



August 1, 2019

Dear Families of St. Peter R.C. School,

The Home and School Association (HSA) Board would like to welcome you as members of the HSA to the 2019-2020 school year. All families whose children attend the school are automatically enrolled as members of the HSA, so we are a member-led, member-run organization. We hope that you will be an active member not only because we rely on you to help, but because you want to become involved. Being active is the best way to get to know the staff and other parents while sharing in your child's educational experience at SPS.

The HSA's primary mission is to facilitate opportunities for families to raise funds towards the cost of tuition and to support the school's activities by providing volunteers. Each year, an amount is charged to each family to raise via fundraising. That amount is referred to as the "mandate" for the school. Please refer to the school handbook and the Mandate Guidelines for more information about the mandate policy and the HSA's activities.

The middle school students (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) will also be doing a few fundraisers—water sales at festivals and poinsettias at Christmas—to cover the cost of their special activities. Middle School activities include a biennial trip, seasonal dances, 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat, Hope Day (pre-graduation ceremony and luncheon), and other special activities that are unique to the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please support our middle school students as they work to earn their rewards.

As a volunteer-based organization, we are counting on you to make this a great year for SPS. Fundraisers do more than raise money; they also provide opportunities to meet new people and contribute to a worthy cause—your child.

Yours truly,  
HSA Board 2019-2020

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We will start the year with Blessing of Backpacks and Grillin' with Grandpas Picnic August 29, 2019 to welcome families. You may bring school supplies to drop off in classrooms after the blessing.

VIRTUS Training will be held at SPS on October 10 at 6 p.m. It is a three-hour training course and is required by the Diocese for all volunteers to complete. If you've taken the VIRTUS training, please be sure to keep your compliant status by completing the periodical email updates and reviews.

HSA General Meetings are held on Tuesdays in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are planned for the following dates:

- September 24, 2019 (Open House)
- January 14, 2020
- May 5, 2020 (budget vote and elections)

We will have several openings on the Board that will need to be filled at the 2020 elections. Please talk to a Board member if you are interested in getting more involved as an officer, chairperson, or volunteer.