

**Thank you for being a part of  
your child's education!**

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### Activities Sponsored by Faith & Family Fun:

- Mentor Family Program
- Activities during Open House
- Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- Family Dances
- Activity Nights
- Float in the Foley Fun Days Parade
- Items for St. Nick Day
- Dad's, Doughnuts, Dirt & Dodgeball
- Soup Fest fundraiser
- Spring Garage Sale fundraiser

### Ways to Get Involved:

- Attend a Faith & Family Fun meeting (held quarterly-watch for details)
- Talk with parents who are involved
- Volunteer (see the school's sheet for many opportunities)
- Watch for newsletters and information posted on the bulletin board in the school entry



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To learn more about the SJAS Faith & Family Fun Association or to get involved, **watch for newsletters, attend a meeting, or check out the bulletin board in the school entry.**

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# Faith & Family Fun!

## What is the SJAS Faith & Family Fun Association?

The purpose of the SJAS Faith & Family Fun Association is to enhance the connection between families and the school. All parents with children in St. John's Area School, staff and teachers are part of the SJAS Faith & Family Fun Association.

Faith & Family Fun supports various programs and activities through its fundraising.

The goals (or objectives) are to:

- a) Assist with communication between school and parents.
- b) Sponsor programs that enhance connections between home and school.
- c) Enable funding for activities and classroom supplies.
- d) Aid families and area parishes in sharing the Catholic faith.

***SJAS Faith & Family Fun's Mission is to enhance the connection between families and St. John's Area School for the purpose of enriching the lives of students.***

## Why your involvement in the school matters!

- ⇒ Decades of research shows that when parents are involved in their child's education, the students have:
- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
  - Better school attendance
  - Increased motivation, better self-esteem
  - Lower rates of suspension
  - Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
  - Fewer instances of violent behavior

- ⇒ In several studies, family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status. Some of the more intensive programs had effects that were 10 times greater than other factors.

- ⇒ The more intensely parents are involved the more beneficial the achievement effects.

- ⇒ The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level—in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fundraisers and boosters, as volunteers and paraprofessionals, and as home teachers—the better for student achievement.

◆ Source: Michigan Dept of Education—What Research Says about Parent Involvement in Children's Education

## Here's What SJAS Faith & Family Fun has helped support over the past two years:

- School busing for field trips
- Classroom learning support—\$1,000 divided among each classroom
- Technology sponsorship through School Allies (\$1,000 each year)
- Can openers and money toward appliances for kitchen
- Calculators
- Additional die cuts (\$500)
- Accelerated Reader books (\$500)
- Scholarship Fund—in collaboration with the school's fund (\$1,000)
- Table linens and skirts
- Donations toward the 6th grade Graduation Party
- Dad's Project—money for playground improvements
- Family Dance—Catholic Schools Week
- Activity nights
- Miscellaneous other items