

Fundraising and Volunteer expectations for 2010 – 2011 (new policy)

Our school thrives, grows and develops community based on the parental commitment to share their blessings of time, talent, and treasure. St. Mary's Christian School continues to be accessible and affordable because families are willing and able to help out in a variety of ways.

We have established a set of fundraising and volunteer expectations that we ask all families to fulfill.

The St. Mary's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) sponsors a major fundraiser, generally in the fall of the academic year. Each family is required to either sell 10 Christmas wreaths; **or**, make a donation of \$100 to the PTA. You can choose to be automatically billed.

Over the course of the calendar year (August 1 – July 31), each family is asked to share 10 hours of time and talent in conjunction with the PTA. This can be accomplished in a number of ways (Your Family Handbook will have a list of examples.); including both at the school and parish levels. Family members who volunteer include grandparents, older siblings (18 years or older), and, extended family members. Each month, a tracking sheet, will be sent home for record keeping purposes. We will collect the logs on a quarterly basis on the last business day of the following months: October, January, April, and June.

St. Mary's Christian School's major fundraiser is the annual auction; generally held in the winter or early spring. Each family is expected to either procure new merchandise; services; or, construct a basket, valued at a minimum of \$100. In lieu of this requirement, you may choose to donate \$100 to the school or be automatically billed.

Additionally, each family is expected to purchase two tickets and attend the auction; **or**, sell/purchase four tickets, if not planning to attend. For 2010, the ticket was priced at \$40.

Finally, in support of the auction (for example, serving on a committee) each family is asked to give four hours of volunteer time and talent.

To **recap**, as part of the overall commitment to building community and developing *best stewardship practices* at St. Mary's Christian School, the following benchmarks are in place:

-PTA: sell a minimum of 10 wreaths or donate \$100; 10 hours of commitment time;
-Auction: minimum of \$100 in procurement; purchase 2 tickets and attend the auction; or, sell/purchase 4 tickets in lieu of attendance; and, work 4 hours minimum in support of the auction.

Other fund raising opportunities are available. You can also participate in the following:

Annual Fund Raising Event

The Annual Fund Raising Event takes place each fall with the specific goal of raising donations to supplement the school operating funds. Entry is by individual ticket. There are a variety of ways in which to participate in this event.

Albertson's Community Partners

Receive a Community Partners card that donates a percentage of your purchases back to the School at no cost to you.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Collect labels from Campbell's Soup and related products which can be redeemed for equipment. Bring labels to the School.

Box Tops for Education

Collect Box Tops for Education coupons which can be found on General Mills products. Coupons are redeemed for cash. Bring coupons to the School.

Office Depot Cash Back for Schools

Each time you shop at Office Depot, designate St. Mary's as your school of choice. Qualifying purchases earn a donation to our School. Ask for our School number.

Recycled Printer Ink Cartridges

Collect empty computer ink cartridges and toner cartridges, which are accepted for this recycling program. Help the environment by keeping these items out of the landfill, and, earn cash for your School. Bring empty cartridges to the School.