



Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School
Embracing Leadership, Love, & Legacy

Dear SKD Families,

As the school year comes to a close, the Parent Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all that sacrificed their time to help our fund and friend raising events. As you heard, this year was wildly successful and we would like to keep the momentum going.

SKD will be continuing the stewardship program into the 2017-2018 school year. Our goal is to promote family involvement in the fabric of the school which enriches each family's experience. We host many events throughout the year that are geared to create school community and parent involvement. We encourage families to embrace the SKD community by participating in school activities and contributing their time and talents in any area that suits their interests.

We appreciate and thank you for your service and hope the below information will assist you in your efforts. Please take a look at the list of opportunities to see what fits with your interests and schedule. If there are any particular events that interest you, feel free to email skdparent@skdschool.org. As the new school year approaches, you can also fill out the Volunteer Application Form and send into the school office to the Parents Association attention.

Thank you for your commitment to our school,

Mark Perri, *President*
Jaime Diehl, *Vice President*
Jim Capasso, *Treasurer*
Joe Ferrante, *Secretary*
Lori McElmoyle, *Stewardship Coordinator*
Wayne Murphy, *Dance Coordinator*



SKD Stewardship Program Overview

The goal of the program is to encourage all families to participate in making our school the best it can be AND to recognize our volunteers.

The Parent Association is requesting that each family support at least 1 major/minor event with a minimum of 15 volunteer hours per school year. If unable to volunteer, a contribution to either the Golf Outing (Oct. 14th, 2017) or the Gala (April 13th, 2018) sponsorship booklet would be greatly appreciated.

How to Record and Submit Your Volunteer Hours

Before your hours can be tracked you must complete and submit the Volunteer Application Form (located in this booklet and on the school's website). A lead volunteer for each event will contact you to discuss the details about your volunteer opportunity.

It is each family's responsibility to report any hours they work to the event's chairperson or lead volunteer. The chairperson will submit your volunteer hours to the Volunteer Coordinator. (These include attending monthly meetings, obtaining sponsors for Gala/Golf, being on any committee, etc.)

**8th grade parents (whose child is the youngest & only) are exempt from the program, however, if you want to volunteer we welcome you with open arms!!!

Stewardship Drawing

As an additional benefit to this program, the hours tracked will be entered into an end of year drawing where one lucky winner will win tuition for one student in the 2018-2019 school year!!

Other Information

ALL volunteers who work with children, must complete all Safe Environment Requirements. A certificate stating each requirement has been completed will be issued to the person completing the requirement. A copy of all these certificates and/or forms must be sent to the school office. These forms remain on file in the school office as our documentation for the state and Archdiocese requirements. Information about this process is on the school's website at <http://new.skdschool.org/parent-volunteers/>.

Questions?

If you have any questions and/or comments about the Stewardship Program, recording your hours, or volunteering please contact SKD Parent Association at skdparent@skdschool.org.



10 Reason to Get Involved

1. Your child benefits.

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests and have fewer discipline problems.

2. We make a difference.

We provide resources for SKD to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere where teachers, administrators and students can do their best work. By building a community of service we can create a culture of giving that will spread.

3. We pledge to honor your time constraints.

There are no black holes of never-ending time commitment here! Not available during school hours? No problem! We have opportunities to help in school and out, evenings and weekends.

4. It's fun!

Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot, even though not everything we do is simple. We don't take ourselves too seriously, and try to enjoy ourselves along the way.

5. Meet nice people who share your principles.

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. We are neighbors and peers who share many of the same values and interests.

6. There's a lot to be done.

These days, everyone is asked to do more with less, including our school. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gap-every extra hand, every hour of help makes a difference.

7. Match activities to your interests and abilities.

The work we do covers a broad spectrum, from special events to working directly with children, and lots more. We're thrilled to have people take on tasks that showcase their skills and interests.

8. We're welcoming.

To us, there are no "outsiders". We are people who have come together to work towards common goals. We couldn't be happier to have you join us in working towards those goals.

9. We're about parent involvement-not fundraising.

Sure, in times of tight budgets, parent groups have to fill in the gaps. But our #1 goal is to get parents connected to SKD. It's the best way to create a great school and improve student performance.

