

# ST. JOSEPH HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents, Students & Faculty,

As president of the St. Joseph Home & School Association, I want to welcome you. The Home & School Association is a membership organization made up of parents, faculty members, and our pastor, Monsignor Nicolas Rendon. Parents become members concurrently with school registration. The Association's primary function is to assist the school in its various fundraising programs, special projects, and celebrations. It further provides a medium in which faculty and parents come together for realization of the goals and ideals of Catholic education.

The Association meets once a month on Thursdays, and we sincerely value your attendance. It is so important that you or someone appointed by you attends each meeting. Your ideas, opinions, concerns and most of all time are vital to the success of this school year. Our first meeting will be in the school cafeteria on August 26, 2010 immediately following a potluck dinner.

Other August Activities include...

August 14 <sup>th</sup> 3-7pm	Back to School Picnic w/Water Slide
August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2-5pm	Work Day to clean the school before classes begin
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	First Home & School Meeting & Welcome Back Potluck (childcare provided)

Please let any one of the Home & School Officers know of any questions, concerns, ideas you might have. We are committed to making this school year the best ever.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,



Cory Settle

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## 2010-2011 CALENDAR

### 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Tuesday, August 10	School Registration	
Saturday, August 14	3-7pm Picnic	Kickoff School Year
Wednesday, August 18	First Day of School	
Thursday, August 26	6:30 Meeting -Committee Sign-up	Potluck @ 6pm
Thursday, September 15	6:30 Meeting	Committee Reports
October - Thanksgiving Break	Calendar Sales	
Thursday, October 7	6:30 Meeting	Committee Follow-up
Friday - Sunday, October 8-9	Sausage-making @ Klemke's	2010 SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
Friday, October 15	Set-up Hall & Fun-fest	2010 SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 16	Sausage Sale	2010 SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 17	SAUSAGE FESTIVAL	2010 SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 23	Diocesan Catechetical Conference	Teacher Workday
Friday, October 29 (tentative)	FALL CARNIVAL/DANCE	Costume Parade/Trick-or-Treat Alley/Dance
Thursday, November 18	6:30 Meeting	Calendar Sales/Turkey Dinner
TBA November	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner	
Thursday, December 2	6:30 Meeting	Christmas Pageant Needs/Teacher Appreciation
TBA December	Annual Parish & School Christmas Pageant	

### 2011

Thursday, January 13	6:30 Meeting	Appreciation Banquet/Sweetheart Sizzler
January 30 - February 5	Catholic Schools Week	
Saturday, February 5	Details TBA by CTK	Teacher Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, February 10	6:30 Meeting	Sweetheart Sizzler
Friday, February 11	7pm -? Set-up/Decorate Hall	SWEETHEART SIZZLER
Saturday, February 12	7pm - Midnight	SWEETHEART SIZZLER
Thursday, March 10	6:30 Meeting	Spring Fundraiser
Thursday, April 14	6:30 Meeting	Little Caesar's Fundraiser/Pre-Enrollment/Recruitment
Thursday, May 12	6:30 Meeting	Officer Elections

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## VOLUNTEER HOURS

This year we are asking each family to prayerfully make a commitment to serving our school's needs. The following is the options available as a guide for finding a minimum commitment for your family, but by no means a limit.

- Option 1: \$300 fundraising per year & 20 volunteer hours  
Option 2: \$500 fundraising per year & 5 volunteer hours  
Option 3: \$500 fundraising per year & 25 volunteer hours (required for families receiving tuition assistance)

Volunteer hours not completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> will be added to tuition at \$10 per hour.

