

2023/24 School Year

Dear St. Catherine – St. Lucy School Families & Community,

The members of the Community Resource Board (CRB) of St. Catherine – St. Lucy School would like to tell you about the ways in which we assist in supporting our SCSL students and families.

The CRB is made up of individuals working together to channel resources from the Oak Park and Austin communities to support the families, faculty, and administration of SCSL, thereby advancing the mission of the school. The CRB operates with four committees: Family Outreach; Volunteers; Scholarship; and Alumni.

Our Family Outreach committee hosts the Family Ice Cream Social every September and the Family Picnic every May. These two events bring SCSL families together and allow time for them to connect in an informal social setting. These events also provide the CRB members with the opportunity to meet with families and learn more about what is important to them as members of our school community. Our Summer Book Program is one initiative we are most pleased to be able to provide for our students. The CRB members identify donors who are then provided with book recommendations from the SCSL teachers. These books are then purchased enabling us to send every SCSL student home for the summer with a new book.

Our Volunteer committee collaborates with the school administration to annually identify areas of need. We then work to source, train, and guide volunteers from the community to assist with meeting those needs within the school. Some examples of volunteer support include recruiting math and reading tutors, as well as providing curriculum experts to guide and improve instruction.

The Alumni committee is new this year and we are thrilled to have this committee led by an SCSL graduate. The goal of this committee is to identify and engage SCSL graduates to come back and help support the mission of our school through both social and fundraising activities. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!

Our Scholarship committee's primary goal is to raise funds to assist in providing scholarships and support the overall financial health of the school. This year the committee established the \$10,000 Club. Committee members are seeking out donors who are willing to annually contribute \$100 to sustain an ongoing \$10,000 scholarship fund.

The Community Resource Board holds one major annual fundraiser called **Planting Hope** each June. In 2023 **Planting Hope** raised just over \$70,000! Please save the date for the 5th annual **Planting Hope** to be held on June 20, 2024 at Fitzgeralds!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve this amazing community! Please let us know how we are doing and if you have any suggestions for how we could help to better serve the SCSL school community. Our email is: [SCSLBoard@catherinelucy.org](mailto:SCSLBoard@catherinelucy.org).

Thank you and God bless you!

