



ASPA

2023-24 Third Meeting

January 25, 2024

Who We Are...

- All Saints Parents Association
- Bringing Teachers, Parents and Students Together
- Forging Relationships in the Community

About Us!



ASPA Board

- Co-Chairs: Sheena Gigante & Megan Elberts
- Treasurer: Michelle Ling
- Secretary: Vinita Ramnani

Notes from the Board

On November 13th, ASPA co-sponsored an author visit from Kate Hannigan who spoke with students in grades K-5 about the importance of asking questions, being curious, and not giving up.



Notes from the Board

- Jr High Science Fair Hospitality Table - ASPA provide coffee, donuts, bottled water and cereal bars for the volunteer judges on 01/25/2024.
- ASPA is coordinating a scavenger hunts during the CSW Open House for potential students to enjoy. The scavenger hunt will highlight the events ASPA supports.

ASPA and DDA - MARCH 16th

- Room Parents can help coordinate Sainly Spots to recognize their teacher - DUE 01/26
 - What is a Sainly Spot? Sainly Spots are "ads", featuring your child that are placed in the Auction Catalog. These ads are a terrific way to celebrate your child's Graduation, First Communion, Sports Team or Scouts Troop. Is your child part of the ASCA band, choir or school musical? Place a photo ad in the catalog! Multiple families can participate together. The ad size is 5" x 3.5" and will fill a 1/2 page in the catalog.
 - How much are Sainly Spots? The Sainly Spot ads cost \$50. Payments can be submitted via the DDA website. Please complete and return the Google Form found on the DDA website. The deadline for submission is January 26, 2024.
 - The Sainly Spot ads will also be featured on the ASCA TV in the main floor hallway. The students truly love seeing their accomplishments being recognized by the school!
- ASPA has budgeted \$400 to support DDA.
 - \$150 - Lotto Basket - Megan will coordinate
 - \$250 - Bourbon and Beer Basket ? Other Ideas?

Parent Education Events

- Internet Safety Presentations

ASCA is considering an evening parent presentation re: internet safety in the future and would like to gauge interest before scheduling such an event. Please take this very brief survey to let us know if you would be interested in a parent presentation geared toward educating parents on keeping your children safe online.

Notes from the Treasurer

- Currently working on the 2023–24 budget.
- Credit Card Approval Form
 - Many times ASPA event chairs will request that Diane/Maryanne purchase items on the ASCA credit card.
 - Please email ASPA Treasurer, Michelle Ling with all requests and she will coordinate with ASCA
- Reimbursement Requests
 - NEW reimbursement form. Please email ASPA Treasurer, Michelle Ling if you need a copy.
 - ASCA does not reimburse taxes. You can use DOJ tax exempt form.
- ASCA Costco Membership

Secretary Notes

- Please submit any ASPA notes that you would like to include in Patty's weekly emails to Vinita (vramnani08@outlook.com) by Wednesday Evening. Please do not send Patty emails directly.
- ASPA updates must be sent to Patty before Friday!

What to Expect



Date	Event	ASPA Point Person
08/14/2023	Back to School Faculty Lunch	Hospitality
08/17/2023	Back to School Meet & Greet Cereal Collection	ASPA BOARD Outreach Committee
08/21/2023	First Day of School	
08/29/2023	Curriculum Night K-5	ASPA BOARD
08/30/2023	Curriculum Night PS, 6-8	ASPA BOARD
09/12/2023	ASPA Kick-Off Meeting	ASPA BOARD
09/22/2023	Fun Run	Amy Bono
09/26/2023 - 09/29/2023	Fall Book Fair	Lisa Hajek and Laura Blackwell
10/05/2023	Parent Teacher Conferences / Teacher Dinner/Giving Tree	Hospitality
10/17/2023	2 nd ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
10/28/2023	Trunk or Treat	Juanita Showalter and Carolina Zavala
10/31/2023	Halloween Class Parties	Ashley Anderson

