

Make a Difference and Donate Today

Your contribution to the Teacher Fund is vital to retaining and motivating our excellent teaching staff. Our goal is 100% participation from all the families in our school in the amount that they can afford. Donations from family foundations, grandparents, and other relatives are also welcome.



Ms. Katie Schwerdt, 4th Grade Teacher

You may also use the Family Pledge Program, which allows families to make an up-front pledge and conveniently pay the pledge as a gift over time. The gifts may take the form of cash and/or publicly-traded securities. Please contact a tax specialist to determine the best plan for your situation.

Every contribution makes a difference in the education and lives of our children. Please give generously and send your tax-deductible donation today. Thank you for supporting the Teacher Fund!

Join the Principal's Club or the Legacy Council

Completed gifts of \$1,500 are recognized by membership in the Principal's Club. Completed gifts of \$5,000 or more are recognized by membership in the St. Simon Legacy Council. Contributions at both levels will be listed on the plaque in the school lobby. For more information, please contact us below.

Make a Tribute or Honorary Gift

This is a unique way to pay tribute to the special teacher your child had at St. Simon, or to honor a recent graduate of the school. A certificate acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree as well. You can also make an Honorary Gift in memory of a loved one. Either way, your donation supports the Teacher Fund and helps to ensure St. Simon's continuing tradition of academic excellence.

St. Simon Teacher Fund

For more information, please contact:

Steve Clossick (650) 968-9952, ext. 11
sclossick@stsimon.org

Cathy Swearingen (650) 964-4712
cathy@dxm.com

Donna Mohammadi (650) 941-1325
donna.mohammadi@sbcglobal.net

The St. Simon Teacher Fund



An Investment in Academic Excellence

Invest in Academic Excellence



Ms. Erin Inkster, 6th Grade Teacher

What is the Teacher Fund?

The St. Simon Teacher Fund was initiated in 1998 by St. Simon parents and parishioners who wanted to recruit and retain well-qualified and dedicated teachers. The goal of the Teacher Fund is to enhance the quality of education at St. Simon School by enabling us to help teachers cover teaching-related expenses through a reimbursement, not compensation, program.

"Teaching, is not just a job. It is a human service, and it must be thought of as a mission."

-Dr. Ralph Tyler

Join the Teacher Fund in supporting the Mission of our Teachers!

Why Give?

Many of the expenses teachers incur to enhance their classrooms and to further their professional growth come from their pockets. In expensive Silicon Valley, the Teacher Fund has become a key recruiting and retention tool since it helps defray these costs by reimbursing approved expenses such as classroom materials, conferences and workshops, credential fees, and education enrichment travel related to the classroom curriculum. Many of our teachers use the Fund for additional productivity tools such as computers and tablets, teacher association fees, as well as student incentives.

How does the Fund Work?

Gifts are placed in a professionally managed fund. Teacher distributions are determined annually by the Teacher Fund Committee, which includes school parents, the school principal, and the St. Simon pastor. The current annual distribution for a full-time teacher is \$1,500. The amount of the distribution to the teachers varies from year-to-year based upon donations from families, annual fundraising, and the Fund's portfolio performance.

The Teacher Fund Committee raises money primarily through family donations and proceeds from our annual

Walk-a-thon and the Parish bi-annual Auction.

We hope you will join the many families and parishioners who support the Teacher Fund. By giving to the Teacher Fund, you can help ensure the continuation of the St. Simon tradition of teaching excellence.

"I am so appreciative of the Teacher Fund. With this money I have been able to purchase many educational tools for the students such as manipulatives, phonic games, and visual aides. I have also been able to purchase educational tools for myself to make me a better teacher. The Teacher Fund has significantly helped me take my mind off the financial struggle that many teachers go through."

-Cindy Navarro, 1st Grade Teacher

"I used the Teacher Fund money to reward my students and to take classes. I found some great ideas to use in my classroom from the four classes I attended over the summer and fall. The Teacher Fund money takes the worry off of my mind to be able to afford incentives for the class, and gives me the room to be more creative in my curriculum. Thank you!"

-Sarah DeCarlo, Science Teacher