

ASCS Home School Association
139 West Rocks Road
Norwalk, CT 06851

August 3, 2009

Dear All Saints Families,

We hope you're all enjoying a wonderful summer!

Planning for 2009/2010 Home School Association fundraisers is well underway. Thanks to everyone's participation, our three major fundraisers plus the Spring Fling contributed almost \$120,000 to the school last year. Since the costs to run a private school continue to rise, fundraising will be even more essential this year.

Before this year's fundraisers begin, a "Family Opt Out" will be offered once again. **What is an Opt Out?** An Opt Out is a one-time contribution that covers participation in the three mandatory fundraisers (gift wrap sales, the new cash raffle, and candy sales). Many families have chosen this option as the simplest way to fulfill their fundraising obligations as addressed on the school handbook. What you may not realize is that **Opt Outs are also the most profitable type of donation the school can receive.** 100% of the Opt Out is received by the school. There are no commission costs against it. For example, the school pays commissions of approximately 50% to both the gift wrap and candy vendors.

For the fourth year in a row, the Opt Out donation will remain at **\$275**. Both the Gift Wrap portion of \$100 and the Candy Sale portion of \$75 are tax deductible. The \$100 portion related to the Cash Raffle entitles your family to two \$50 raffle tickets.

Please consider participating in the Family Opt Out before the school year begins. You will then be exempt from additional Gift Wrap, Cash Raffle and Candy Sale fundraising.

Please enclose your contribution with the slip below. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the summer!

(Checks should be made payable to ASCS. A receipt will be provided to you for tax purposes.)

MAIL TO:

All Saints Catholic School
Attn: Home School Association
139 West Rocks Road
Norwalk, CT 06851

Family Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is our Family Opt Out in the amount of \$275.