



SFO Membership Drive!

JOIN the St. Mary School Family Organization!



Saint Mary Catholic Schools

St. Mary Catholic School strives for a united community of **academic excellence** and **stewardship** by **embracing the Gospel** and carrying the **light of Christ**.

This Year's **SFO Membership Drive** will be held August 18-September 18, 2009. We need your participation to help us reach our goal for the 2009-2010 school year of reaching 100% membership status. All parents or guardians who have children or who have had children at St. Mary Catholic School and all faculty members are members of the organization. **Simply complete the attached SFO Membership Information and return to St. Mary School by September 18th**. The class with the most returned Membership Forms will receive a special local surprise! By reaching this goal, we will set a great standard for students and families in support of St. Mary Catholic Schools. (*A \$5.00 donation is appreciated, but not required to support SFO stewardship activities*).

Our SFO is committed to providing support and enrichment to the St. Mary school community through the many programs it sponsors and supports. ***We are families helping families...Helping Hands!*** Any money we raise allows us to provide services, sponsor events and purchase items not ordinarily provided through our school funds.

Purpose of the SFO! To aid with voluntary services and special revenue support activities. To provide a vehicle of communication between Parents, School Faculty, Education Advisory Committee (EAC), St. Mary Catholic Committees, and the Catholic Community. To promote programs of information and education for the benefit of Students and Families. To promote spiritual and social activities for Students, Families and Faculty.

Our Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year as an SFO are:

1. To positively promote the SFO as an active organization at SMCS!
2. To develop our SFO into an efficient organization.
3. To provide meaningful activities and events for our SMCS families of the past, of the present and of the future!

Committee Purpose & Chairs: *Please prayerfully consider which servant-role would fit your family best!*

Informational Educational Committee:

Purpose: Maintain a flow of information to the public.

Chair: Jenn & Mike Reecy

Spiritual Committee:

Purpose: Adult & Parent Education

Chair: *Would You Join Us?*

Cardinal "Tailfeathers" Committee:

Purpose: General Support of SMCS/SFO.

Chair: *Would You Join Us?*

Membership Drive Committee:

Purpose: Manages Membership Goals

Chair: Rachel & Lucas Penning

Social Committee "Helping Hands":

Purpose: Manages Volunteers for Various

Chair: Jeannine Park & JoAnn Beck

SFO General Meetings:

Meetings are held at **6 pm** in the St. Mary Grade School, Mr. DeJong's office, generally the **Third** Wednesday of the month. At these meetings we discuss current school issues, listen to committee reports, and vote on SFO expenditures. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. **Some** meetings are held virtually over email correspondence.

There will be additional enrollment materials in the office and opportunities to enroll at various St. Mary activities. Your gift to our faith ~ our legacy, is an opportunity to leave a Catholic legacy for generations to come. Please consider actively joining the St. Mary SFO today!

We are building a T.E.A.M.! Together Everyone Achieves More! Won't you join us?

Join Us!

Our volunteer organization of parents, educators and supporters are dedicated to providing the best possible education experience for the students at St. Mary Catholic Schools!
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Please complete this form and return it to the school with your dues by **Friday, September 18th!**
A \$5.00 Family Donation is being accepted to further support SFO Stewardship Goals.

Parent/Guardian Names:

SFO Family Information:

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Street Address:

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Primary Email Address:

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Please print clearly. Your email address is very important.

Email is the primary form of communication used by the SFO to deliver newsletters, event updates, meeting reminders, etc. To its members. If you have a spam filter, please be sure to add St. Mary SFO to your accepted address list.

What You Do Matters:

Did you know that parents have a significant effect on their children’s education? It’s true. Good education isn’t just about teachers and school—what you do as a parent really counts.
There have been hundreds of research studies on parents and school, and they all show the same thing: When parents get involved in their children’s education, good things happen. Among them: Grades go up, Test scores rise, Behavior improves. Plus, children with involved parents are more likely to pass their classes, graduate and further their education after high school. And when lots of parents get involved, it helps teachers and the school as a whole.

SFO Skills and Talent:

Please check all the skills and talents you and/or your spouse have and would be willing to share.

- Photography Arts & Crafts Event Planning
- Public Relations Insurance Sewing
- Carpentry Legal Matters Cooking
- Marketing Videographer Desktop Publishing
- Music Writing Disc Jockey (DJ)
- Website Maintenance Multimedia Presentations

What other skills, talents, hobbies, interests, or occupation are you willing to share with the SFO?

Your Availability:

I am available as follows (please check all that apply):

- I can volunteer my time during the day.
- I can volunteer my time during the evening.
- I cannot volunteer at this time. Please do not call me.

Do you have access to sources that would contribute funding to the specific needs of the St. Mary SFO?

Yes No

New Ideas!

Do you have any ideas for programs, activities, or events that the SFO should consider, or any ideas to make the existing activities better?

SFO Volunteer Opportunities:

Please check any committees or activities for which you would like to help the St. Mary SFO. We need help to plan activities, to put the event together, and to help on the day or night of the event. If you volunteer, the SFO will contact you to discuss how you would like to help and to answer any questions you might have. Options are always open!

- Informational Educational Committee
- Membership Drive Committee
- Spiritual Committee
- Social Committee
- Cardinal “Tailfeathers” Committee