

INTRODUCTION

Catholic schools have existed in the United States since colonial times. A major reason for their success is the strong support of the parental community. Parents have long realized their role as primary educators of their children. Parents who are more involved with their school in order to coordinate the educational process. As a result, parental support has become an essential ingredient in the Catholic school's ability to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of families.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organizations (PTSO) has traditionally served to organize this parental support. Its main function is to promote communication among the parents, teachers and administrators. It also helps to provide direct parental support to the school. In recent years, as legislation is increasingly being used to address social problems, the PTSO is being used to help organize parental efforts as advocates within the political arena.

Catholic schools will continue to flourish into the next century because of strong parental commitment. The PTSO is the organizational body through which these parental efforts can be effectively directed.

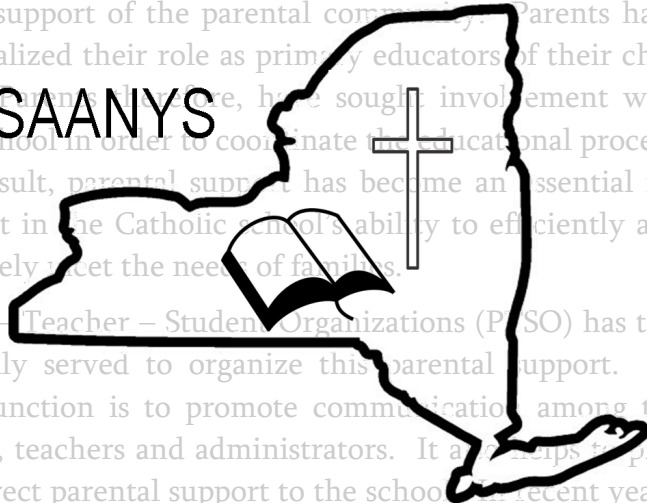
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Guidelines and tips to help a school board or administrator organize an effective parent organization.

Only in this democratic society can parents act collectively on behalf and in support of the school. Thus, the association's major resource is its parents and its vitality depends on their active participation.

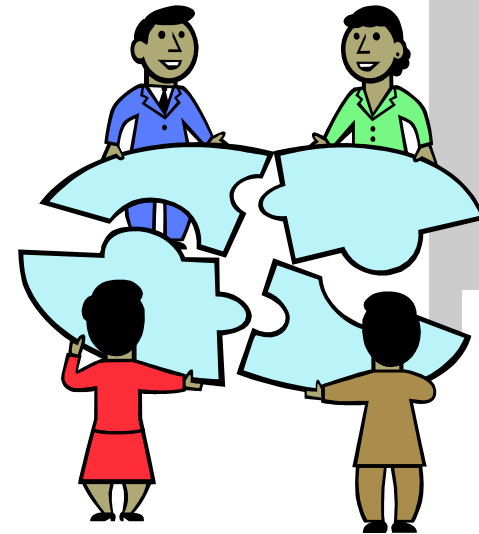
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