

St. Joseph Home and School Association
340 Manor Avenue
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Dear Parents,

The Home and School Association extends a warm welcome to all of the new school families, and we welcome back our returning friends to another exciting, activity-filled school year.

Thanks to your ongoing commitment to the Home and School Association, here are just a few of the things we were able to provide over the summer to prepare for this school year:

- Installed a new intercom and phone system throughout the school and in each classroom
- Four new classroom projectors this September, with at least three more planned by year-end
- “Responsive Classrooms” program and materials for each faculty member to use in her homeroom
- School Directory
- Contributing to the purchase of a new gym floor covering

We have also been busy planning many fun and enriching activities for the upcoming year. Some are new, and of course we look forward to our returning favorite events too. There are even a few things that are coming up right around the corner!

The first thing we are excited about is our **Walk-a-Thon** to be held on October 16. We will be “Walking for Smart Boards and Technology”. It is our desire to equip each classroom with Smart Board technology to enhance the learning process on a regular basis. You will hear more about this technology and the Walk-a-Thon in the upcoming days. We thank you in advance for your support of this exciting endeavor!

Of course, it is because of your generous gift of time and the support of our activities and fundraisers that we are able to provide so much for our children and the school. You will find in this week’s communication envelope the HSA Volunteer Sign Up Form. Please take a few moments to consider what you would like to get involved in this year. We realize that everyone is busier than ever, and we appreciate your time and talent. It is largely because of the generous spirit of volunteerism here at St. Joseph School that what we accomplish is even possible. We love to see new faces!

Finally, I will be sending out weekly email updates throughout the year. If you are not currently on the distribution list and would like to be added, please send your email address to me at cadelaney@verizon.net. If you have received the summer email updates, you are already on the list, and do not need to send it again. The first update for this school year will go out this week.

Finally, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members with any questions, ideas or suggestions. We love to hear from you!

As always, thank you in advance for your support of all of the HSA events throughout the year. Everything we do is to make your child's school experience the best it can be.

Here’s to a great year,

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HSA President

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