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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St. John the Baptist Catholic School, we make a conscious effort to set our school tuition as low as possible each year (below actual real cost per student) and to date have been successful at taking a place among the lowest school tuition levels in the area, while still enjoying many successes.

Having said that, it does take many hours of time and talent given freely by you, our generous and dedicated parents, to make our school the very best it can be. You know the saying, “many hands make light work”. All St. John families are required to serve a minimum of 20 volunteer hours per school year, spread among the areas listed on the Volunteer Commitment Form (see attached).

It is required from each family that 10 of the 20 volunteer hours be dedicated to one or more of the fundraisers. These are clearly indicated on the attached form (the Scholastic Book Fairs and Friday Pizza Luncheons are also deemed fundraisers and count towards your 10 hours). Please complete the attached Volunteer Commitment Form and return it to the school office before the end of this school year. It takes several volunteer hours to chase down forms not returned, so please make every effort to return your form on time, to minimize this follow-up.

To ensure effective and accurate tracking of your volunteer hours, at the commencement of the 09/10 school year, it will be required that you complete a Volunteer Timesheet each time you volunteer for one of the areas outlined on the Volunteer Commitment Form. Copies of this form will be made available each time, by the Event Committee Chairperson or Coordinator, however it will be your responsibility to complete one of these forms each time you volunteer and submit it to the school office (or photocopy room mail boxes) for tracking.

Please know that if your family does not meet the minimum requirement of 20 volunteer hours in the areas listed on the Volunteer Commitment Form, including 10 hours towards a major fundraiser, there will be financial repercussions. These are being reviewed and details will be presented at Back-to-School night.

If your family is new to our school or have questions with regards to any of the events, you have a few options; refer to the website under the “New Family” tab and click on “Events” for a detailed description of the entire school calendar or contact your Room Coordinator or a Family Club Board Member (both sets of contact information are listed on the school website).

Wow! What a year! Hold on tight, we’re nearly there ☺

In Peace,

Nancy Jordon  
School Principal