
Whether you have a preschool or middle school student, there is a place for you to get involved at Notre Dame de Sion School!

The school encourages families to stay active in the lives of their children through their school. Many parents build life-long friendships with the other parents they meet at the different activities.

Sion ALLiance is a family organization for students in the Montessori through 8th Grade.

Please take advantage of the many Volunteer Opportunities offered through the Sion ALLiance.

Together, we all make a difference.

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Thank you in advance for helping make sure that 2016/17 is yet another successful year for our children at Sion!



Please read and complete the enclosed Volunteer sheet or, if easier, please email Alison Patterson (alison@pattersonkc.com) or Julie Walker Browne (walkerbrowne@me.com) with the volunteer job(s) that interest you.

Check out the Sion ALLiance Web page (<http://www.ndsion.edu/community/alliance.cfml>) for more complete descriptions.

Simply return the Volunteer sheet(s) in the envelope with other Sion forms your are returning to school.

Thank you again for supporting our children.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

IMMEDIATE NEED:

Volunteers for the **Sion Uniform Exchange** held on Monday, July 25th from 1-8pm. Stephanie Bridges has organized uniforms collected in the Spring. Volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts to keep the cafeteria tidy and assist with finding uniforms in their children's sizes. Please contact Stephanie Bridges.

(stephaniebridges5@gmail.com).

Sion Class Ambassadors

Ambassadors for each class serve as the resources for new families. New parents welcome having someone they can email or call if they have a question about school. Ambassadors also work closely with Admissions in making connections with prospective parents.

Book Fair Organizer(s)

We have a vacancy for this volunteer position that needs to be filled in order for the Book Fair to continue. A volunteer or volunteer duo, will create a theme for the Book Fair, work with the bookseller, organize volunteers, and advertise the event with the help of Sion Communications.



Teacher Appreciation Organizer

Sion ALLiance organizes luncheons and treats for teachers and staff throughout the year. We need a person to take over this position and thank our teachers for all they do throughout the year. The Teacher Appreciation organizer works with other volunteer parents to plan and execute appreciation days, which includes two luncheons per year, Teacher Appreciation Week and a special surprise of your choice.

Fine Arts Showcase

Organizer(s)

A volunteer or volunteer duo is needed to organize a showcase of the arts at Sion. Children in the grade school can perform musical pieces, dramatic presentations or display their artwork to the community. The parent volunteer recruits other volunteers and works closely with the fine arts faculty to plan a date and showcase the work of our students.

Room Representatives

Two Room Representatives per grade are needed to organize classroom parties, including Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Room Reps also

help organize the Teacher Appreciation Week for their grade level teachers and other "specials" teachers in May (e.g., Spanish and French teachers, P.E., Art, etc.).

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Musical Concessions

A volunteer is needed to help organize concessions during intermission of the Spring Musical. Drinks and snacks are served, with proceeds benefitting a charity to be determined. *(30-minute to one-hour shifts.)*

Back to School Night - August 15th

Sion ALLiance hosts a BBQ as families drop off school supplies and meet teachers, offering an opportunity for new families to meet others and for seasoned Sion families to reconnect with friends. *Needs: Volunteers to operate the grill, set up tables, and staff food and drink stations. (One-hour shifts.)*

Fall Festival - October 1

The Fall Festival is the major fund-raiser for the 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. and the event of the year for Sion students. ALLiance supports students by providing food. *Needs: Volunteers are needed to help run these stations, including grilling the food. (One-hour shifts.)*

Pasta Night (In conjunction with the Book Fair and Holiday Lighting) - November 17

Sion families are invited to shop at the Book Fair and attend our annual pasta dinner in the cafeteria, followed by a holiday lighting ceremony. *Needs: volunteers to work one- to two-hour shifts with Pasta Dinner coordinator, Dana Knapp.*

Book Fair - November 16-18

The annual Sion Book Fair is held prior to Thanksgiving Break and in conjunction with the Pasta Dinner, Holiday Lighting and the