Date	Event	ASPA Point Person
November	Faculty Christmas Collection Flyer Distribution	ASPA BOARD
11/21/2023	Grandparents Day	Jackie Hasse
11/27/2023 - 12/01/2023	Holiday Shop	Shannon Rosiak, Trena Coffey
12/13/2023	Faculty Christmas Party	Hospitality
12/21/2023	Christmas Class Parties	Ashley Anderson
01/15/2024	MLK Day of Service	Outreach Committee & ASCA
01/16/2023	3 rd ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
Week of 01/28/2024	Catholic Schools Week	Katherine Preze
02/13/2024	Valentine's Class Parties	Ashley Anderson
TBD	4 th ASPA Meeting	ASPA BOARD
04/16/2024-04/19/2024	Spring Book Fair	Lisa Hajek and Laura Blackwell
Week of 5/6/2024	Teacher Appreciation Week	Hospitality
	School Nurses Day	Hospitality
05/24/2024	8 th Grade Graduation	ASPA BOARD
05/31/2024	Last Day of School	ASPA BOARD
TBD	Daddy Daughter Dance	
TBD	Mother/Son Event	

ASPA COMMITTEES



Hospitality Committee

CHAIRS

Vinita Ramnani
Faculty Liaison - Jane Kennedy

WHAT

The hospitality committee plans fun events to show our wonderful Faculty and Staff appreciation throughout the year!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers may be needed throughout the year to help set up lunches, work recess/lunch duty and drop of treats!

Outreach Committee

CHAIRS

Anne Soto

WHAT

The Outreach Committee organizes all of the community outreach projects including the Loaves and Fishes Cereal Drive, Bernie's Book Bank Used Book Collection, Operation Support Our Troops Post-Halloween Candy Collection, Cradles to Crayons Winter Coat Collection, Hesed House Advent Collection and Martin Luther King Day of Service.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteers are needed to help with all of these events! Please reach out to Anne if you are interested in learning more and giving back to our wonderful community.

Recent Outreach Events



Room Parent Coordinator

CHAIRS

Ashley Anderson

WHAT

The room parent coordinator is the liaison between ASPA/ASCA and the room parents.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Reach out to your homeroom teacher or room parent if you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming parties.

Please log on to your Virtus account to ensure you are in good standing!

Upcoming Class Parties

- Valentine's Day (PLEASE NOTE - Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are the same day this year, so we will hold parties the day before)
 - Mrs. Greco - 2/12/2024 - 8:30 - 9:30 AM
 - Mrs. Swanson/Mrs. Sommer - 2/13/2024 - 8:30-9:30 AM
 - K-5- 2/13/2024 - 2:15 - 3:15 PM
 - Jr High Bowlero Party - ASPA is sponsoring this event by contributing \$2 per student to offset the cost.

Volunteer requirements are due by February 5th, please get them completed if you have any outstanding requirements. If you have questions please reach out to ashley2a@yahoo.com.

New Family Welcome Committee

CHAIRS

Melanie Lucero

WHAT

The New Family Welcome Committee is responsible for reaching out to any new families at ASCA and being a point of contact. There are class level volunteers (typically 2) who plan two events over the summer, events throughout the year and an end of the year party. The chair ensures these parties are planned, organizes a back to school coffee and chat and other events.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteer to be a class level lead. Volunteers may be needed at various points to reach out to new families or distribute swag bags other items.

Art Awareness Coordinator

CHAIRS

Terri Hanneman and Laura Viquez

WHAT

The art awareness program is a program to introduce students to the great artists of our past. Classroom/Grade level volunteers are needed to coordinate and lead lessons.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Reach out to Terri and Laura if you are interested in helping out with a class!

Sunshine Committee

CHAIRS

Heidi Sawko and Therese Berger

WHAT

This committee is meant to support ASCA families. This is a new committee we need help getting started! We hope to recognize births and weddings. We plan to support grieving families. We want to offer a means to support families dealing with illnesses or times of need.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Join our committee! Help us with ideas!

