

St. Michael Catholic School - Home & School Association 2024-2025 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 costs of running our school. Families have the option of 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 the HSA Fundraising Program for 2024-25. Exact working points and selling dollars will be determined and presented prior to the beginning of school after final enrollment numbers are released. On average, families will work 4-6 working shifts and raise approximately \$600 in selling dollars 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, \$144,000 is distributed to SMCS in monthly payments to the school for operations. Additionally, \$28,000 underwrites the cost of the sports programs offered by the school, and an additional \$18,000 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.

Summer/Fall Events:

Month	Activity	Working Points	Selling Dollar Value
May 2024	Golf Tournament -Sports Program	40	-
Summer	Gun Raffle tickets	-	\$15/ticket
June/July	Ammansville and Dubina Picnics	75	\$5/cake
October	Night on the Town (NOTT)	125	\$10/ticket
October-December	Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets	0	\$5/ticket (<i>extra rolls over to Spring</i>)

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	25	\$15/ticket
March	Track Meet	140	0
March/April	Crawfish Boil	55	\$10/ticket
May	Gedenke	6	0

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 \$135/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 points, you need to clearly print your family name 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:

- SMCS Gun Raffle - tickets are distributed at the end of the school year for families to sell during the summer. Drawing for prizes is at Night on the Town.
- Church Picnics - in even years, HSA runs the cake walk for Ammansville Picnic, and several games and activities at the Dubina Picnic. (Odd years Washington DC Trip runs these activities) There are also 25 working shifts assisting with the meal at Dubina annually.
- 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 - This major sporting 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 gumbo 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 funds raised through other fundraisers.