

SION ALLIANCE

Building the Bonds of Our Community

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Volunteer Still Needed

Happy 2017! Sion has a little under 5 months of school left. Many social and academic events are happening this winter and spring that families at Sion can enjoy together: Sion Around the World Open House, Showcase and International Marketplace in January; Parent Teacher Conferences in February; the Sion Gala in March; The Middle School musical in April; the Grade School Parents Scavenger Hunt at the end of April; the Battle of the Books for Intermediate and 6th grade students in the first part of May. May will also bring the much anticipated 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. and the graduation events for these fine young people. The road to May will be traveled too quickly with our precious children. Please join fellow parents along the way.

Calendar of Events

Friday, January 6

Vive Sion Spirit Day

Tuesday, January 10

Alliance Meeting

Montessori in-house field trip - Amado's World Music

Thursday, January 12

Late Start

Mom's Wine Gathering Happy Hour at Sasha's Bakery

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Holiday

No School

Tuesday, January 24

Feast Day Mass

Thursday, January 26

Late Start

Around the World Open House, Showcase and International Marketplace

Monday, January 30-
February 3

Catholic Schools Week

Friday, February 3

Vive Sion Spirit Day



Sion Gala News

Wine Gathering Happy Hour

Join Grade School Moms for a Wine Gathering Happy Hour at Sasha's Bakery! Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Special thanks to Hosts Jackie Habiger, Heidi Hebert, and Dottie Martin. In lieu of monetary contribution, we ask that you please bring a bottle of wine, a minimum value of \$20, to be used in the Wine Pull at the Auction. Please RSVP at <https://ndsion.formstack.com/forms/mom>. Contact Bridget

Sion Gala Invitations

The Gala is less than two months away and it's time to stuff the invitations! Do you have an hour or two of your time that you can spare, any day from January 10th through 13th, from 8am to 3pm? Please email Bridget Rutledge at brutledge@ndsion.edu if you can help. Thank you!

Sion Around the World Open House, Showcase and International Marketplace

Would you like to see what your child is doing in the classroom? Are you intrigued by what the next level holds for your child? Do you want to sample the foods of India, Pakistan, Nepal or Kazakhstan? On Thursday, January 26th, the Sion community comes together for a unique evening that celebrates the rich cultures of our students, the beautiful work that they are doing in their classrooms and an opportunity to step up to the next level and get a glimpse of the next grade your child will enter.. This bi-annual event has been a popular event at Sion and one that your child will look forward to. Students are excited to share what they are doing at school and they love to receive passports that they can have stamped as they move from one international display to another. Enjoy the many booths of food and folklore shared by our community. It is an event you won't want to miss!

If you would like to share the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group with Sion, please email [Annie Riggs](mailto:Annie.Riggs@ndsion.edu) or [Paola Clark](mailto:Paola.Clark@ndsion.edu). We would love to see a wonderful representation of our world in our cafeteria at the end of this month.



Holiday Fund

Thank you for your donations to the Sion Grade School *Holiday Fund*. We raised nearly \$8,400 to give monetary gifts to each grade school employee - teacher, staff and administration. Sion Alliance added to these donations with \$1600 from our surplus funds. Thank you for your part in showing these important people in our children's lives how much we appreciate them.

Book Fair

In case you missed the great news, the Sion community raised \$1454.14 for our library. Thank you again to the many families who came to Barnes and Noble on the Plaza in November and/or shopped online. Our purchases have helped bring more materials to our Sion library. Stop by the library on January 26th to see the new offerings our students will enjoy from the generosity of our community. #sionreads!

Sion Alliance News

Sion ALLiance Meeting - Tues., January 10 @ 8 am in the Sanctuary

Drop by the ALLiance meeting at 8 am on Tuesday to find out what is happening at school. Have a cup of coffee, mingle with other parents and get great news about Sion. Division Heads Dr. Clark and Ms. Riggs are always on hand to share what is happening in the middle school and primary/intermediate levels. Admissions and Advancement representatives also bring news to our table.

Join the Call-When-You-Need-Help list.

Do you want to get more involved, but aren't sure of how your schedule fits into the happenings at Sion? Email Julie Walker Browne (walkerbrowne@me.com) to be included in the *Call-When-You-Need-Help* list. We will email or call you when we have an event or need that requires parent volunteers. We know how busy the day-to-day lives of parenting and work can be. Hopefully, we can make being involved at Sion a little easier. Thank you to the parents who added their names to that list and helped at the Pasta Night in November and the Christmas Concert reception in December.