



## **“Because Real Angels Volunteer Organization”**

St. Timothy School has many Volunteer positions available; one or several may be right for you! The following are brief descriptions of some of these opportunities. (More details upon request)

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:** Once elected, your role is to work within a team of members acting as a communication link between the Principal, school, parents and community. Meetings are usually held monthly in the evenings. (babysitting available)

**CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS:** provide support to the classroom teacher/environment in a variety of areas. Time commitment can be scheduled around your schedule daily, weekly or monthly.

**ALL STAR READING:** offer one on one extra reading support to a select group of students in Primary grades. A minimum of 1 hour per week is required to ensure the best scheduling for the success of the program.

**FUNDRAISING:** work within a committee to maximize fundraising opportunities to generate monies which will be distributed back into the school benefiting all students. Many volunteers are required for this activity. Various responsibilities require daily, evening or occasional time commitments.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** assist at various events throughout the year such as Sacramental Celebrations, Terry Fox Run, Pancake Tuesday, Play Day, Open House/BBQ etc. These events happen once per year during the day or evening and volunteers can sign up for as many as they desire.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR TEAMS/CLUBS:** support the teacher (coach) in the area of school teams and clubs before, during or after school. Time commitment will be determined by the event - either daytime, evenings or weekends and can be on a regular basis.

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

### **Benefits for Students**

- exposure to a wide range of life experiences
- individual attention/assistance
- friendship, support and encouragement
- expanded services

### **Benefits for Teachers**

- more time spent teaching
- extra help and support for individuals or groups
- new experiences/skills brought to classrooms

### **Benefits for Volunteers**

- personal growth and satisfaction
- making an important contribution
- respect and appreciation of students and staff
- skills development
- making new friends

### **Frequently asked Questions:**

#### **Will I volunteer in my child's classroom?**

Studies have shown that parental involvement boosts a child's self-esteem and academic performance. It has not been proven to be a successful experience for the student, teacher or volunteer to have a student's own parent in their classroom. This practice has been limited.

#### **What qualifications do I need?**

Very few volunteer positions require training, and if so, it is provided. Time availability is the most important factor and a desire to make a difference qualifies you.

#### **How much time is needed?**

As much as you are comfortable giving - With many of our volunteer opportunities, we can work around your schedule.

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

Yes, School Councils, Fundraising Committees and special events are areas where you can be involved during evenings or weekends.

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If you are interested in volunteering at St. Timothy School, please contact one of the B.R.A.V.O. Co-Chairs: Daniela Giansante at [Daniela.giansante@sympatico.ca](mailto:Daniela.giansante@sympatico.ca) or Debbie Mikkelsen at [Debbiemikkelsen@rogers.com](mailto:Debbiemikkelsen@rogers.com) or you can contact the school at 905-277-0990.