

# Welcome to HASA!

Congrats on making it through your child's first few weeks of school! As a busy parent, we want to assure you, great things are coming!

## **Who is HASA?**

We are truly a family. HASA, or Home and School Association, is a parent organization that provides, through fundraisers and parent contributions, opportunities for our students to bond with classmates and our community, and affords our staff and students with many of their educational needs.

## **What does HASA do?**

We serve and help shepherd our St. Joseph family, through our fundraising events, social activities, and our lunch program. Several times throughout the school year HASA hosts events for the students, their families and most often, the surrounding communities and Parishes. This year we have two primary fundraising events, our Pumpkin Fall Festival and our Spring Merchant Bingo. The funds from these events help maintain the lunch program, offer additional funds for classroom needs, and provide entertainment to our students throughout the year.

## **Where/When does HASA meet?**

We generally meet right before school is out or after school for about an hour in the St. Joseph Bennett Hall (lunchroom), Parish Center (PK rooms), St Martin's House (next to school) or similar location. Our goal is to offer meeting locations wherever it is convenient to members of HASA. We are always kid friendly. Our meetings take place every other month starting in September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We know everyone is busy and most can't make our meetings so please feel free to email, call or even send a note in to the office to our attention regarding any ideas or insight you might have.

## **How do I join HASA?**

Each family at St. Joseph is asked to pay a \$25 HASA membership fee. These funds are used in a similar way as our fundraisers. Additionally, we ask that each family participate in as many of our HASA events as possible. Attached is a sign-up sheet and we ask that each family seriously consider signing up in some fashion for a few events. If you choose to chair or co-chair an event the meetings to discuss event details will be held at your convenience. As ALWAYS the HASA board will be there to help with as much as possible we just can't possibly take on all these wonderful events all ourselves. If you have any other suggestion please feel free to contact one of the HASA board members. We thank you in advance and hope you have a wonderful year!

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