

FAIR SHARE PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE FAIR SHARE PROGRAM?

The Fair Share Program is a mandatory family participation program in which each family contributes 40 hours of service (20 for single parent families). Preschool families contribute 10 hours per year.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FAIR SHARE PROGRAM?

The purpose of the Fair Share Program is to keep tuition costs down and to increase family participation in the school.

HOW MANY FAIR SHARE HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

Two parent families contribute a minimum of 40 hours (20 for single parents-not allowed if both parents are involved with the child). Preschool families are expected to contribute 10 hours (teachers will identify needs). Hours are completed anytime during the school tuition year (May 1st through April 30th). Fulfillment of these hours, or payment through "buy-out", must be completed for enrollment in the following year. All hours beyond the minimum should continue to be recorded in order to support data needed for grant applications.

CAN I "BUY OUT" OF THE PROGRAM?

Yes, families not wishing to participate in Fair Share work may "buy out" of the program for a cost of \$15 per hour. The fee must be paid at the time of registration. The cost is \$600 for two parent families and \$300 for single parent families, \$150 for Preschool families. Buying out does not release a parent from fund raising for Jog-A-Thon, Raffle Tickets and scrip. Jog-A-Thon is optional for Preschool parents.

WHAT IF I DON'T COMPLETE ALL MY HOURS?

Hours not completed will be charged to you at a rate of \$15 per hour and billed on your tuition statement. Registration for the following year will be contingent upon completion of hours or payment of this shortage.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO DO TO EARN FAIR SHARE HOURS?

The Fair Share form lists jobs and services that qualify for Fair Share hours. In addition, you may be asked to perform a service, or you may see a need for a service that is not listed on the Fair Share form. Check with the school office to verify that the service will qualify for Fair Share hours. Watch the Thursday newsletter for specific requests for services which qualify for Fair Share hours.

HOW DO I KEEP TRACK OF MY FAIR SHARE HOURS?

Keep track of your hours by recording them on the Fair Share Log. These sheets are located in a wall pocket in the front entry of the main school hallway and returned to the same location. Periodically you will receive a report of the hours that you turned in on the Fair Share Log. A Fair Share chairman is available by phone or email for questions. Check with the office for current phone and email address.

ARE THE FAIR SHARE HOURS DIVIDED BETWEEN PARISH & SCHOOL?

No, you are required to contribute 10 hours to school Development and/or fund raising. The other 30 hours may be in any school-related projects. All archdiocesan pastors expect that you contribute your time and financial support to your parish as well, in order to receive their subsidy. This is in addition to the hours you volunteer at this school. The parish amount of time and financial support expected is set by each pastor. Check with your individual parish.

If you choose to buy out, send a check to the school office for the buy-out amount. Mark your check as "Fair Share Hours". (\$600 for two parent families and \$300 for single parent families, \$150 for Preschool families)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SCHOOL

SCHOOL RELATED SERVICES

- Recess duty helper
- Lunch duty helper
- Hot Lunch workers -all year (kitchen prep, servers)
- Classroom helper - Reading, Math, or Other (contact the classroom teacher or office)
- Work at home (contact teacher)
- Field Trip chaperone (Background checks and training must be current)
- Book Fair (date & times vary)
- Extended Care helper (on call)
- Yard/Grounds Work on campus (set your own time)
- Health Screening
 - Fall - Height/Weight/Vision
 - Winter - Hearing
 - Spring - Scoliosis
- New family mentor
- Scrip Sales (after school, Weekend Mass times, special events) See office for details
- Translator
- Box Tops for Education helper
- Campbell's Soup Labels helper



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (ALL YEAR) – CONTACT PRINCIPAL

- Annual Fund Drive (fall) – Mailings, Phone-A-Thon, etc.
- Donor Thank You Event (fall)
- Alumni projects

PARENTS CLUB

ROOM PARENTS

FUNDRAISING

- Jog A Thon
- Raffle
- Auction

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Family Fun Night
- Halloween Bash
- Bingo Night
- Others as announced



Sign up at Back to School Night OR watch the weekly newsletter for opportunities to volunteer your time.