

St. Mary Parent Partnership Association

September 6, 2016

Dear St. Mary School Parents,

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed spending time with your family. We want to take this opportunity to give you an overview of the Parent Partnership Association's (PPA) plans for the upcoming school year.

Our first and primary goal will be to raise funds to pay the \$25,000 assessment which is our obligation to the Catholic School Region of Dutchess. In order to help us reach this goal, each family at St. Mary School is expected to join the PPA and pay an annual membership fee of \$25.

In addition to fundraising, the PPA provides informative assemblies, fun events, and supplies/equipment for the students. We would like to tell you a little bit about the fundraising events and social activities that will be taking place this fall.

On Friday, September 9, Father Joe will be blessing the Buddy Benches that we purchased for the school. We will be restocking the bins in the school yard with sports equipment. Additionally, we have purchased the homework planners for the students. We are also looking forward to seeing the students utilize the updated science laboratory that is now equipped with a new sink, lab tables and chairs due to our fundraising efforts last year.

On Sunday, September 18, we will be kicking off the school year with a Family Picnic at Geering Park (Fishkill), from 2-5 PM. Please consider joining us!

On Friday, October 7, we will have a Uniform Exchange so that we can get ready for winter uniforms in November. We will be sponsoring several assemblies for the student body. The children always look forward to Spooky Bingo which will take place on Friday, October 19.

In November we will be having two major fundraising events:

- 1- The Craft Fair Kitchen - Saturday, November 5
- 2- The Doll's Tea Party - Sunday, November 6.

The PPA cannot be successful without your support. You will be getting more specific information about these events in the future, and we ask that you please volunteer your time. We are looking forward to working with you throughout the 2016-2017 school year!

Sincerely,

Deirdre Primrose, President

Tara Piotrowski, Vice President

Kevin McCarthy, Treasurer

Maureen Gilmartin, Corresponding Secretary

Beth Raynor, Recording Secretary