

# ST. ROBERT HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Dear new St. Robert Parents,

Welcome to St. Robert School! We are honored that you have chosen our school and we look forward to meeting you and working with you.

A key component of our success at St. Robert is parental involvement. We are very proud of our Home & School Association and all the parents who contribute their time and talents to our school. The objectives of our Home & School Association include:

- Raising funds that directly benefit the school
- Coordinating communication between the families and the school
- Providing social, enrichment, and service opportunities for our students and families
- Fostering community relations within the school, parish, and community

The Home & School Association plays a vital role in supporting the initiatives of the school. During the past year we raised over \$170,000. With our funds, we contributed directly to the school operating budget which helps to offset the cost of tuition. We have also purchased a new SmartBoard, funded text books and are planning the purchase of new computers for the Media Center.

In order to fulfill our objectives, we ask each parent to volunteer their time in two different areas.

- Each parent chooses from one of our two major fundraisers: the Rummage Sale or the Emerald Auction **plus** one other event or activity.
- For families who are not able to volunteer their time, there is an option to pay a \$250 per parent “volunteer buy-out fee”.

Please review the **Event & Committee Descriptions** carefully. There are many ways to be involved and contribute your time and talents. Also, note the availability requirements for each activity before you make your selections. For a convenient summary of your options, refer to the **“Quick Pick”** sheet on the back of this letter.

As you are making your selections, you will see that some activities are classified as “Student Contact Assignments”. The Archdiocese requires completion of a short *Volunteer Certification Process* for any volunteer who interacts regularly with minors. Only volunteers who have completed this process prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered for these activities. You can begin the certification process by registering to attend a Safe Environment Education (SEE) session at [www.archmil.org/events](http://www.archmil.org/events).

Please complete all 3 pages of the enclosed **Volunteer Preference Form** and return to the school office no later than **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We ask that you rank your second choice preferences, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Parental involvement is crucial to our success! This is a great way to be involved in your child’s school experience and the St. Robert School community. Please contact me or Susan Joy, VP-Volunteers, at 763-0002 or [soozn@wi.rr.cm](mailto:soozn@wi.rr.cm) with any questions about the volunteer program.

Sincerely,

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