



Dear Ascension Family,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! For those new to Ascension, we are the Parents' Association (PA) – a volunteer organization made up of parents whose children attend Ascension Catholic School. As an Ascension parent, you are part of the PA! Our mission is to promote the welfare of Ascension Catholic School and strive to make our community better. In these uncertain times, we are more aware of this than ever.

Each year, the PA fundraises and plans events to support our school, our students, our teachers and our families. We wish we could welcome you in person at our traditional Back to School Coffee, but with the current local restrictions, we are unable to host the event this year. Instead of physically gathering to introduce our schedule of events and volunteer opportunities for the year, we will lean on written and virtual communication to start the school year and keep you posted of upcoming opportunities.

This is going to be a very different school year for all of us. For PA specifically, postponing our Gala (our primary fundraiser) until November 2021 leaves us with a much leaner budget. Thanks to successful recent years of fundraising, we do have some funds set aside to support school activities, teachers and staff, and simple social/community-building events. While many of our traditional events will not be possible this year due to health and safety restrictions, we are committed to doing everything we can to maintain “normalcy” while following the guidelines set by St. Louis County, the archdiocese, and Ascension leadership.

We have been working hard and already accomplished many things for this year; hosting the used uniform sale, purchasing mask lanyards for all students and staff, offering Ascension masks for purchase, assigning buddy families, delivering school supply kits, and contributing startup funds for all classrooms to help alleviate some of the financial burden on teachers. We also are working on new recess equipment and planning for home room parent activities and volunteers.

PA relies on the help of the entire community to support and strengthen our school. You can always reach us at ParentsAssociation@acsk8.org with ideas or questions. We look forward to welcoming you in person as soon as we are able! Until then, look for a monthly email communication from PA to keep you posted on upcoming opportunities, important information and ways to be involved. We are praying for all of our families and wishing you a warm welcome to the tight-knit, resilient community that is Ascension.

Sincerely,

Liesa Cerny & Carrie Trammell, Parents' Association Co-Presidents