## Hello St. Mary School Families!

As we are off on another exciting school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of community/family involvement in strengthening our school. We need YOU to make our school the best it can be! The current handbook says part of a parent's role is, "Attending and participating in school functions and volunteering to help with school related activities" (Parents' Roles in Education, pg. 11). There are so many fun ways to get involved!

We are reaching out to encourage each family to donate a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time throughout the school year. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of our students and contributes to the vibrant community we cherish at St. Mary.

Whether you can assist at the front desk, help with events, serve on boards or committees, coach athletics, or share your talents in other ways, no matter your skills or schedule, there's a perfect spot for you to make a difference.

To help each family reach the 10 hour goal, we are asking that you keep a record of your hours in FACTS Family Portal:

- 1. Login to Facts Family Portal
- 2. Click on "Family" on the left hand side
- 3. Under "Service Hours" click Add (+)
- 4. Fill out date of volunteering, number of hours, description of what you did, who verified the hours.
- 5. Hit save

Listed below are the current volunteer opportunities. Please click on the sign up links to see more details and enter your information. If you have any questions, please contact the HSA Volunteer Coordinator, <u>Eren Simpson</u>.

Falcon Fright NIght (Friday, October 25th)--First big fundraiser for HSA and the 8th Grade trip to Camp Don Lee. This event has been a tradition at St. Mary for many, many years. Help make this event spooktacular for our students! We need many volunteers to pull off a night to remember!

Click here to sign up to volunteer: FALCON FRIGHT NIGHT

\*\*Additional HSA volunteer opportunities will come up after FFN. New sign-ups will be sent out at that time.

Booster Club--volunteer to help during athletic events! We need help selling tickets at the door/admissions, working the scorer's table, opening and working Lively's concession stand, and cleaning up after. It's a fun way to support our teams!

Click here to sign up to volunteer: ATHLETICS

Other ways to volunteer for Booster Club: Become a Booster Club officer (open VP position for this year) or coach/assistant coach a sport. Contact Athletic Director <u>Averee Coley</u> for more information.

**Front Office Help**--Sign up to help Mrs. O'Leary in the front office in the mornings. Click here to sign up to volunteer: <u>FRONT OFFICE</u>

Science Olympiad--Have a passion for science? We need coaches--you don't need to be a pro--just bring your curiosity and we'll guide you! We also need general help with keeping kids on task, answering phones, and getting kids signed out. Plus snacks! We always need donations of healthy snacks to keep our scientists minds working!

Click here to sign up: SCIENCE

Scroll to the bottom of this email to read more information about being a Science Olympiad Coach!

Outreach--Currently, the Sister Isaac Center needs help with their annual Yard Sale! This event raises money for the Center's outreach activities, such as turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets or hygiene products. Volunteer opportunities are available October 5-6. Times are flexible.

Click here to sign up: Sister Isaac Yard Sale

Let's soar together, Falcons! Sign up today to volunteer and be part of our amazing St. Mary family!

Thank you all!

Karson Reed--HSA President

Eren Simpson--HSA Volunteer Coordinator