

**Sauganash PTA needs your support.  
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August 10, 2016

Dear Sauganash Families,

Our goal this year is to raise over \$100,000 between now and June. We plan to raise \$50,000 through direct donations; \$25,000 through the Spring Fling benefit; and \$25,000 through other fundraising programs/projects (Free Money, Sign-up parties, Bingo Night/Raffle, Read-a-Thon, etc.). As you consider making your generous donation this school year, I want to remind you that Sauganash Elementary is a remarkable school. In its halls, each child is made to feel welcome, heard, challenged and at home. We have extraordinary teachers and staff, a passionate principal, and exceptionally dedicated families like you who are committed not only to their own children’s education but to the education of every child in our school.

But like all Chicago Public Schools and public institutions in Illinois, Sauganash Elementary school has faced enormous budget cuts while costs continue to increase. Many costs for daily school operation have been shifted to the school to cover with their discretionary funds that in the past, the Board of Education would supply such as instructional materials, textbooks, equipment, salaries, benefit increases, increased costs to fulfill additional physical education, arts and technology classes.

**Thanks to support of our families, has been nothing short of amazing!**

**During the school year, the Sauganash PTA will spend nearly \$130 per student!**

Last year, the PTA held a successful donation drive fundraiser and we raised enough to cover support staff, enrichment programs and student activities for this school year. This helped our school in a very tangible way. On average the PTA spends \$100,000 each school year, in the last year we used some reserves however they are depleting this year’s funds. Please help us exceed this year’s budget of \$100,000 so we can continue (or even expand) our classroom support for the coming school year.

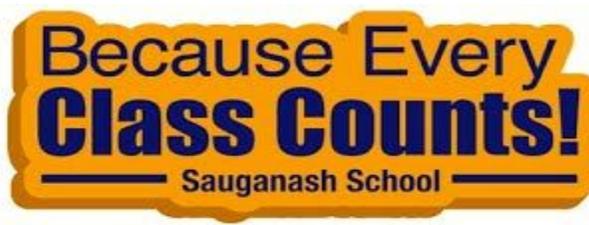
Without PTA support, teacher/adult to student ratio in our primary grades (K-2) would be nearly 50% higher than it is now. That would mean less individualized attention in the most crucial academic years.

While we have done so much, the school still feels the cuts. We have lost intervention services and general education paraprofessionals in classrooms, and our overall class size has slowly crept up to the highest level in many years. Again, while costs for daily school operation continue to increase. For that reason, our fundraising efforts at Sauganash Elementary have never been more important.

**Annual appeal dollars go directly to the school.**

**Your donation today has an enormous impact on what we can do.**

Your Generous Donation Amount Of:	Helps the PTA Fund:
\$75	Updated instructional materials for (2) students
\$150	Teacher’s stipend for classroom supplies
\$300	iPad or other technology upgrades
\$500	Teacher’s aide (salary and workers’ compensation insurance) for one week



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We know that it seems as if there is constantly a fundraiser going on. It seems that way because there is, and because each is necessary. Our many fundraisers allows families to participate in ways they are comfortable with and in ways in which they are affordable.

Every dollar raised helps the school. In the past, we've made a special effort to provide a variety of Sign-up Parties to allow more ways to meet other families and have fun while raising money for the school. Of course there are many ongoing fundraisers where you can make small adjustments in your routine to help raise money.

**This year we are asking all families to include the direct donation annual appeal on the list of ways they support Sauganash Elementary.** If you have given before, thank you. If you have not, this is the year to start!

No donation is too small. Every contribution is appreciated.

With Sincerest Thanks!,

Marilyn Chapman

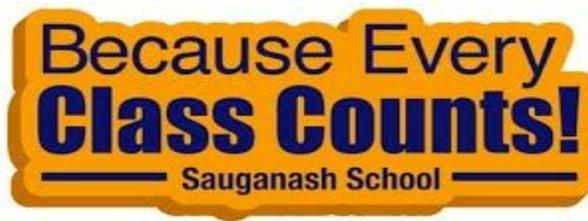
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**P.S.** Donate by using the attached form below today! You can mail it in, slip it into your child's Friday folder, or take it to the school office and drop it into the PTA box. **If you prefer to donate online, visit [www.sauganashpta.org/donate-today](http://www.sauganashpta.org/donate-today) and click on either the 'One-Time Donation' button .**

When you give, **please be sure to let us know if your company matches donations** – we'll be happy to do the paperwork to double your contribution!

**P.P.S.** Consider making your tax-deductible donation before the end of the calendar year.



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Member(s) or Family Name:	Student Name(s):	Grade:
Contact Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Address:		
Donation Amount		
One-Time Donation ( <u>ANY</u> amount is appreciated)	\$ -----	
Donating with Installments:		
Bronze Donor	\$25.00 - monthly	
Silver Donor	\$50.00 - monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Donor	\$75.00 - monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platinum Donor	\$100.00 - monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sapphire Donor	\$150.00 - monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diamond Donor	\$200.00 - monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL DONATION:</b>	\$	
My employer matches funds for charitable organizations: <input type="checkbox"/> YES	Name of Employer: -----	

**Please make checks out to:** Sauganash PTA.

**If you would like to pay by credit card or PayPal please click here:** <http://www.sauganashpta.org/donate-today>

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