

Thank you for being a part of your child's education...

Activities Sponsored by Home and School:

- Mentor Family Program
- Activities during Open House
- Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- Family Dances
- Activity Nights
- Float in the Foley Fun Days Parade
(winner of "Exceptional Youth Entry"
in 2004 & 2006)
- Items for St. Nick Day
- Dad's, Doughnuts, Dirt & Dodgeball
- Fall Soup and Sandwich (fundraiser)
- Spring Garage Sale (fundraiser)

Ways to Get Involved:

- Attend a Home and School meeting
(held quarterly – watch for details)
- Talk with parents who are involved
- Volunteer (see the school's sheet for
many opportunities)
- Watch for quarterly newsletters and
information posted on the bulletin
board in the school entry



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To learn more about the SJAS Home and School Association, or to get involved, **watch for quarterly newsletters, attend a meeting, or check out the bulletin board, in the school entry.** Current officers of the Home and School are listed with phone numbers and contact information.

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Home and School

What is the SJAS Home and School Association?

The purpose of SJAS Home and School's is to enhance the connection between families and the school. All parents with children enrolled in St. John's Area School and all staff and teachers are part of the SJAS Home and School Association.

Home and School supports various programs and activities through its fundraising activities.

The goals (or objectives) are to:

- a. assist with communication between school and parents
- b. sponsor programs that enhance connections between home and school
- c. enable funding for activities and classroom supplies
- d. aid families and area parishes in sharing the Catholic faith.

St. John's Home and School's Mission is to enhance the connection between families and St. John's Area School for the purpose of enriching the lives of students.

Why your involvement in the school matters...

- Decades of research shows that when parents are involved in their child's education, the students have:
 - Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
 - Better school attendance
 - Increased motivation, better self-esteem
 - Lower rates of suspension
 - Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
 - Fewer instances of violent behavior
- In several studies, family participation in education was *twice* as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status. Some of the more intensive programs had effects that were *10 times* greater than other factors.
- The more intensely parents are involved the more beneficial the achievement effects.
- The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level – in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fundraisers and boosters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers – the better for student achievement.
 - Source: Michigan Dept of Education – What Research Says about Parent Involvement in Children's Education.

Here's What the SJAS Home and School has Helped Support Over the Past Two Years:

- New Hymnals
- School Busing
- Subsidy for Yearbooks (\$700)
- Classroom learning support - \$1,000 divided among each classroom
- Money toward White Board Project
- Technology sponsorship through School Allies (\$1,000 each year)
- Kindergarten Room Rug
- Staff Christmas Gifts
- Can Openers and money toward appliances for Kitchen
- Calculators
- Additional Die cuts (\$500)
- Accelerated Reader books (\$500)
- Scholarship Fund – in collaboration with the school's fund (\$1,000)
- Table linens and skirts
- Donations toward the 6th grade Graduation Party
- Dad's Project - money for playground improvements
- New chairs in the library
- Miscellaneous other items