



2017-18 HSA Survey Results & Follow-Up

Thank you to All Saints families for taking the time to complete the End of the Year HSA survey. The mission of the HSA is to support All Saints Catholic School in pursuing its mission by building a strong foundational relationship between parents, faculty and administration, and working collaboratively in support of the home, school, and students. HSA accomplishes this mission by sponsoring school-wide activities for the students and faculty throughout the school year to promote school and community spirit.

Since the beginning of last year and the introduction of the Auction, HSA has been geared more towards “friend-raising” rather than fundraising. Funding for HSA activities is provided primarily by membership dues, all minor fundraising activities, and a supplement from the Auction. Therefore, all the funds raised and membership dues go directly back to the school, teachers, and students!

Below is a summary along with follow-up to comments or questions that were asked.

Q1. What grades is/are your child(ren) in?

PK-Kindergarten	26.44%	23 respondents
1st - 2nd grade	32.18%	28
3rd - 4th grade	29.89%	26
5th - 6th grade	35.63%	31
7th - 8th grade	26.44%	23
Total Respondents: 87		

Q2. Did your family participate in any of the following HSA-funded events?

Clean Up Day	14.46%	12 respondents
New Family Orientation	20.48%	17
Meet the Teacher Night	86.75%	72
Movie Night	39.76%	33
New Family Welcome Reception	14.46%	12
Fall Bingo	38.55%	32
Ties & Tiaras	31.33%	26
Mother-Son Winter Games	26.51%	22
Teacher Appreciation Week	57.83%	48
Fun Day and/or Middle School Olympics	43.37%	36
Total Respondents: 83		

Q3. Did your family participate in any of the following Spirit Nights?

Cherry Berry on Hillside Drive	56.36%	31 respondents
Charlie's Chicken	38.18%	21
Chick-Fil-A	65.45%	36
Marco's Pizza	29.09%	16
Lenny's Subs	20.00%	11
Rhema Skating Rink	21.82%	12
Oklahoma Joe's	27.27%	15
White River Fish Market	38.18%	21
Savastano's	29.09%	16
Marble Slab Creamery	16.36%	9
Total Respondents: 55		

Q4. Did your family participate in any of the following HSA fundraisers?

Pink Day	65.43%	53 respondents
BoxTops for Education	75.31%	61
Coca-Cola Give	8.64%	7
Legend's Car Wash	39.51%	32
The School Store	24.69%	20
HoneyBaked Ham	7.41%	6
Total Respondents:		81

Q5. Would you or your family consider participating in the following events next year, if they were offered again?

Clean Up Day	48.15%	39 respondents
Meet the Teacher Night	87.65%	71
Movie Night	70.37%	57
Fall Bingo	62.96%	51
Ties & Tiaras	32.10%	26
Mother-Son Winter Games	40.74%	33
Fun Day and/or Middle School Olympics	61.73%	50
Total Respondents:		81

Q6. Would you or your family consider participating in the following fundraisers next year, if they were offered again?

Pink Day	69.51%	57 respondents
BoxTops for Education	81.71%	67
Coca-Cola Give	24.39%	20
Legend's Car Wash	53.66%	44
The School Store	39.02%	32
HoneyBaked Ham	24.39%	20
Total Respondents:		82

Q7. Do you have any comments or suggestions about any of our current events, spirit nights, or fundraisers? What did you like or not like about these? What should be eliminated for next year? Please be specific.

COMMENTS RECEIVED/ANSWERS:

We were not able to participate in the spirit nights last year. Maybe considering it for weekend nights may work better. Not sure if merchants would allow that. Many businesses will only allow certain days for the spirit nights. The days are usually ones that are typically the least busy for them, so that it would be easiest on their staff as well as boost their sales on the "slow" days.

Honey baked ham should be eliminated. Due to lack of participation last year, we are eliminating the HoneyBaked Hams fundraiser this year.

*Bingo is always fun, we had a conflict this year. As a family, we enjoyed it more when it was a Halloween Bingo since the kids were able to dress up. Any type of family event is good because parents can socialize in a safe environment for the kids. Also, Basketball Bonanza. Anything that is low maintenance and builds community. **Fall Bingo is/was set for November due to the Auction's date as well as St. Anne's Trunk or Treat. We did not want to put 3 large events in such close proximity of each other as well as conflict with the attendance for any of the events.***

*Could you give us a total of how much money was spent? **The expenses and assets of HSA is relayed at every HSA All School Meeting. We are working on getting this information published on the school's website where our meeting agendas are being published now.***

*Are events/fundraisers/Spirit Nights pushed through church? **Since we are a church and school community, it could be beneficial to make announcements about upcoming events in church and have notices in the bulletin, if not already. This is a great idea! We have had some events announced at the associated parishes, i.e. Movie Night & Fall Bingo, but will be working to see if we can publish more events on their bulletins.***

Add a parent social night. This is in consideration for this year, but it won't be a school sanctioned event. We will work on organizing an adults night out that will be open to anyone in the All Saints community.

Box Tops could be a monthly event with a pizza party or ice cream party for the top classrooms that collect the most. We try to only have 2 contests per school year so that it would not interfere with our teachers' daily schedules. Also due to limitation of funds, we cannot have these parties every month.

Fun day is a bust for the middle school since it was reduced to a half day. The kids used to have a lot of fun when it was an all day or at least activities seemed more fun for them when they had it outside with cherry berry/snow cones/water sprinklers etc. hated to see it go! We would always volunteer for that day. The school administration had taken the last day of school down to a half day several years ago due to the students getting bored when it was a full day and many parents ended up taking them out early. This way it is a packed, fun filled day that makes a lot of great memories. And we chose to take out the water events because parents were irked that their kids came home soaking wet.

