



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

2010 / 2011 Explanation of Parent Volunteer Opportunities and Timeframes

Fall/Spring Fundraisers – These fundraisers (previously known as the “One Heart-at-a-Time Gala) are modified yearly. In 09/10 school year Father Gordon and Nancy Jordan hosted a Donor Dinner that emphasized support from community members outside of the school. There are many areas for volunteering at these events; both pre and day of. The Chairpersons will work with the Development Committee to plan the 2010-2011 event.

Jog-A-Thon (fall) - This is the children’s favorite fundraiser as they get a hand in raising the funds themselves through sponsorship and jogging! Planning begins early summer and this fun event takes place soon after the new school year begins during a school day. There are lots of areas to volunteer before, after and during the event (e.g. collecting donations for prizes, set-up and clean-up etc).

Breakfast with St. Nick (1st Sunday in December) – A pancake breakfast is served and there are dozens of tables of crafts and games for the children to be entertained. Planning begins in mid-October with lots of opportunities to volunteer before the event (like designing crafts/games and shopping for food etc), but also on the day of the event with set-up, running a table and clean-up.

Super Bowl Party-Crab Feed (January) - This is a fun dinner party fundraiser for adults only, with all you can eat crab! Needless to say, it’s football themed. Areas for volunteering include set-up, serving and clean-up, silent and live auction planning with some pre-event help needed too.

“Let Your Light Shine” Fund – This is our Scholarship Tuition Fund and we anticipate holding one fundraising event per year. This person would be asked to promote this fund on an ongoing basis in the school and parish, and the annual fundraising event.

“Pay It Forward” Fund – This is a program that promotes “giving back”. You would use the Pay It Forward program if you wanted to thank a teacher, staff member, parent volunteer etc in the form of a donation in their honor. We are looking for a Coordinator to promote this program in our church and school.

Family Pledge Program – We are seeking a creative PR individual to obtain 100% participation of every family into our Annual Fund; an important portion of our fundraising. With 100% participation, regardless of the size of the donation, it puts our school in a better position when seeking grants.

Scrip – We are seeking a person to coordinate and promote this program. Each family is expected to generate \$250 in Scrip dollars for the school, through purchasing retail gift cards or swiping their credit and debit cards at participating retailers and restaurants. This individual will assist school staff to sell scrip after school, at the parish and promote scrip to the school and parish communities.

Pizza Lunch/Staff Room – One volunteer needed to purchase and maintain serving supplies for Pizza Lunch Friday’s and beverages in the staff room.

Church Cleaning – We are seeking a person to coordinate the solicitation of volunteers for church cleaning/general spruce-up prior to the major seasons, in conjunction with other parish volunteers, who do the planning and scheduling of this important function.

Valentines Candy Grams (around Feb 14) – This is a small “fun”raiser where kids (and grown-ups too) get to send Candy Gram’s to each other. Prior to the day, volunteers are needed to shop for candy and make up the goody bags (100’s!). Volunteers are also needed on the day to deliver the Candy Grams to the classrooms and teachers.

Box Tops for Education – Our school collects Campbell’s labels and “Box Tops for Education” all throughout the school year (and summer too!) and a Coordinator and volunteer are needed to help with counting and tracking all the labels and box tops, throughout the year and promoting this program.

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Alumni – A Coordinator/Liaison person is needed for Alumni. This person maybe asked to maintain the Alumni database and update the School website with Alumni information, work on a quarterly e-mail, and help do tours at Alumni events.

Classroom – We are looking for volunteers with strong communication and organizational skills (comfortable with using e-mail as a method of communication etc.) to serve as Room Parents for each class to assist the class/teacher in seeking volunteers from their group of class parents for the many opportunities that arise during the school year.

Visual and Performing Arts – We strive to offer various visual and performing arts recitals and exhibits. These are made possible by talented parents who dedicate their time to make it possible. Do you have experience with theater, music or art? Sign up!

Hispanic Family Outreach - As the most diverse Catholic School in the Diocese of Santa Rosa, we are proud of our culturally-rich community. While their children are comfortable in English, many of our Hispanic parents are learning English and need assistance with their transition. Join the effort to translate school materials, make welcome calls to our Spanish-speaking parents and be available to answer questions about our many school activities.

St. Joseph's Table (March 19) - This event commemorates the Feast Day of St. Joseph and starts with a song and worship at the hall in the morning and is later followed by a lunch. Many volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up.

Public Relations – Love taking pictures? Recording videos? Writing articles? Sign up for the PR team and share all the GREAT news about St. John the Baptist Catholic School to families, parishioners and the Napa Valley.

Faith Formation – Taking Religion classes is only one way our children receive the message of God at St. Johns. Our FF team organizes school-wide experiences including Faith Families, Advent program, Crowning of Mary and so many others to truly proclaim that we are different than our public school counterparts.

Technology Committee – St. Johns enjoys what may very well be the most advanced technology program amongst schools in the Napa Valley. Be a part of the team that enables us to staying “cutting edge”.

Yearbook – Join the Yearbook team to create this highly-anticipated, annual record of exciting school life at St. Johns! You may take pictures, organize lay-out or handle orders. Share your publishing talents!

Garden - Thanks to a dedicated team of teachers and parents, St. Johns enjoys a bountiful garden that receives much love and attention which results in fresh, delicious produce every season of the year. Join the program and be part of going green!

Library – Throughout the year our library provides many opportunities to get involved. We have 2 Scholastic Books Fairs per year (spring and fall) that require set-up, take-down and cashiering. “Read-Across America” is a week long celebration in March during which we celebrate Dr. Suess’ birthday. There is a “Classics Reading Program” all year long, after which participants are recognized at an end-of-year party. If the Library and all that extends from it interests you, this is the place to sign-up.

Athletics – There are quite a few opportunities to volunteer in this department including coaching positions for basketball and volleyball for several grades (both male and female teams during the Fall and Winter). Track and Field (May) requires coaches and hands-on parent assistance for both practices and the actual diocesan-wide Track and Field Day. Other areas of opportunities are Presidential Fitness Testing (May) and “Field Day” (June).

Academic Co-curriculars - To support our academic program, St. Johns offers several academic contests to interested students during the year. These vary year-to-year and may include a Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee and other engaging challenging events. Join our teaching staff to plan them!

Hospitality - Family Club are responsible for supporting many food related event/days throughout the year. Many people are needed to help this area with either shopping for food, small food contributions, set-up and clean-up. On-going or occasional support welcomed, please refer to the more detailed “Hospitality Sign-Up” Sheet posted on the Family Club Bulletin Board.