There are plenty of ways to make these hours in a year. Here are a few examples:

### Service Hours

(Anytime)	½ day substitute teaching	4 hours
(October)	½ day Sausage Making	4 hours
	Help setup Funfest	2 hours
	Work shift @ Sausage Festival	4 hours
(November)	Make a Turkey or Serve for Turkey Dinner	2 hours
(January)	Help Decorate for Teacher Appreciation Banquet	2 hours
(February)	Help Decorate for Sweetheart Sizzler	2 hours
	Work Kitchen Shift at Sweetheart Sizzler	2 hours
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20 volunteer hours</b>

### Fundraising

(September)	Calendar Sales (10 birthday slots & 5 calendars)	\$50
(October)	Sausage Festival Raffle Tickets	\$75
	Acquire donations for Silent/Auction 100% Profit	\$75
(January)	Teacher Appreciation Raffle Tickets	\$25
(February)	Sweetheart Sizzler Class Basket Donation	\$25
(Spring)	Little Caesar's Pizza Sales \$100 x 50% Profit	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$300</b>

Please pray as a family before you make this commitment so that the entire family can be confident in knowing that this is a priority and a promise made as a family. It's a very achievable goal in a school year. *Attached is a form to help track your hours and to turn in when completed to a Home & School officer no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.* If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Settle, 828-6282 or [daddycory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daddycory@sbcglobal.net).

# ST. JOSEPH HOME SCHOOL VOLUNTEER/FUNDRAISING FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle one)

**20 Hours + \$300**

**25 Hours + \$500**

**2 Hours + \$500**

*(above required if receiving tuition assistance)*

VOLUNTEER HOURS					FUNDRAISING				
Commitment:					Commitment:				
Parent	Activity	Date	Hours		Fundraising Project	Date	Total \$ Collected	% Profit	Credit

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent)

(Home & School Officer)

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## OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Our children's success depends upon parents volunteering their time. Whether it is in the classroom or in the office, whether you can commit to a year long position or just a few weeks in the year, you will be appreciated! Contact us if you see something you would like to do.

The following are brief descriptions of the leadership positions available to parent volunteers at St. Joseph School through the Home & School Association.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD (INCLUDING PASTOR EX-OFFICIO & PRINCIPAL EX-OFFICIO)

- President** Includes the responsibility to lead the association toward specific goals chosen by the membership. There are the following meetings the President must attend: monthly: Association meetings, St. Joseph School Board meetings and other meetings as determined by the pastor and principal. The President shall preside at all Association meetings, appoint chairmen of committees, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of bills, and perform such duties as regularly pertain to this office. The President ex-officio is a member of all committees except the Nominating committee.
- Vice President** Serve as the primary aide to the President. Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Attend any Executive Board and Association meetings and the other above-mentioned meetings in the absence of the President.
- Secretary** Attend and keep an accurate written record of the proceedings of all meetings of the association and the Executive Board in a bound book, which is the legal record of the Home & School Association. Maintain a list of all members of the Association and shall notify members of their appointment or committees. Perform such other duties as may be delegated.
- Treasurer** The Treasurer shall receive shall keep permanent books of account and records of all receipts and disbursements and perform all bookkeeping and accounting functions of the Association. Prepare all financial reports, pay all authorized bills, and present monthly financial reports at the monthly Executive Board and Association meetings.
- Parliamentarian** Attend all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board and give necessary advice in parliamentary procedure when requested. Oversees the nomination/election committee and chairs the by-laws committee.
- School Board Representatives** Attend all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board and serve as direct parent advocates to achieve Association objectives and the highest quality of Catholic education possible.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Hospitality** Organizes and coordinates class holiday parties and coordinating Room Parents. This committee assists other committees with decorating and baking needs as well as maintaining the school's prayer list.
- Special Events** Plans & organizes special school-wide and community events throughout the year.
- Publicity** Besides year-round advertising and marketing, this committee also works with the yearbook committee and the technology committee for a cohesive strategy of promoting the school
- Membership** Duties include compiling a substitute teacher list and managing the school phone tree to remind families of upcoming events and urgent needs.
- Fundraising** Includes a variety of events to promote school pride and raise funds to subsidize the annual budget.

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## A SAMPLING OF HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS

### Back to School Picnic

**2010-11 Chairperson: Gayla Buxkemper**

This committee organizes the big blow-up slide and other outdoor field day activities to kick-off the school year the weekend before school starts. Hot dogs & hamburgers are usually served with potluck sides. Everyone brings their own lawn chairs to enjoy a fun today of getting to know each other. The focus is to really welcome new & old families alike to the school and answer any questions they might have.

