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## St. Ignatius Home and School Association December 2017

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Dear St. Ignatius Parents,

Happy Holidays to you! It's hard to believe we have already arrived at this very special time of year. The HSA has been supporting the needs of our community and our school during this busy time of the year. The following are just a few of the highlights of all the amazing work our committees have been doing.

In November, we supported our community health partners, St. Alphonsus by donating and decorating a tree for their annual Festival of Trees Fundraiser. Thank you to Dawn DeWhirst and team for leading us to a 1<sup>st</sup> place victory in our division for our Winter Candyland themed tree!

Jen Spanenberg and Sarah Doering led the school in partnering with St. Vincent de Paul for our Thanksgiving community outreach program. The students worked together to fill 19 Thanksgiving dinner boxes for members of our community in need. In addition, our children pooled their money together and raised \$1300 for additional food needs for the hungry! What an outstanding and heartfelt accomplishment by our generous students! It was determined the best use of that money would be to purchase Christmas Dinners for St. Vincent de Paul. With those funds we were able to fill and donate 25 Christmas Dinner Boxes! A special thank you to Sarah Clayton for coordinating that effort. Our school community is nothing short of amazing!

In addition to nourishing our community through food this past month we also supported our parish with their annual Giving Tree project. So many of the children who are recipients of the Giving Tree receive only the clothing they request and don't receive any of the other pleasures we take for granted under the tree. During the first two weeks of December we held a book drive with the goal of receiving enough books that each recipient of the parish Giving Tree would also receive a new book donated by a St. Ignatius student. The book drive was a resounding success and St. Vincent de Paul was once again deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of our students.

We have so many ways to give of ourselves, the aforementioned being just a few. One of the greatest gifts to give is that of time and talent. I want to sincerely thank the HSA Board, all of our Committee Chairs and all of the countless volunteers who have given so much of themselves to make these projects and the HSA a reality, thank you.

### \*\*\*\* Volunteer Fair \*\*\*\*

Running short on your Family Participation Hours?? Looking for a deeper connection to the St. Ignatius Community?? Curious about how to get involved with the school??

Join us at the Volunteer Fair on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Feel free to stop in anytime to enjoy a glass of wine and learn more about our volunteer opportunities. You can even sign up on the spot to fulfill your Family Participation Hours. If you are wondering how to get involved then this event is for you!!

Thank you again, to all those who have supported our HSA in 2018; your work is so appreciated and invaluable. I wish everyone a bright and blessed Christmas!

Hillary Smith

St. Ignatius HSA President

Looking ahead...be sure to check the school website for all the latest news and events.

Coffee Hour  
Parish Dining  
Room  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-10:00am

Volunteer Fair  
January 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-8:00pm

Ignite the Night  
Dinner & Auction  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:15pm

January Family  
Night Out  
Chipotle  
Date: TBD

Coffee Hour  
Parish Dining Room  
February 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30-10:00am

HSA General  
Meeting  
February 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm

Hallsiey  
Basketball  
Tournament  
February 16-18



Please join us for the second annual

## St. Ignatius Fundraiser Dinner & Auction

*Live, Silent & Dessert Auctions*

**Saturday, February 3rd, 2018**

**6:15pm at St. Ignatius School**

Don't delay, register today as this event sold out last year!

2 Registration Options:

1. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/ignatiuscs>
2. Register after Mass on January 6th & 7th

*Can't Attend? Donate Online!*

★ Semi-formal Attire ★ \$75 per person ★ \$1000 Premier Tables ★

*Invitations donated by Prairie Medical*

The following is a list of the standing HSA Committees which have been organized to support the mission and purpose of our Home and School Association.

### Fundraising Committees

- Dinner and Auction
- Fall Festival
- Spring Art Soiree
- Youth FUNdraiser

### Standing Committees

- Uniform Exchange
- Sports/Tournaments
- Welcoming/Hospitality
- Community Garden
- Festival of Trees
- Room Parent Coordinators
- Service Project Coordinators

The HSA is open to all parents/guardians of enrolled students at St. Ignatius School. Please note that membership is automatic and there are no fees or dues to be an active member. We seek family volunteers to share their creative ideas, talents and time to support the execution of HSA events and programs.

Your 2017-2018 HSA Officers are as follows:

President: Hillary Smith - hillarysmith111@gmail.com  
President Elect: Amy Eisele - aeisele@bk.org  
Vice President: Adrianna Ruplinger - adriup@yahoo.com  
Secretary: Audrey Bernhard - audreyleah79@yahoo.com  
Treasurer: Matt Parish - parishpga@msn.com  
Fundraising Coordinator - malcolm@simplymajic.com  
Volunteer Coordinator - randcmarcotte@aol.com

HSA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, August-June, from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the School Commons. Each meeting will consist of general HSA updates, standing committee updates, budget review, recap of recently completed events and a review of upcoming events. All members are invited to attend. If you are interested in becoming further involved with the HSA contact any one of the current officers.

### Interested in volunteering with the HSA??

For all of the latest volunteer opportunities or to log your volunteer hours please visit the HSA volunteer webpage at <http://signup.com/go/uIVzNE>. Questions about volunteering? Please contact the HSA Volunteer Coordinator, Cindi Marcotte, at [volunteer@stignatiusmeridian.org](mailto:volunteer@stignatiusmeridian.org).

