

# St. Mary's Catholic School Parent Teacher Organization (SMCS PTO)

## MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen and support our school through fundraising and volunteering.

## VISION

Our vision is to support and enhance our children's educational, social and developmental experience, and help build a vigorous school community.

## VALUES

- ❖ We are an all-volunteer, parent-run, nonprofit organization, auxiliary to SMCS
- ❖ We are committed to help build a school community that encourages fellowship and a positive school environment for all families
- ❖ We believe that every person who plays a central role in the well-being and development of our children should play an active role in SMCS PTO
- ❖ We provide an open, courteous and respectful forum of communication for issues that impact our children, our teachers and our school community
- ❖ We raise funds in order to support the school financially, through an annual pledge, as well as funding ad hoc needs outside the school budget, for the school, students and teachers
- ❖ We believe supporting the school staff is a vital aspect of enhancing our children's learning environment. We show appreciation for school staff during the holidays and other special occasions, such as Catholic Schools Week
- ❖ We generate opportunities for school families to enjoy a greater connection to the school, and build friendships with other school families
- ❖ We are grateful to the community beyond the school, including the parishioners of St Mary's Catholic Church, local families and businesses, for their generous and ongoing support of the school

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### GETTING INVOLVED

We need your help! Getting involved in your school community is a great way to show your children that you take an interest in their education. Your participation and support is vital in creating a positive school environment, and nurturing a sense of community. There are many ways for every parent or guardian to participate, whether it is attending meetings, volunteering time or talents, or making a donation. We invite you to join us!

A few examples of how you can get involved:

- ❖ Attend monthly PTO meetings
- ❖ Volunteer to be a PTO officer or committee member
- ❖ Volunteer to coordinate or assist with a PTO fundraising event or activity
- ❖ Attend or make a donation for a PTO fundraising event or activity
- ❖ Volunteer to be a classroom parent, or help with a classroom activity
- ❖ Volunteer your talents to assist the school
- ❖ Volunteer to help with recess duty or morning check-in

Adopted by vote at SMCS Meeting February 2, 2021.

PTO Executive Committee Members as at February 2, 2021:

President: Maranda Lee

Vice-President: Victoria Schilling

Secretary: Christiane Hubbard

Treasurer: Beth Coate