



St. Ignatius Home and School Association

February 2018

Dear St. Ignatius Parents,

Phew, what a busy few weeks your Home and School Association has had! Most recently the HSA was elbow deep supporting all of the fun, faith based activities of Catholic Schools Week. We hosted a delicious Family Night out at Chipotle in Meridian where we raised over \$250! We also celebrated our teachers during Catholic Schools Week, providing them with breakfast sponsored by our Pre-K families, lunch catered by Good Wood BBQ, and fun treats and surprises throughout the day including a coffee of their choice in the morning and custom St. Ignatius cookies in the afternoon. The week culminated in our 2nd annual dinner and auction, *Ignite the Night*. The event was a resounding success! Many thanks to all those who joined in celebrating our community and supporting our school. Thank you also, to the hundreds of donors, volunteers and committee chairs who contributed so much of their time and talent. Every single volunteer and donor made a difference in making the night the outstanding evening it was. Most importantly I want to acknowledge and thank our event co-chairs for the tremendous amount of time and energy they poured into *Ignite the Night*. Their dedication, persistence and resilience are truly remarkable and for them both I am extremely grateful. Our greatest thanks, are reserved for our event co-chairs, Mary Adcox and Audrey Dalley, both of whom made all the difference. Please look for more details in the March HSA Newsletter on how much we raised!

St. Augustine said “God provides the wind, but man must raise the sails”. Every year in March the HSA will hold nominations for the elected HSA Board offices that will be vacated for the following school year. This year, we will be accepting nominations for the offices of President-elect and Secretary. In March, every family will receive a solicitation for nominations. Families may self-nominate or designate other nominees. The incoming HSA President will also appoint a Volunteer Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator both of whom will be officers of the Board. I bring this up now so that every family has time to prayerfully consider what role they want to play in supporting our school and community in the next school year. The HSA plays a fundamental part in both your experience as a parent at St. Ignatius as well as that of your children. We depend on the leadership and commitment of passionate parents who want to raise their sails and make a difference in our school and community as an officer of the HSA.

If you are considering taking on such a role with the Association next school year, I strongly encourage you attend our February general meeting which will be held on Tuesday February 13th in the School Commons at 7:00pm. As always, all are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

If you are curious to know more about the upcoming HSA officer vacancies or if you are interested in discovering other ways to get involved with the HSA and to deepen your connections to the St. Ignatius community, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the HSA Officers. We are here to help!

God Bless,
Hillary Smith
St. Ignatius HSA President
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Looking ahead...be sure to check the school website for all the latest news and events.

HSA General Meeting

**February 13th
7:00pm**

Steelheads School Night Out

**February 17th
7:00pm**

Coffee Hour Parish Dining Room

**March 1st
8:30am**

Steelheads School Night Out

**March 10th
7:00pm**

HSA General Meeting

**March 13th
7:00pm**

HSA Board Nomination Forms Distributed

March 14th

**Spring Soiree
*School Art Event***

**April 14th
6:30-8:30pm**

St. Ignatius HSA

Get Involved!

Make a Difference!



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Holy Apostles

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
- Spring Art Soiree
- Fall Festival
- Youth FUNdraiser

Standing Committees

- Uniform Exchange
- Welcoming/Hospitality
- Festival of Trees
- Sports/Tournaments
- Community Garden
- 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.

