



St. Dominic SCHOOL

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Dear St. Dominic Parents:

We hope that you and your family have been enjoying our summer weather and time of relaxation! We are writing to all families today regarding our Volunteer/Fundraising Requirements and Fees at our school. As you know, the success of our Catholic school greatly depends upon the support from our school community. As a School Board, we have made a few changes to the requirements for this upcoming school year.

You may not be aware that tuition accounts for less than half the cost of educating a child at St. Dominic School. The remaining costs are paid for via a subsidy from the Parish and from fundraising (shared about equally). There are likely families at the school who can pay the real cost of education, but we also know many are not in that position. Because we aim to provide a Catholic Education to every family locally who desires that for their children, we believe it is important to try to manage tuition costs. Doing so makes fundraising success critical and thus every St. Dominic School family has an obligation to participate.

We know fundraising is hard work and families can and do reach a point of fundraising fatigue. But we also know, because we experienced it ourselves, that working with other families for the benefit of the School is a great blessing. Friends are made, relationships are developed, and generally there is a lot of laughter and fun in the work.

A year ago, the School Board decided to streamline fundraising and going forward we will focus our efforts on three major fundraisers with the Board sharing the workload with school families. Our three major fundraisers will be:

- Our Annual Fund/Grant writing – lead by the Board with Sarah Bowles
- Saint's Night Out – lead by school families, Sarah Bowles, and with Board help
 - Board Members lead the Cool Cash Raffle
 - School Families lead the Gala and Silent/Live Auction efforts
- School Marathon – lead exclusively by school families and Sarah Bowles

This year we will continue with only two fees for each family/student. We will have a family Parent School Association Fee and a Technology Fee. We chose to make the Technology Fee different based on grade level due to the amount of technology that is used by the student in the classroom.

After reviewing the information below, should you have any questions, or if the commitment creates a financial hardship for your family, please contact our Principal, Dawn Biren.

God Bless,

Jennifer Fischer
St. Dominic School Board Chair

The St. Dominic School Board has approved the following Volunteer Requirements, Fundraising Requirements, and Fees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Volunteer Requirement

Each school family is required to volunteer from July 1, 2022-May 31, 2023:

- 15 hours per school year K-8 Families
- 10 hours per school year Preschool/PreKindergarten only families

The following areas will count towards volunteer hours:

- Recess Volunteer
- Lunchroom Volunteer
- Classroom Volunteer
- Take an active role in one of the St. Dominic School's various committees:
 - Parent School Association (PSA)
 - Marathon Committee
 - Saints' Night Out Planning Committee
 - Athletics Committee
 - Enrollment Committee
 - Development Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Facilities Committee

Volunteer hours can be tracked through the online form found on our school website under [Current Parents/Get Involved](#). Your family's TADS account will be billed for any unworked hours as of May 31, 2023. The billed rate is \$20 per hour not worked.

Fundraising Requirement

Fundraisers are an important part of our school budget and in keeping our tuition as low as possible. It is very important that all school families take an active role in our major fundraisers.

Marathon

We lowered the required amount raised at each tier level to make it more attainable for all families. Your family's TADS account will be billed for any amount not raised up to the stated family goal below:

- 1 child - \$200
- 2 children - \$300
- 3+ children - \$350

Saints' Night Out Gala

Each family, Preschool-8th Grade, is required to sell 4 (four) \$50 entrance tickets to the annual gala event. The School Office has a list of parishioners and community members who purchase tickets every year, to make selling easier. Your March 18, 2023.

Fees for the 2022-2023 School Year

For our Parent School Association and Technology budgets, fees help to keep these programs running throughout the school year. This is the major source of income for these two areas.

Parent School Association (PSA)

- \$20 per Preschool-8th Grade Family (will be billed to TADS account in September 2022)

Technology

Fee covers: maintenance of 1:1 devices, classroom SmartBoard operation, internet service, apps, and other educational software.

- \$100 per Preschool and PreKindergarten student
- \$125 per Kindergarten-4th Grade Student
- \$150 per 5th-8th Grade Student

All technology fees will be billed at ½ per semester in September 2022 and February 2023.

Should you have any questions regarding the Volunteer, Fundraising, and Fees for the 2022-2023 school year, or if they create a financial hardship for your family, please contact the School Office at office@schoolofstdominic.org or 507-645-8136.