

SCM PSO Welcome Back to School Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 5, 2025

Time: 8:35 AM – 9:45 AM

Location: SCM School Gym

Attendance

- Many parents in attendance (RSVPs available).
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **8:35 AM**.

Committee Presentations

(A PowerPoint presentation was available to accompany the committee reports.)

Friends of the Arts

Chairs: Jaime Middleton, Tracey Ledoux

- Supporting new Music Guide, Mr. Winslow (meeting pending).
- Collaborates with Friends of the Library for the Christmas concert décor and during event.
- Responsibilities include instrument transportation, driving/chaperoning for Singing Valentines, and organizing the year-end concert.
- **Volunteers needed.**

Friends of the Athletics

Chairs: Kristin Zipple-Shedd, Nadia Ali

- Supports Athletic Director Sam Hemming.
- All families encouraged to attend athletic events; schedules available via the school calendar.
- **Volunteer roles:** scorekeeping, bookkeeping, concessions, clean up.
- Covers C-team, JV and Varsity sports.
- **Saturday Soccer** for Primary and Lower Elementary begins in January. No experience needed to coach or lead.

Steps-4-Students

Chair: Nadia Ali

- Dioceses organized event on **Feb. 14, 2026**, in downtown Houston. Includes 5K and 1K run/walk.
- Participation options: run, walk, or “snooze” (support without attending).
- Followed by a pancake breakfast at SCM.

Friends of the Atrium

Chairs: Laura Haskovec, Catherine Barber, Mary Tysor

- Supports Sister Theresa Josephine and Atrium activities.

- Help needed for: Advent and Sacrament gifts, Mass support (e.g., altar cloth and vestment care), and Ministers of Holy Communion.
- **Dominican Study Group** led by Catherine Barber; dates TBD.

Friends of the Garden

Chairs: Devin Weiss, Candance McCaddon

- Supports Naturalist Kelley Bruso.
- Focus this year: **Japhet Creek**.
- Weekly Garden Days: Fridays after drop-off until 9:30 AM.
- **Community Workdays:** (8:00 – 10:00 AM)
 - Oct. 18, 2025
 - April 18, 2026
- First Garden Teaching Day: **Sept. 12** (topic: soil & regenerative farming). Email reminders will be sent.

Friends of the Library

Chairs: Mercedes DeAlvear, Jazmin Gudino, Hailey Penneton, Nicole Luijer (Book Fair)

- Supports Librarian Melissa Lopez.
- Weekly volunteering on Tuesdays after drop-off (shelving and organizing books for Primary).
- **Book Fair:** Dec. 8–12. Volunteers needed for setup, register, and breakdown.
- Collaborates with Friends of the Arts on Christmas concert decor.

Book Club

Chairs: Angela Schmeidel, Edith Napoleon

- Three book club meetings planned this year.
- Dates: **Oct. 31**, **Jan. 30**, and **Apr. 24**.
- Book selection survey sent via the *Globe* newsletter.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation

Chair: Mary Tysor

- Upcoming Events:
 - **Breakfast:** Sept. 10
 - **Chili Lunch:** February (day TBD)
 - **End-of-Year Luncheon:** May 29 (many volunteers needed)

Works of Mercy

Chair: Mary Tysor

- **Back-to-School Supplies Drive** completed for Casa de Esperanza.
- **December Donation Drive:** PJ, socks, and underwear for ~120 children.
- Volunteers needed to **donate, wrap, and sort gifts**.
- Spring event in planning to provide service opportunities for SCM families.

Sociables

Chairs: Ami Tyagi, Molly Martin

- Coordinates parent-hosted social events.
- Deadline to submit Sociable ideas: **Sept. 12.**
- **Sociable Signup Breakfast:** Oct. 7 at SCM.

Fall Fest

Chairs: Jonica Tamayo, Michell Mayorga

- **Date:** Oct. 25
- Family potluck event held at SCM.
- Volunteers needed for setup, event help, and cleanup.
- A poem was read to encourage participation.

Spring Fling

Chairs: Nicole Holub, Briseida Palacios

- **Date:** April 25
- Similar format to Fall Fest—family potluck.
- Volunteers needed throughout the event.

SCM Advancement Presentation

Presenter: Lyndsey Ray, SCM Advancement Director

- Overview of SCM parent and volunteer resources:
 - **Parent Portal:** includes directory, past *Globe* newsletters, In-Kind donation form, and more.
 - New portal webpage launched for *Globe* archives.

Reminders from PSO President

Karine Schepers-Cheng, PSO President:

- **Next PSO Meeting:** Sept. 26 at 8:00 AM, SCM
- Sign up for **SCMonAWhim** (community email list) for informal updates, get-togethers, and sharing among SCM parents.
- **Event photos** (sports, performances, etc.) are encouraged—please submit to the communications team for *Globe* publication.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:45 AM.**

Additional note to be recorded in minutes:

On Sept. 4, 2025, the Head of School, Lina Delgado, approved the increase of the PSO budget for school year, 2025 - 2026—from \$4,000 to \$4,650.

Meeting Minutes taken by: Mary Tysor