information in your family envelope. This event is organized by Karla Swatski and Peg Iannone.
  
- Save the Date! The **Annual Walk-a-Thon** will be held Friday, October 16, 2009. Our children love to participate in this walk in support of Catholic Education.

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(Please fill out this portion and return to school with dues in envelope provided)

\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY

Home and School Dues: \$15

+ Classroom Dues:

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 = \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 for 3 or more children)

=Total Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of payment (check one):

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_