

Welcome back! If this is your families first year here, we would like to welcome you to Mary of Lourdes, the school of choice.

As parents, you are a member of the Home and School Association, and it's up to us to make each school year a fun and memorable learning experience for our children. This year, to celebrate the beginning of the school year, parents who attend the September H&S meeting on 9/24/09 will have a chance to win a SCRIP gift certificate worth \$25.00.

We hope to give every family an opportunity to volunteer for at least one school activity and/or social activity. Mary of Lourdes parents have a reputation for being very generous with their volunteer time and active in their children's school time. Our fund raising results top most private schools in Minnesota! This year our Home and School meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday of the month, September – April **at 6:30 PM** in the **Middle School Library**. I hope you will be able to join us as we are always looking for new ideas and parent input. We are providing our families with a list of events with volunteer opportunities for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Date	Event	Family name	Chairperson
Oct 4, 2009	Marathon	I - P	
Dec	St. Nick Day	Q - R	
Dec	Carousel of Crafts	S– V	Rachel Durfee
Jan	Magazine Sales	W - A	Mary Rose Capko
Jan	Catholic School Week	B - C	
April	Spaghetti Dinner	D - H	Rick and Carrie Turner

If your family cannot volunteer for the assigned event, you are welcome to volunteer for any of the other events. Other ideas for volunteering are: Scrip program, assist in the libraries or classrooms, School Board or hold an office on our Home and School Association. Volunteering is also a way to meet friends of your children and other families, keep up to date with what is happening in your children's lives, and meet the teachers and staff.

Scheduled meetings are as follows:

September 24, 2009	No meeting in December	March 18, 2010
October 22, 2009	January 21, 2010	April 15, 2010
November 19, 2009	February 18, 2010	

Please feel free to call me if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns at 320-749-2451. I look forward to seeing you at our H&S meetings. We would love to hear your ideas and input. Be a part of your child's education. Watch for the Home and School monthly letter.

Don't miss the chance to win the \$25.00 gift certificate at the Sept 24 H&S meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Michelle Fenske
President/Home and School Association