10. It is very rewarding.

It's seeing the bright light of learning in a child's eye. It's seeing the smile of a parent that's connecting with another parent, or a teacher who has the resources to make students more comfortable in a learning environment. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved. Come join us!



For Our Kids...Interest Form 2017-2018

Please complete and return this form by Friday, September 22nd

Family Name _____ Email _____

SKD Parent Association "For Our Kids" Fundraisers

Gala	Dinner/Auction/Dance event held in April. Volunteers needed to help plan, make baskets, sell raffles, acquire sponsors for the AD book and work the event (April 13th). There will be multiple committees to help plan the event. This is one of our school's biggest fundraiser and a fun event. (April)
Annual Fall Golf Classic	Golf Tournament held annually. Volunteers needed to help plan, make baskets, sell raffles, acquire sponsors for the AD book and work the event (October 14th). There will be multiple committees to help plan the event. This is one of our school's biggest fundraiser and a fun event. (October)
Yankee Candle Fundraising	Plan and Organize the Yankee Candle event. This entails setting the sale date, collect orders/money, arrange/set-up pick-up times, etc (September/October)

SKD Volunteer Opportunities

Uniform Closet	Maintains and organizes the "closet" of donated school uniforms. (All Year). Sets up 2 Swap Shop (Winter and Summer)
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SKD "For Our Kids" Community Events

Trunk or Treat	October - trick-or-treat through the Assumption Church parking lot. Committee organizes games, food, and RSVP forms. (Sunday, Oct. 27 th)
Father/Daughter Dance	February - Committee plans a "date night" for Dads and daughters with food, dancing, and entertainment. (Saturday, Feb. 10 th)
Mother/Son Event	Spring - Committee plans a fun event or outing for Moms and sons to experience together. (Late Winter/Early Spring)
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Family Social Nights	Ongoing - Volunteer plans family nights out at local restaurants or other establishments. (2 total: 1 in Fall and 1 in Spring)
Christmas Village	Help with organizing, set-up, help children shop for Christmas gifts, breakdown, donate food/snacks/drinks, etc at the annual Christmas Village. (November/ December)
Family Bingo	This event opens up Catholic Schools Week. Volunteers would need organize the event which includes: to set-up, collect RSVPs, sell foods/snacks, call Bingo,etc. (January/February)



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Back To School Ice Cream Social	This event is held in early September and welcomes all the SKD families back to another great year! Volunteers would need organize the event which includes: to set-up, collect RSVPs, etc. (Thursday, Sept. 21 st)
Lunch with Santa	This event is held at the end of Nov/beginning of Dec. Volunteers would need organize the event which includes: to set-up, collect RSVPs, sell foods/snacks, etc. (Sunday, Nov. 26 th)
Pumpkin Fest	Event held in October. Volunteer would need to organize event with Shady Brook Farms.
SKD Dances	Chaperone the event.(9/15/17; 10/27/17; 12/01/17; 2/23/18; 5/4/18)

PA Community Support

Parent Appreciation Committee	SKD helps support parents with a breakfast during Catholic School Week. Volunteers donate food and supplies for these events and set-up for the event. (February)
Teacher Appreciation Brunch Committee	SKD helps support our teachers and staff with a brunch during Catholic School's week. Volunteers donate food and supplies as well as set-up/decorate for this event. (February)
Faculty Christmas Lunch	SKD thanks our teachers and staff with a lunch during Christmas. Volunteers donate food and supplies as well as set-up/decorate for this event. (December)
Monthly Parent Association Meetings	Attend the Parent Association Meetings on the 1 st Monday of every month. Bring new ideas and add any additional feedback from the events. (10/9/18; 12/4/17; 1/8/18; 2/5/18; 3/5/18; 4/2/18; 5/7/18)
Carol Night/Passion Play	Carol Night is early December. Volunteers would need to organize the donating baked goods, serve refreshments following the program. Passion Play is right before Easter. Volunteers would need to organize the donating baked goods, serve refreshments following the program

**Are you interested in chairing or co-chairing a committee? If so, which one?

Unable to volunteer at this time.

Please accept \$_____ contribution