

## St. Michael Catholic School - Home & School Association 2023-2024 Family Point System

In an effort to keep down the cost of tuition, SMCS and the Home & School Association have implemented the family point system to subsidize necessary costs of running our school. Families have the option of either participating in fundraisers to subsidize their full cost of tuition, or opting out of the family point system and paying the full tuition amount. As part of the HSA point system, any required fundraiser working points or selling dollars not earned become tuition owed.

Below is an estimate of our HSA Fundraising Program for 2023-24. Exact working points and selling dollars will be determined over the summer and presented prior to the beginning of school, but each family is required to work 4-6 working shifts each semester, and raise approximately \$600 each semester.

HSA is responsible for conducting the school fundraisers, as well as several family events and activities. Of the profits made from HSA fundraisers, \$120,000 is distributed to SMCS in monthly payments to the school for operations, \$15,000 underwrites the cost of the sports programs offered by the school, and an additional \$16,000 is raised to cover operating expenses such as teacher and staff bonuses, Splashway field trip, family events, and general operating expenses. If funds are raised in excess of HSA's required goals, these funds are turned over to the school as additional operating funds at the end of the school year.

### Fall Events:

Month	Activity	Working Points	Selling Dollar Value
August/September	Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough	4	\$6-8/item sold
October	Night on the Town (NOTT)	96	\$10/ticket
October-December	Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets	0	\$5/ticket (extra will roll over to Spring)

### Spring Events:

Month	Activity	Working Points	Selling Dollar Value
January	Catholic Schools Week Chicken Strip Dinner -Drive Thru	0- (Community Service Project)	\$6/ticket
February	Boozy Bingo	27	\$15/ticket
March	Track Meet	131	0
March	Crawfish Boil	56	\$10/ticket
April	Little Caesar's Pizza	4	\$6/item sold
May	Golf Tournament	42	0
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## **HSA Family Point System Notes:**

**New families:** Each new SMCS family will be assigned an HSA board member as a mentor for their first year. There are generally lots of questions about the fundraisers and the point system, so each family is given a point of contact for the year. All families, new and existing, are welcome to contact an HSA board member at any time for questions.

### **Working Points:**

- For any working points not earned, families must pay \$120/point not earned.
- If your shift occurs during an event that requires a ticket or fee/admission for entry, you must purchase a ticket before working the event.
- To receive or donate points, you need to clearly print the family name you are working for on the sign-in sheet at the event.

### **Selling Dollars:**

- Selling dollar value amounts are noted in each of the previous graphs for each fundraiser, and will also be noted for each fundraiser when the information is sent home with students.
- For any selling dollars not earned, families must pay the difference between the amount required and what they earned.

### **Fundraising Event Descriptions:**

- Little Caesars Pizza & Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough - the school receives funds for each item sold.
- Night on the Town (NOTT) - This event is an annual SMCS tradition with appetizers, dinner, open bar, and dance. Profit is made through table and event sponsorships, silent auction, games, and ticket sales. The more people we have in attendance, the greater profit potential.
- Catholic Life Sweepstakes - Greatest profit percentage with little expense. All profit goes to SMCS.
- January Drive-thru Meal - This is an event to celebrate and kick off Catholic Schools Week. This event is considered a service project by the families of SMCS, so no working points are offered. Selling points will be offered as an opportunity to meet your spring goal.
- Boozy Bingo - This fun event consists of playing various bingo games, with most prizes being alcohol.
- Track Meet - Our profit from this event ranges from \$5,000-\$7,000 with the blessing of cooperating weather. This event requires the greatest number of workers. It has always received outstanding publicity from other schools as we serve the children in our diocese and area. You must pay the admission fee.
- Crawfish Boil - This event is an important fundraiser for the Spring. It offers appetizers, crawfish and sides, and also includes an alternative meal with an open bar, silent auction, and games..
- Golf Tournament - all funds raised cover the costs of running the sports and athletic programs at SMCS. This amount is in addition to the \$120,000 raised through other fundraisers.

The number of fundraising events has lessened over the past couple of years. HSA's goal is to build on existing events that are very successful, and eliminate small fundraisers that require lots of manpower for smaller profits.

Sincerely,  
SMCS Home & School Association (HSA)