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# Welcome and Thank You!

- Thank you for all that you do for the School.
- Thank you to those individuals from the School Administration, PTO, Boosters, Parish Council and the Board of Catholic Education who serve the School in a special way.
- We know we can't do it without you. We need you. We need everybody to participate in some way.

# What is the Service Hours Program?

- A commitment from each and every family to provide (20) hours of service to the School or Parish.
- Service comes in the form of volunteer participation in a variety of areas – Parish, School, PTO, Athletics, Board of Education, Fundraising, Youth Groups, Adult Faith Groups, Facilities, Coaching and more.
- A “Volunteer Opportunities List” has been included in your packet and is posted on the School website.

# What is the purpose of the Service Hours Program?

1. To increase parental involvement in School and Parish Community activities and functions.
2. Encourage participation from every family in the many outstanding programs offered by the School and Parish.
3. Strengthen the educational quality of St. Agnes through cooperative learning and volunteerism.
4. Promote a sense of “Community” among the St. Agnes School and Parish families through participation and interaction.
5. Control tuition and School fee increases by defraying costs through volunteer service.

# Why do we need a Service Hours Program?

## We already do so much for the School.

- Yes, many families are incredibly active in both the School and the Parish and have already completed 20 hours of service.
- In speaking with families who are actively involved, we have found that they get great satisfaction from their St. Agnes experience because of their involvement and participation.
- Our children beam with pride when they know that we as parents are involved in some activity, field trip, etc...
- We as a whole are a better School, Parish and Faith Community with the participation by all of our members. We learn from each other. We encourage a sense of belonging and pride of ownership that comes from participation.

# How does the Service Hours Program work?

The key is to find a volunteer opportunity that works best for you, your interests and your schedule.

1. Choose a volunteer opportunity... The Service Hours Volunteer Opportunity List (in packet) helps you find an activity in which you might be interested in participating. Please be aware of activities that require Virtus training.
2. Contact one of the individuals in charge of that organization and ask to help.
3. Log your hours by entering your hours on line using a link provided on the Family Service Hours home page.
4. A summary of your account may also be viewed from the hours entry screen on this web page.

# What Does This Mean To You?

## **Two important initiatives for the School:**

- **Service Hours Program:** Great opportunity for all School families to be involved in our kids' success.
- **Healthy Environment Study:** The upcoming feasibility study will show us how we can help to find solutions that will make St. Agnes the best learning experience for our kids.

# The School and Parish Must Work Together as One Community

- The School is not separate from the Parish... It's the largest mission of the Parish.
- Parish support is absolutely critical to the financial viability of the School.
  - Last year, the Parish contributed \$451,800 toward covering School expenses
  - Equivalent to more than \$1,000 per child
- Without Parish support, School tuition and fees would grow to a point that would seriously harm the school's sustainability.

## Summary

- We need you.
- We know that this great school will only get better with your help and your participation.
- The great work of St. Agnes will continue to grow and flourish with your involvement.
- Thank you!

# What's The Number One Thing That School Families Can Do To Demonstrate That The School Is One Community With The Parish?

Have your family join the entire St. Agnes family at Mass at St. Agnes.

The Parish needs School Families to be active to sustain a healthy future.

The School needs Parish support to maintain from both a faith and financial standpoint.



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THANK YOU!