### Fall Carnival

**2010-11 Chairperson: Jessica Kelly**

This is a new event to celebrate the success of the Sausage Festival as a school family. Kids can come dressed in their costumes for a costume parade and trick-or-treat alley. A pot-luck dinner will be organized with a dance and child-care provided.

### St. Joseph Calendar Sales

**2010-11 Chairperson: Open**

This committee organizes the calendar dates and sales. The calendar is not only sold, but the dates are published each week in the Slatonite. The class with the most calendar sales wins the opportunity to be photographed for the cover. This chairperson works with Lee & Judy Meurer on data entry as well as printing. Calendar sales usually start in October and are due after Thanksgiving break.

### Turkey Dinner

**2010-11 Chairperson: Open**

This committee organizes our annual thanksgiving dinner inviting our parishes and our community. We also have take-out meals for the home-bound to include them in our celebration. It is usually held in November just before Thanksgiving break. All parents are asked to help serve, roast turkeys, and bring home-made desserts.

### Teacher Appreciation Banquet

**2010-11 Chairperson: Gayla Buxkemper; Co-chair: Open**

The finale of Catholic Schools week is a banquet co-sponsored by Christ the King Cathedral School. Our school is responsible for selling raffle tickets, helping decorate and especially, our parents are encouraged to attend to support our teachers.

### Sweetheart Sizzler

**2010-11 Dinner/Dance Chair: Cory Settle/2010-11 Decorating/Clean-up Chair: Open**

This committee organizes the spring fundraiser dinner & dance that provides additional support to the school for those lean summer months when school is out. Each class puts together baskets to raise funds for class field-trips that are auctioned live during band breaks. An adults-only steak dinner with baked potatoes, salad and cheesecake is served with a margarita machine and free beer. Live band for the dance is booked. All parents are asked to help set-up and clean up after the event. Silent Auction may be included this year.

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## LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

### FIVE EASY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

As we start the school year, it's hard to believe Sausage Festival time comes so quickly. But for volunteers organizing Saint Joseph's 41<sup>st</sup> annual Sausage Festival things will quickly heat up. While you enjoy your summer vacation, please remember to look for those popular items for the Sausage Festival Auctions. We depend on broad support from the Slaton & Lubbock community to make the festival a success. The ways to get involved are endless—and all are equally important. We need support and help for a variety of festival-related activities and we look forward to your involvement.

A large part of the festival's success is dependent on auction donations. Did you know that the most cherished auction items are those that come from you? Please consider donating something special to the auction. Here are a few ideas on how to get involved:

1. Do you or someone in your family have a vacation home, timeshare, or condo to donate for a week or weekend? Do you have access to event tickets? Sports, theater, and event tickets can be great auction items!
2. Would you or a business contact you have be able to help underwrite a new item for the auction or the festival itself? Providing a monetary donation can leverage your dollars into larger support for Saint Joseph School.
3. Can you create a unique and fun experience for someone? (Offer a round of golf at a private club, give a behind the scenes tour, host a unique sign-up party?) Do you have a special talent that could be used to create an auction item? Popular contributions could be teaching a skill or craft, cooking dinner, baking desserts, offering landscape or design services.
4. Can you donate your valuable time as a volunteer at the fun fest or at the Sausage Dinner? Please prayerfully consider how you might help. The event would not be possible without the unbelievable team of volunteers. Join us to help sell tickets, work at the event, stuff envelopes, help host the fun fest - whatever aligns with your interests and busy schedule! We welcome (and need) your ideas, talents and input. Please contact Cory Settle or the school office to volunteer.

We welcome your new ideas! Please call or shoot an email to...

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**Dinner:** Christy Jones, 806-329-1029, [discoverjones@gmail.com](mailto:discoverjones@gmail.com)

...to talk about ways you can help. Remember to sign up for your volunteer time at the October Home & School meeting and especially that the auction donations deadline is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity - we look forward to your involvement and to a great celebration!