

Volunteering Your Time and Talents at St. John School

Why Volunteer?

Your enthusiastic volunteerism enables us to keep operating costs low and fundraisers successful. Volunteering is also a way for a parent to become a part of the student's school life and get to know the teachers, staff, and other parents. Your unique talents and time spent at St. John are invaluable to the spirit of our community. Thank you in advance for what you do.

Are There Volunteer Hour Requirements?

While we do not require a minimum number of volunteer hours, we do ask parents to reach toward the yearly goal of *40 hours per two-parent family* and *20 hours per one-parent family*. Any time you spend volunteering within the St. John community counts toward your yearly goal.

What Activities Should I Choose?

We hope you'll choose activities and events that are interesting to you, fit within your schedule, and reflect the current priorities and needs of St. John School. High priority and outside-of-school-hours volunteer activities are clearly identified in our online volunteer activity catalog:

<http://www.st-johnschool.org/Parents/Volunteers/tabid/80/Default.aspx>

When Do I Sign Up for My Volunteer Activities?

Registering for volunteer activities is part of our school registration process in March. Our major push for scheduling volunteers is in September, at the beginning of the school year. Knowing how many volunteers we can count on at the beginning of the year helps our staff, teachers, and event leaders plan their important activities of the year. If you're new to St. John School, register for an account on the St. John School web site so you're ready to choose your volunteer activities in September. Here's how:

1. Using your web browser go to <http://www.st-johnschool.org>
2. Click on the Login link on the right hand side under the purple banner:
3. After clicking on the Login link, you will go to the login page. Click on the Register link:
4. Fill in the fields and click on Register. Go to your email inbox.
5. Open the email from St. John School Webmaster and click on the verification link.
6. Fill in your password to verify your account and log in. Contact Jennifer Burke at alleyburke@yahoo.com for help or questions.

Safe Environment Program Training

All are welcome to volunteer at St. John School: Parents, grandparents, extended family, parishioners, neighbors and special friends. Background checks and Archdiocese-sponsored Safe Environment Program training are mandatory. Find available classes at <http://www.seattlearch.org/sep/index.html>.

Evelyn Pinkerman at the Parish office is happy to answer your questions about these requirements. Please contact her at 206-782-2810 or epinkerman@stjohnsea.org.

I have read and understand the above volunteer expectations. _____ (Y/N)

I have registered for my online account on the St. John School web site. _____ (Y/N)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date