The only suggestion I have is that the HSA meetings be around 6:30 instead of 7pm. Done! Our meetings are now at 6:30 pm.

I thought the mother son winter games was great but it went way over the allotted time and was pretty late. I would say start earlier and maybe a little more organization. Last year was our first year in introducing the mother-son event. With one under our belt now, we plan on having it more organized this year.

I would like to see more activities for spirit night instead of restaurants. We are working on having more activities for spirit nights.

Q8. Is there a new event, spirit night location, or fundraiser that you feel we should consider for next year?

Many suggestions were made spirit nights and fundraisers... Chili's, Andolini's, Raising Cane's, Rose District, Oilers ice skating, Andy's, Whataburger, Zoe's Kitchen, Cinemark movie night, bowling. We are working to change up a few things this year, especially on spirit nights. Last year, we had contacted a few places, but many of them were unresponsive.

Q9. What do you consider to be the best form of communication for HSA events, spirit nights, fundraisers, or meetings? Check all that apply.

Paper flyers sent home with students	18.82%	16 respondents
Email	94.12%	80
ASCS Facebook Page (official)	51.76%	44
ASCS Parents Facebook Page (unofficial)	44.71%	38
Total Respondents: 85		

Q10. What do you consider to be the strengths and/or weaknesses of our HSA? What improvements, if any, would you like to see in our HSA? Please consider anything from HSA dues, communication (too much, just right, lack of), number of meetings, etc.

COMMENTS RECEIVED/ANSWERS:

Several comments of Thanks for the hard work, doing a great job, what you do is appreciated, etc.

Meetings need to be no longer than 1 hour. Our kids have homework, tests, activities, etc. We do our best to keep the meetings as short as possible. The only 2 meetings that typically exceed this time are the 1st (auction updates) and last meetings (NJHS & art show).

HSA dues should be mandatory. All kids benefit from it and it is not fair for the paying parents. HSA has always done a wonderful job and we appreciate all the time the volunteers put into it. Although membership dues help fund MANY of our school-wide events and activities, HSA dues are not mandatory. If the family is unable to pay their dues because of money constraints or other issues, their donation of their time, energy, and enthusiasm, would be very much accepted!

A reminder about dues on RenWeb. Love the text reminders. Thank you for the idea! We will consider this.

The number of meetings this year was great!!! I don't feel it is needed every month. I don't feel like having "events" like National Honor Society or recorder playing is necessary. Evenings are short and not everyone appreciates spending them watching kids we don't know. Maybe parents who don't wish to stay could be excused and those could be at the very end?
Parents are not prevented from leaving the meetings, just encouraged to stay as long as they can.

I know that the HSA folks work super hard at what they do. But their meetings say the same thing in the email. If you want more people to attend your meeting, get the classes to sing songs at your meetings. Our meeting agendas are typically not emailed out beforehand, so we are unsure of which email this applies to. We try to keep the meetings short and simple, as we know evenings can be very busy for most families.

To be honest, I don't make the meetings. There is usually information that communicated during the meetings that I don't hear about elsewhere, so it would be nice if that was communicated somehow. Since the beginning of last year, we have been adding our meeting agendas on the school's website, under the HSA tab. Please check them out!

Strengths: fundraising - community Weaknesses: meeting agendas are feast or famine and there are so many great volunteer apps available that we don't seem to use much at all...? We have decreased the number of meetings for the year so that we can try to keep them as informative as possible, yet short. Typically the 1st (Auction) and last (end of the year info) meetings will be the longest. If you have suggestions for these volunteer apps, we would love to hear them.

There are really no opportunities for working or single parent families. I am not able to participate in a lot due to working full time and being a single parent. If there were more remote opportunities (able to do from home while still contributing). The communication from the HSA seems fragmented and a recap for parents unable to attend meetings would be helpful. I know in the private school environment it is abnormal to have to think about single mom families which leads to feeling very isolated and ostracized. The active members of the HSA are mostly moms that have extra time so everything about participation is processed through that filter. Expanding that view would be beneficial and I can almost guarantee it would result in more participation/ dollars earned. Most of our events/activities do not require a whole lot of "at home" participation. Some of the school teachers have projects that they would love to have completed, which can be done at home. We are working on seeing if we could get a list of these and will send out communication if they do. Since the beginning of last year, we have been adding our meeting agendas on the school's website, under the HSA tab. Please check them out! In an attempt to address all of your concerns, we will be publishing bios on all of our HSA board officers throughout the year; you will hopefully see that most, if not all of the officers, are working moms (and dads)!

The meeting going over all of the things at one time went very long. There is no need for us to go into so much detail about the auction. It was too long and not necessary. We always try our best to be mindful of everyone's time, but we also want to be transparent.

Communication is a strength. I just believe timing of events and fundraisers needs to be considered. The timing of events/fundraisers are taken into much consideration, especially with the Auction.

Events and activities funded/supplemented by HSA

- Clean Up Day
- New Family Orientation
- Teacher & Staff Luncheon
- Meet the Teacher
- Spirit Nights
- New Family Welcome Reception
- Outdoor Movie Night
- Teachers & Staff flu shots
- Fall Bingo
- Ties & Tiaras
- ASCS Open House
- Mother-Son Olympics
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Fun Day & Middle School Olympics

Programs supplemented by HSA

- BoxTops for Education
- The School Store
- Legend's Car Wash