

Everything you need to know about KCSFO

Kingston Catholic School Family Organization

KCSFO is our version of HSA/PTA, comprised of an executive board including parent Officers, KCS administration and faculty representatives, as well as a board of committee chairpersons. General meetings will be held throughout the year (likely quarterly) and are open to all parents and faculty. In addition to organizing events that are fun and build a sense of community and unity, the KCSFO is also a fundraising committee. To supplement tuition, and prevent large increases in tuition rates, the KCSFO is given a yearly fundraising goal allotted by the Archdiocese of NY. Funds raised in excess of the required amount are used directly for student enrichment and educational upgrades.

KCSFO Board Positions 2017-2018

President – Bridget Lasecki

Vice President – Stacey Schuon

Treasurer – Michael Creeden

Secretary – Chris Creeden

Faculty Representative – Marie Dilulio

Past President – N/A

Committee Chairs:

Family Activities – Doug Eighmy

Marketing / Social Media- Mary Tarcza

Buildings/Grounds –

New Family Liason/Community Outreach – Gina Nuzzo

Curriculum Enrichment & Support- Corinne Shultis and Stacy Schuon

Additional Committee members:

Eldeva Tofte Dan Lasecki Ali Derrenbacher Kourtney Fall Deb Iapoco Peg Dingman

Fundraisers:



Box Tops - please cut to size as best as possible and send into school in a marked envelope

Scripts - gift cards to hundreds of businesses, that can be purchased and percentage of purchase donated to the school. Sales will periodically run throughout the year; Christmas, Teacher Appreciation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation.

Yankee Candle – Catalog sale held in Fall. Product delivered late November.

Auction – Our biggest fundraiser every year. Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles, Wine Cork Pull, and more. Parents can socialize, enjoy food and cash bar. With the help of parent volunteers, each class makes a memorable Live Auction Item to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Parent volunteers also solicit hundreds of items donated by local businesses. Held in the fall.

KCS Discount Cards – our very own local business discount card. Volunteers solicit/confirm businesses continued support. Card designed and printed by parent volunteers. Sold after Thanksgiving break, just in time for Christmas! Great Stocking stuffers!

Pancake Breakfast – Breakfast with Santa, Basket Raffles (each student is asked for monetary donation or item to donate based on the theme of each class' basket), bake sale, crafts and more! Typically scheduled for the first Sunday in December.



Barnes and Noble Book Fair – Held in early December, Barnes and Noble donates a percentage of all purchases made using the special KCS code online and in the store. On the Wednesday evening of the book fair week, KCS hosts an event in the store usually consisting of a book reading, dance team performance, and choir performance. The evening is usually paired with a dinner fundraiser at Moe's, Panera, or Five Guys.

Penny Challenge – Each class collects pennies in their class "bank", and the class with the most money wins. There is a catch... classes can use silver coins and deposit them in opposing classes' banks and subtract that amount from their total. The week long competition runs during Catholic School's week. ***Banks will be tallied on Friday with winner announced the following Monday. Students will have to use their best guess to determine into which bank to dump their silver coins.**

Read- A-Thon - Children ask sponsors to donate money while they pledge to read at home (12min/day) and in school (12min/day) for 2 weeks (Total 4 hours). 100% of funds raised stay at KCS.

Spring Theater – Our Spring Musical is another big fundraiser for KCSFO that is also a fun and educational experience for students Grades 1- 8. Each year a musical is selected and auditions are typically held in December. Parents of involved students are required to join committees including Production, Costumes and props, Set Building and Design, Stage Crew, Ticketing and House, Concession, Merchandise, Lighting and Sound Tech, and Promotion/Press. Parent volunteers are also needed for assistance with monitoring students during rehearsals and performances.

Impact Award – The IMPACT Awards recognize the contributions of local community members, clergy members, and faculty or staff members to Kingston Catholic School and local Catholic education. The IMPACT Dinner and Journal is a fundraiser for KCSFO. Ads are sold for the journal which is printed and given to all guests attending the event. Money is also raised through cost of the meal and donations received from those who cannot attend. Though many current families attending KCS come in support of the honorees, this event is one of our larger fundraisers and targets our alumni and the community members who are not tuition paying parents, yet support our school and local Catholic education.

Golf Tournament – Annual Golf Tournament held the first Friday in June. Raffle items and prizes solicited from local businesses. Tournament followed by lunch. Parent volunteers needed to supervise games and raffles on the day of the event, as well as promote the event and solicit donations for prizes and sponsors to donate/sponsor holes.



Events/FUN-raisers:

Boo-Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast – Event held the first Friday of the school year. Parents are invited to join the KCSFO to celebrate (or commiserate) the beginning of the school year after dropping off their students to the Broadway Campus. Come enjoy light refreshments and catch up with friends, and then join the entire KCS student body as students and faculty celebrate their first Mass of the school year.

Family Movie Night – Outdoor (weather permitting) movie night held at the Broadway Campus in early fall. Refreshments served.

Annual Walk to School Day – Every fall, KCS celebrates Annual Walk to School Day. Students and faculty meet at the Kingston Maritime Museum before school and walk up Broadway in celebration of this event. Parents and siblings are invited for the walk as well! Celebrated on the first Friday of October.

Trunk or Treat – Family friendly event for Pre-K through 4th grade students held in the parking lot of KCS Broadway Campus. Volunteers including parents, faculty, KCS Student Organizations (Honor Society, Student Council, Girls Scouts with appropriate adult supervision) can reserve a spot in the KCS parking lot. They are asked to decorate their trunks/tailgates and hand out prizes and prepackage (NUT-FREE) snacks for the PreK- 4th grade students who trick-or-treat from car to car in their costumes. Prizes awarded to the best themed/decorated trunks. Families will be asked to donate candy/prizes to hand out to the students.

Christmas Caroling in Woodstock – Usually the first Saturday in December, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce hosts a Christmas- themed open house event. KCS has been invited to sing Christmas Carols while walking up and down Tinker Street.

Father – Daughter Dance – Semi-formal/themed dance for our female students and their fathers (or male father-figure/companions). Mom's are asked to bake/make themed refreshments. Dad's decorate the school for the event. Professional photographer present for Daddy-me portraits (for additional fee), DJ for entertainment, and refreshments served.

Mother-son Fun Day – A day for our male students and their mothers (or mother-figure/companion) to play and have fun. Previous events included bowling, roller skating/laser tag, field day at MAC Indoor Park. Held in February.



Saint Patrick's Day Parade – With the help of parent volunteers, KCS assembles a float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Young students ride, while older students march with parents, siblings and faculty. KCS also organizes a team to run in the Shamrock Run.

Teacher Appreciation Week – KCSFO and parent volunteers take turns supplying breakfast and snacks for teachers and staff throughout the week. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is held on the afternoon of the First Friday (half day) of May. Catered lunch and appreciation gifts are given to all members of the school faculty and staff.

Field Day – KCSFO sponsors busing for all students K through 8 to Forsythe Park, usually held during the month of May. Parent volunteers organize and run several stations of activities throughout the park. Students bring bagged lunch and spend the entire day outdoors with their classmates. Many volunteers are needed to cover stations and chaperoning students.

As you can see there are any ways to get involved and have fun! Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and encouraged to join in. Feel free to contact E-Board members with questions or suggestions!