

## **St. Sebastian Home & School** **Mission Statement**

St. Sebastian Home and School is an association of parents and staff who work together to build and maintain education, social connections, appreciation, fundraising and communication. Home & School is committed to supporting the integration of Christian values between home and the academic life of all students. Recognizing that the family is central in a child's life, Home & School encourages and facilitates family-to-family peer support and communication. The Home & School Association is a vital and active part of St. Sebastian's School.

### **Membership**

Membership in Home & School is open to each school family. There is a small fee required with registration. .

### **Committee**

The Executive Board currently is comprised of a: Chair, School Principal, Treasurer, Secretary, Faculty Representative, Grade Liaisons and Chairs of the following committees:

- Time and Talent
- Fun and Fellowship
- Loaves and Fishes
- Fish Fry
- Faith and Academics

### **Functions**

#### **Fundraising**

Home & School is the primary fundraising body for the school. There are major fundraising programs sponsored by Home & School, i.e. fish fries, magazine sales, Market Day, Book Fairs, etc. In addition participation in other vendor sponsored fundraising is encouraged i.e. General Mills Box Tops, Target, Golden Guernsey milk caps, etc. The association projects revenues and will declare a specific amount to be turned over to the parish on a yearly basis.

#### **Communication**

Home & School provides information to parents through Mandatory All Parent Meetings, Association meetings and newsletters. Association meetings are held monthly through the academic year. Meetings are open to all. The Buzz Book is produced by Home & School and made available to all families. It is a school resource book and a phone directory. Parents serve as Grade Liaisons who provide the much needed communication link between Home & School and the parents of the students in the grade they represent.

#### **Collaboration**

Home & School promotes cooperation between and representation at organizations working for the advancement and appreciation of Christian education.

#### **Fellowship**

Home & School promotes fellowship through special events and programs such as parent coffees, pancake breakfast, Grandparents' Day, and High Interest Day. Home & School provides an opportunity for parents to share their time and talent and coordinates volunteer efforts. Home & School sponsors a Grandparents Day Program. Home & School provides cards/flowers/memorials to staff and families as the need arises.

## **Appreciation and Recognition**

Home & School is the vehicle for teacher and staff recognition and appreciation. Staff birthdays are recognized, staff appreciation luncheons and dinners are provided, and staff gifting is coordinated.

## **Faith and Academics**

Home & School promotes the spiritual as well as the academic development of St. Sebastian students through many events. The events planned by Home & School are designed to compliment the “formal education” found in the classroom. Examples are:

Readers are Leaders: Home & School encourages and rewards our student’s efforts to improve their reading skills.

Home & School funds the Accelerated Reader computerized program toward this end.

Lunch Bunch: Volunteers provide alternative recess activities during the winter months.

Honor Reception: Home & School holds a reception to honor the middle school students who have achieved honors and high honors

Character Education: Home & School plans and promotes activities, which enrich the School Covenant.

High Interest Day: Each spring High Interest Day is held at St. Sebastian sponsored by Home & School. It is a daylong event filled with different and unique learning experiences. Volunteers teach and facilitate classes in the arts, crafts, sports cooking, etc. Students in the 4K and 5K also participate in a half-day version of High Interest Day.