

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers have an important role to play in educating our children. Students, teachers and volunteers all benefit from volunteer partnerships.

BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Personal growth and satisfaction
- Make an important contribution
- Respect and appreciation of students and staff
- Skills development
- Make new friends

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS:

- Exposure to a wide range of life experiences
- Individual attention and assistance
- Friendship support and encouragement
- Expanded services

BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS:

- More time to spend teaching
- Extra help and support for individuals or groups
- New experiences/skills are brought to the classroom

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I volunteer in my child's classroom?

It is most beneficial for a child's self esteem to have their parent helping in the school, so do volunteer. Studies have shown that having a parent in the school, helps a child perform better academically.

With a few exceptions such as a field trip supervisor or a career day presentation, it has not proven to be a successful experience for the student, teacher or the volunteer to have a student's parent in their classroom. This practice has been limited.

What qualifications do I need?

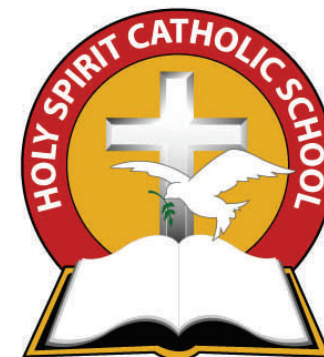
Very few of our volunteer positions require training. Time availability is the most important factor. A desire to make a difference qualifies you.

How much time is needed?

With many of our volunteer opportunities we can arrange the time spent at school around your schedule, and would greatly appreciate any amount of time you are able to offer. Ideally a commitment to a specific position for the school year would be best.

I'm not available during school hours, can I still volunteer?

Yes, School Council may be right for you. The Council meets in the evenings. How involved you get is up to you. It's a great way to meet people and learn what's happening at your child(ren)'s school.



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it." - John Ruskin



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WHAT CAN I DO AT HOLY SPIRIT?

Holy Spirit School community has many volunteer positions available; one or several may be right for you! The following are brief descriptions of these opportunities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL—Parent and staff members advise the Principal on educational matters, concerns, help fundraising etc. One of the Council's main goals is to increase communication between home and school. Meetings are held monthly in the evening at the school.



LIBRARY ASSISTANT—track, stack and scan library books and generally assist the teacher librarian.

ALL STAR READING COACH—assisting children in learning reading strategies—training will be provided.

SPECIAL EVENTS—organize and assist with special celebrations such as sacraments, Open House Barbeque, retreats, sporting events, socials—time commitment will be according to the duration of the event, but any pair of hands at any time is helpful..

CLASSROOM ASSISTANT—assist students with various arts, science and technology projects—if you have an interest or a talent in any of these areas, please indicate your interest and a teacher will be in touch with you.



KISS N' RIDE— wear a cool orange vest and help direct traffic through the Kiss n' Ride for 15 to 20 minutes before or after school—great for someone who works and can't spend time during the day.

FUNDRAISING—to help organize and assist in the school's yearly fundraising events.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT—a liaison between the school and local newspapers—a great position for someone that works full time—you would be required to call the newspaper and notify them of any special events we are having and ask them to come out and report on it.

ON CALL VOLUNTEER—a volunteer will be on a general on-call availability list.

HELPING HANDS—a volunteer to assist with shopping for needy families

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS—assist in the distribution of order forms, collect and count money and help distribute food to classrooms on pizza days, hot dog days etc.

OTHER PROJECTS—we would appreciate hearing your ideas for any volunteer opportunities that we may not have listed.



Volunteer Interest Form

Please fill out this form and send it to the school with your child, drop it off, fax it or mail it in the school.

Name: _____

Telephone # Daytime: _____

Evening: _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Please check the volunteer opportunities you are interested in below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic School | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiss N' Ride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Star Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Lunch/Pizza lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> On-Call Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk Program (1hr/week) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

All volunteers will be required to provide a Criminal Reference Check before beginning to volunteer. Forms can