

FRIENDS OF FIRE COMMITMENT

★ 2023-2024 ★

Help Us Meet Your Student's Needs



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★ Acknowledgment of Support ★

Our school is blessed to be among the 5% of Catholic schools across the country that welcomes and supports students who are diagnosed with significant intellectual and developmental challenges. We also have resources to meet the needs of students who have more commonly diagnosed learning differences.

In partnership with the FIRE Foundation, we are committed to offering inclusive Catholic education, making it possible for students of all abilities to learn, grow and thrive in classrooms alongside their siblings and peers.

K-8 students receive support from special education teachers/inclusion coordinators, classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. High school students benefit from support provided by special education teachers, classroom teachers as well as peer mentors.

★ Inclusive Education Services and Resources Cost Money ★

The FIRE Foundation provides funding annually that covers a significant portion of the costs of inclusive education such as staff salaries, professional development, learning resources and technology. It would be difficult to offer an inclusive learning environment and meet the special learning needs of students without financial support from FIRE and the commitment of our Catholic community.

★ Parents and families, through Friends of FIRE (FoF), play a vital role at FIRE partner schools by:

- Sharing information with our school community on the benefits of inclusive education for ALL students.
- Engaging school families in FIRE fundraising initiatives and events.
- Volunteering at FIRE events and school-based events that promote inclusion.
- Attending Friends of FIRE meetings and occasional education sessions.

We Need Your Participation! We can't do it without you!

Involvement is required by all parents of students who receive learning support services including:

- Staff support/intervention in the classroom (shared or individual/full or part-time)
- Staff support in the resource room (shared or individual)
- Curriculum modifications as outlined in a Student Education Plan

Ask your school leaders for the name(s) of your Friends of FIRE Liaison(s).

These parent volunteers connect your school community to the larger FIRE family. They can provide details, dates, and opportunities about the 2022-2023 calendar of events and meetings.



Parent Commitment

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Please read and sign this commitment form. Submit it to your inclusive education coordinator or school office. (or submit it online) Thank you, in advance, for supporting inclusive Catholic education - for your child and for all children at our school. We're looking forward to an exciting year of growth for our entire FIRE family.

_____I/We understand the expectation to try to participate in FOF and attend FOF meetings. (There are approximately five meetings per year.)

_____I/We will sign up for volunteer opportunities for events promoted by FIRE and will try to respond to requests from the Foundation staff regarding fundraising efforts. (including a donation of auction items, purchase of tickets, etc.)

_____I/We will consider attending one of FIRE's annual events (FIREBall, Play with FIRE Golf Tournament, Purses with Purpose) and/or sell/purchase FIRE raffle tickets if we are able.

_____I/We understand that FOF is a volunteer advocacy group that supports FIRE fundraising efforts and promotes the value of inclusive Catholic education. (FOF and the FIRE Foundation do NOT influence individual Student Education Plans.)



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TO SIGN ONLINE:
[FIREFOUNDATION.ORG](https://www.firefoundation.org)

PARENT NAME(S):

DATE:

PARISH / SCHOOL:

PARENT EMAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

(STREET, CITY, STATE & ZIP)

PARENT SIGNATURE(S)

