



May 2018

Welcome new families and welcome back to our registered returning families!

The **St. Madeleine Sophie Parents' Club** is your local Home and School organization (similar to a Parent Association or PTA). Our primary function is to provide support to the school through organized volunteerism and to promote a strong partnership between parents and the school. We need YOU to join us in this effort. Look for our occasional newsletters and periodic sign up information. Our goal is to focus parent energy on specific events to encourage broad parent participation. Here are some important Highlights:

School Event Champions

Based on continued success, we are continuing with the by-grade model for organizing major school events. Each grade will champion certain events through the year, and it is each family's responsibility to help in some way for their child's grade assigned event.

PK & K: Christmas/St. Nick Program

1st: Mardi Gras Party

2nd & 3rd: Catholic Schools Week and Grand-friends' Day

4th: Back to School BBQ

5th & 6th: June Field Day

7th: Graduation

8th: Move-a-thon

Sign-Up Genius On-Line Volunteer Sign-up Forms

Parents and guardians will be invited to sign up for various volunteer opportunities using a web-based system throughout the year as events approach. For two years now we have successfully used "Sign-up Genius" for many volunteer activities such as recess and lunch duty. If you are a new family, initially you will sign up for an account (painless) and then you will receive occasional notices to sign up for volunteer opportunities that suit your interests and availability.

Seraph Parents' Club Operating Fund

To better manage Parent-Club supported events and activities, \$35 per family for the school year is collected for the Parent Club Operating Fund. As in past years, your generous contribution will continue to primarily go toward the funding for Field Day, hospitality for events such as Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast, Mardi Gras Party and other parents' club events. Primarily, the Parent Club sponsors Faculty Appreciation Week which includes catering throughout the week, a small present as well as a \$50 gift card to each school staff member on behalf of all school families. All of this will be covered by your family's \$35. These funds, along with every dollar...every penny...we raise is important and will benefit our children and the school. You will be sent an envelope with your first Thursday packet your child brings home this school year. We will also have envelopes available at the Back-to-School barbecue on August 29th. Thank you and we look forward to working with you this year!