

# St. Mark Home School Association News

September 2017



Dear Parents,

Below please find a few important reminders and information regarding the St. Mark Home School Association:

## **Fall Fundraiser**

Please support our annual fall fundraiser!! The Genevieve Fundraiser packets were sent home on Friday, September 1. We receive up to 50% of the profit on gift wrap, candy, gift items and magazines. Boston Coffee Cakes may be frozen for months and are wonderful to have on hand for holiday guests. All information can be found on the fundraiser envelope. The catalogs show many of the great items that are for sale. Additional items are available online on the Genevieve website [www.genevieves.com](http://www.genevieves.com). Orders placed online will ship to school for free and out-of-state family and friends can support our school using the school code (2848) on their online order. The Genevieve fall fundraiser is due Monday, September 25.

## **VIRTUS Training**

In order to volunteer your time with our school children, you must be VIRTUS trained per the Diocese of Bridgeport. There will be a class on Sunday, September 24th at 11:30 am in the school cafeteria. To register for this class or to find the schedule of upcoming classes at other area schools, please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

Please note, parents will need to renew their VIRTUS training every 5 years per Bishop Caggiano. You do not need to attend a class to be retrained, it is all done online. The Diocese of Bridgeport will notify you when your training should be renewed.

## **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

Scholastic Book Fair - October 4- October 8 - Various Times -- Volunteers are needed to set up the book fair, help with sales and pack up after the event. Please email Star Gibson if you are available to help. [astarisborn75@yahoo.com](mailto:astarisborn75@yahoo.com)

Bottles & Cans Drive - Saturday, October 7 - 10:00-2:00 -- Volunteers are needed to help sort bottles and cans. If you are available to volunteer at the Drive, please drop in to help. Students who volunteer at the Bottles & Cans Drive will receive a Dress Down pass for their service. Please email Christine Flaig if you have any questions. [ctflaigfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:ctflaigfamily@yahoo.com)

Monster Mash - Friday, October 27 - Various Times -- Volunteers are needed to help with planning, set up, decorating, various roles during the event and for clean up. Please email Isabella Szczerba if you are available to help. [pikus231@yahoo.com](mailto:pikus231@yahoo.com)

Trunk-or-Treat - Sunday, October 29--Various Times -- Volunteers are needed to help with concession sales and clean up after the event. Please email Michele Rouse if you are available to help. [bmac0912@gmail.com](mailto:bmac0912@gmail.com)

## **Chairperson Opportunities**

We have openings to chair some of our annual events. The current chairpersons have students in the upper school and would like the new chair to shadow them in preparation to take over the event. Please email me if you are interested in leading an event.

- Fall Fundraiser

### St. Mark School

Scott Clough,  
Principal

### Home School Association Officers

Jennifer  
Tayman,  
President

Alicia Formato,  
Co-Secretary

Jeanine May,  
Co-Secretary

- Christmas Breakfast Cookie Sale
- Winter Carnival
- Me & My Guy Spring Dance

### **Volunteer Requirement**

As a reminder, *St. Mark School requires that each family donate 30 hours of service time each school year.* All hours should be recorded on the Volunteer Reporting Form and should be submitted to the Main Office or emailed to [volunteerhours@stmarkschool.org](mailto:volunteerhours@stmarkschool.org). The deadline for this school year's hours is June 1, 2018. You may submit your hours as you complete each event, no need to wait until you have completed the 30 hour requirement. *As a reminder, those families who do not complete 30 hours of service time will be billed for the hours at a rate of \$10 per hour.* Please note: *Service hours are not transferable.*

### **Vicki Soto 5K Run**

Please join us on November 4th as our school community supports the Vicki Soto Memorial Fund. You can run, walk or just be a cheerleader. Register online at [www.vickisoto5k.com](http://www.vickisoto5k.com) be sure to select Team St. Mark School under the questions section of the registration form. Register by October 19 to receive a free Vicki Soto T-shirt.

### **Easy Fundraising Opportunities**

We collect Box Tops, Campbell's Labels and Coca-Cola bottle caps. Please send these items via backpack mail to Wendy Ferik c/o Nina Grade 6.

Following is a list of options to help our school earn money without doing any extra work:

(1) Stop & Shop ~ A+ Rewards Program: To participate beginning September 11, 2017, please visit [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com) and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 13-digit Stop & Shop Card number and school ID. Our school ID # 07250. Use your registered card every time you shop and you will earn cash for our school. This program runs October 6, 2017- March 15, 2018. You do not have to reenter your card annually.

(2) Shop Rite ~ Shop at Shop Rite to help our school earn free classroom equipment. Starting now please link your Price Plus Club Card to our school code. Each time you shop, our school will earn points towards free classroom equipment. Enroll your card at [www.shopriteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com) to our 5 digit school code: 17548. This program runs October 1, 2017 –April 26, 2018. You **will** have to reenter your card annually.

(3) Amazon Smile ~ St. Mark School is on AmazonSmile! When shopping, please use the link below or select St. Mark School as the charitable organization of your choice and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to our school.  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0838469>

### **A Note of Thanks**

Our Meet & Greet Picnic was a great way to kick off the school year! A huge thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to make this such a successful event. Thank you volunteers: Amy, Tony, Francesca and Sofia Pagano, Nicole, Naia, Mila and Gianna Harmon, Lucy, Lenny & Julianne Gonzalez, Jeanine May, Joe Shandrowski and Jessamyn Ramonas, Jessica, Jim, Madisyn and Tyler Markland, Angela and Bob Juda, Christine, Steve, Caiden and Ashlyn Flaig, Renee, Tony, Thomas and Michael DiMatteo, Eileen, Ryan and Liam Blake, Laura and Cody Haley, Alicia, Mike, Christopher and Anna Formato, Ryan and Justin Tayman, Theresa, Mike and Julia Sciallo, Stefano Cono, Ming Chen and Winston Wu, Caroline Workman, Mya Zayas, Katie Mandolfo, Jocelyn Kirwan, James Shandrowski,

Tashia and Tay'vian Laing and Kaitlyn Szczepanski. A special thank you to Maureen Kery for assisting in planning the event.

Thank you to the following students who helped assist at the Supply Drop Off: Kacie DeRosa, Michael LaMonica, Kaitlyn Szczepanski, Caroline Workman, Jocelyn Kirwan and Winston Wu.

Thank you to the following students who helped at Back to School Night: Patrick Henry, Jude Pastorok, Tay'vian Laing, Mya Zayas and Katie Mandolfo.

Thank you for your support of St. Mark School. I am sorry if I misspelled anyone's name or missed a volunteer.

### **HSA Meeting**

Our first HSA meeting will be on October 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. There was a typo on the HSA Calendar of Events, the November HSA Meeting will be November 8, 2017 please note the schedule change. ***Childcare will not be available.*** Attendance at the meetings counts toward your volunteer requirement.

If you have any questions regarding fundraising or volunteer opportunities, please let me know.

Jennifer Tayman  
HSA President