

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the St. Ethelreda Parent Teacher Organization! Perhaps you've heard about our group through the current fundraising activities for the various programs we support at school. Providing these extras is important to us, but our work goes beyond raising money.

Our key mission is to promote an environment at school where teachers and administrators can do their best work and our students can do their best learning. We're always eager to find more great people, like you, to help us meet this goal.

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. An hour can be a big help to our group and the school, and we have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. Just let us know whether a program, event, or activity interests you and when you might be free to help. (You don't even have to attend all of our meetings to be involved, although we'd really like to meet you personally!)

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Involvement at the school also makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents. The PTO works side by side with the teachers and administration to create a successful learning establishment for our children. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while-and fun!

Throughout the school year, the PTO supports many activities, such as the quarterly "Meet the Author" sessions, "Support our Seniors", and also the Science Departments First Lego League. There are many more events in the works, but in order to make these events a success; we require the assistance from great people like you.

This school year we hope to continue many worthwhile activities while working with staff to make St. Ethelreda the best it can be. We bring ideas to our meetings and have fun working together to make those ideas a reality. We invite you to share your ideas with us in making this school year another memorable and rewarding year.

Remember, many hands make light work as we assist in *"Educating Tomorrows Leaders Today"*. Feel free to call or email if you have any questions. Together, we can make a difference at our school!

Sincerely,

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