GrandFriends Day. A portion of sales will benefit the Sion Grade School Library. *Needs: Volunteers work one-hour shifts, assisting the Montessori and Primary level in selecting books they can put on a "wish list," organizing books, sales and clean-up.*

Holiday Night at Browne's Irish Market - December

Enjoy a Happy Hour with other parents at Browne's. Shop for the holidays and enjoy a pint of Guinness. A portion of drink and merchandise sales benefits Sion ALLiance. *Needs: A parent to coordinate with Browne's Irish Market and help market the event through Sion Communications. (Approximately five-hour time commitment.)*

Sion Gala Auction - March 4

The Sion Gala, held at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza, is the main fundraiser for both campuses. The evening is for all parents and supporters of Sion. Enjoy a night of dinner, drinks and dancing, and purchase auction items to benefit our school. *Needs: Silent and Live Auction item solicitations, sponsorships, and set-up (one-hour shifts) the day before the event.*

Sion Schoolyard Garden

Sion is fortunate to have its very own garden, where students plant, care for and enjoy the finished product in our Future Foodies lunch program. Garden coordinator, Nicole Routh, organizes the garden curriculum with Sion teachers to create learning opportunities. *Needs: Weeding, watering and harvesting are among the many volunteer opportunities in our garden.*

Grade Level Parent Parties - TBD

Grade level parties are grade specific parties thrown or organized by volunteers in each class. *Needs: Parents (or a few families partner together) to host and organize a party or social event for the parents in your child's class.*

Scavenger Hunt - TBD

Teams of parents compete in a race to see who can complete the most tasks in the Scavenger Hunt and document their accomplishments through pictures and video and sent back to Home Base. The winning team receives a trophy and bragging rights for a full year. *Needs: Sion couples are needed to host the event and serve as "Home Base" and designated drivers for other couples.*

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Fine Arts Showcase - TBD

Sion Grade School students will perform musical pieces and display their artwork. Coffee, kid-friendly drinks and desserts are served. *Needs: volunteers to help lead the planning and recruiting volunteers to work one-hour shifts at the event.*

Battle of the Books

This annual event is held in May, but the work leading up to this event is already in the works. Students in grades 4-6 read upwards of 5-20 books and grade-level teams compete in a Battle of the Books. Be prepared to be amazed by these book-savvy students as they answer questions in quiz-bowl style. *Needs: Volunteers interested in reading some of the book selections and writing questions for the Battle, organizing a Battle reception after the final round and collecting prizes for the participating students.*

School Lunch Program

Our healthy lunch program, created by Chef Jackie Habiger, is another special part of Sion. *Needs: Help Chef Jackie by serving meals to kids. You can volunteer once a month, every other month or whatever fits your schedule.*



Sion Grade School Showcase and International Marketplace - January 26

Each winter, teachers and students prepare a classroom project showcase for families, students and prospective Sion families. International Marketplace is a bi-annual event that runs alongside the showcase. Families are invited to share the food, drink and culture of their ancestors, allowing students and their families to sample the offerings and learn a little bit more about the countries on our beautiful planet. *Needs: Coordinators are needed to help organize the event with Anne Brundige.*

Sion Library

Our library is a haven for our students, with a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction for our children to explore. *Needs: Work with Ms. Nelson in shelving books, repairing and processing books and other jobs.*

Maker Faire Competition - June 2017

Students in Mr. Kaspyk's STEAM classes build projects for the Maker Faire at Union Station. *Needs: Parents with knowledge or expertise in engineering or building trades are invited to judge projects for entry in the Maker Faire.*

Chat and Chew events for Grades 1-8

Literacy is the ability to read, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively. What better way to encourage improved literacy in our children than through grade level book clubs? Children can read age-appropriate and interesting books and discuss with their friends. *Needs: Parents are asked to serve as hosts for quarterly or semester book clubs*