Raise Right / SCRIP

CHAIRS

Michelle Ling

WHAT

SCRIP is a great way to earn credit towards the Family Fundraising Obligation (FFO). It is easy to get started, and easy to chip away at the FFO each and every week. Now is the time to get going! To find out more about SCRIP [click here](#) or contact the team at scrip@ascacademy.org.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Purchase physical or e gift cards via Raise Right to earn money for ASCA.
Reach out to the SCRIP team to learn more.

ASPA EVENTS



ASCA Fun Run

CHAIRS	Amy Bono
WHEN	Friday, September 22 nd
WHAT	The Fun Run is a fundraiser for ASCA. The students can gain pledges from family and friends for the number of laps they run.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT UPDATE	More than \$54,000 in pledges!



Fun Run 2023

Book Fair

CHAIRS	Lisa Hajek and Laura Blackwell
WHEN	FALL – Tuesday September 26 th thru Friday, September 29 th SPRING – Tuesday April 16 th thru Friday April 19 th
WHAT	ASCA hosts a Fall and Spring Book Fair.
WHERE	McSherry Hall, ASCA
HOW CAN I HELP?	Volunteers are needed to help set up, run and take down the book fair. This is a volunteer heavy event! Most of the volunteer opportunities are during school hours. 2024-25 Chairs are needed. If interested, please reach out TODAY! This is a great opportunity to train/learn from current/past chairs.

Fall Book Fair 2023



Notes from the Book Fair Chairs

- The Spring book fair will return to McSherry from Monday, April 15 to Friday, April 19.
 - Set up will be Monday afternoon, preview day on Tuesday, shopping on Wednesday and Thursday, final call and tear down on Friday.
 - We will once again have a literacy evening that is currently being planned by Ms. Galise and Miss Sippl that will take place Wednesday evening from approximately 5:30 to 7 PM.
- A Signup Genius for volunteers will come out on about April 1 as we return from spring break.
- We have one cochair stepping down and are looking for some extra assistance in the preparation and planning phases of the book fair. For anyone who is unable to volunteer at school it would be a great way to get involved in handling things like setting up QR codes, creating announcements for the weekly reminders and managing posts on social. Please contact Lisa if you want to get involved in this manner.

Trunk or Treat

CHAIRS	Carolina Zavala and Juanita Showalter
WHEN	Saturday, October 28 th at 11 AM
WHAT	Trunk or Treat is a great way to kick off the Halloween Weekend. The event will feature decorated trunks for students to visit.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT UPDATE	We had beautiful weather for a great event!

Trunk or Treat 2023



Grandparent's Day

CHAIRS	Jackie Hasse
WHEN	Tuesday November 21 st
WHAT	We welcome grandparents and VIPS to ASCA for a reception, classroom visits and mass. This is a faculty led event that ASPA supports with volunteers. Grandparents are given the opportunity to buy Book Futures and help fund new purchases for the ASCA library.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT UPDATE	Great Event!

Grandparents Day 2023



Holiday Shop

CHAIRS

Shannon Rosiak and Trena Coffey

WHEN

Week of November 27th

WHAT

The Holiday Shop is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their family and friends!

WHERE

McSherry Hall, ASCA

EVENT UPDATE

Students love the Holiday Shop! Looking for 2024-25 chairs!

Uniform Resale

CHAIRS	Heidi Sawko
WHEN	January 2024 and Summer 2024
WHAT	ASPA host uniform resales.
WHERE	ASCA
EVENT UPDATE	January sale was successful, even after being rescheduled. Over 200 uniforms were resold! Donations being accepted at Door One

Catholic Schools Week

CHAIRS	Katherine Preze
WHEN	January 28 - February 3, 2023
WHAT	ASPA helps plan fun events for Catholic Schools Week, including a presentation/speaker! Ideas are welcome!
WHERE	ASCA
HOW CAN I HELP?	Volunteers are needed to help with the ASPA sponsored lunch on Friday Feb 2 nd ! Sign Up Here!

Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week 2024



Sunday January 28	Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
<p>Catholic Schools Week Kickoff</p>	<p>Patriotic Day Show your USA pride and wear red, white, and blue (uniform bottoms not required)</p> <p>Special Snack provided by ASPA: Donuts</p>	<p>Catholic Schools Week T-shirt Day Wear your Catholic Schools Week t-shirt and out of uniform bottoms!</p> <p><small>**students without the 2024 CSW shirt should be in uniform; no other OOU passes may be used today**</small></p> <p>Special Snack provided by ASPA: Rice Krispy Treats</p>	<p>Color Day Wear a shirt in your grade's color!</p> <p>Pre-K 3: Purple Pre-K 4 : Black K: Light Blue 1st: Blue 2nd: Red 3rd: Black</p> <p>4th: Orange 5th: Yellow 6th: White 7th: Green 8th: Pink</p> <p>(uniform bottoms not required)</p>	<p>Pajama Day</p> <p>Get comfy! Wear your PJs to school. (Please wear actual shoes to/from school; slippers are OK for in classrooms)</p>	<p>School Mass 8:15am</p> <p>Perfect uniform</p> <p>After Mass: Mass Buddies</p>
<p>Open House 1:00-3:00</p>	<p>5th Grade Saints Saint Museum</p> <p>Students will write a thank you letter to their parents today!</p>	<p>D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)</p> <p>Spelling Bees 9:45am 3rd-5th in McSherry 6th-8th in Gym</p> <p>St. Francis HS Rock and Jazz Band concert 1:55-2:25</p>	<p>Students will write thank you notes to our priests today!</p> <p>Popsicles at lunch Provided by ASPA</p> <p>Pep Rally 2:30 in the gym</p>	<p>Jr. High Talent Show 9:15 in the gym</p> <p>Movie Day Shown in classrooms (Treat provided by ASPA)</p>	<p>Hot Dog Lunch for staff and students (Sponsored by ASPA)</p> <p>Imagination Theater 12:30: 3rd-5th 1:30: PS-2nd 2:30 6th-8th (Sponsored by ASPA)</p>
	<p>Saints Museum 5:30-6:30pm</p>		<p>No Cookin' In the Kitchen Duck Donuts</p>		

Parents are invited to join us for all highlighted events!

Father – Daughter Dance

CHAIRS

Catherine Gianan

WHEN

April 20th, 2024

WHAT

ASPA hosts a Father Daughter Dance.

WHERE

Gym, ASCA

HOW CAN I HELP?

This event needs many volunteers! Event prep/planning, set up, clean up, food prep, decorations, etc.

Mother – Son Event

CHAIRS	Rebecca Davila & Therese Berger
WHEN	TBD
WHAT	ASPA hosts a Mother–Son Event. Last Years event was held at Main Event.
WHERE	TBD
HOW CAN I HELP?	Depending on where it is held, there may be little volunteer need.

Event Notes

A consensus vote took place during the September 12, 2023, meeting regarding the various parent-child events. The group agreed to eliminate the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son events. An additional vote was held to determine if more family events should be held and it was decided that we currently have a healthy number of family events with great representation.

Looking for Other Ways to Contribute?

- Our amazing teachers at ASCA have put together Amazon Wishlists. If you are interested, please check out the [google spreadsheet here](#).
- Interested in Lunch or Recess Volunteering? Reach out to Cristine Shaw (cshaw@ascacademy.org) and Esmeralda Menchaca-Lopez (emlopez@ascacademy.org) for more information.
- Please remember it is everyone's responsibility to ensure you have met the DOJ Volunteer Requirements. Please refer to the information located on FACTS or reach out to ASCA (Maryanne Higdon) if you have specific questions.