

POINTS FOR PARENTS 2017-18

At Epiphany Catholic School, we strongly believe in a spirit of community and family. When every member of our school family pitches in, we better our community as a whole. One of the best ways to help grow our school community is to volunteer.

Therefore, we are asking each family to volunteer at least 20 hours of their time per year. One hour of volunteer service will equate to one point. Therefore, every family needs to earn a minimum of 20 points per year. Any family member at least 18 years of age can complete volunteer hours. This means that parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings, etc., can assist a family in meeting their 20 hours! Accepting a PTO Board position or chairing an event can automatically meet your 20-hour requirement. On the other hand, family members can earn their required 20 points throughout the year by volunteering in a variety of ways.

There are a multitude of opportunities available to meet this requirement, some of which are outside of school hours and some can even be done from home. Please see the list below. As this is the first year of the program, we will not be applying a penalty for failure to meet the requirement. However, next year, the full program will be implemented, which will include monetary fees for unmet points.

In order to keep track of service hours, a log sheet will be maintained for each family in the "Points for Parents" binder that will be kept in the front office. When volunteering, the family member will need to add their completed hours on their respective log sheet in the binder. Once the hours are logged, a PTO Board member will sign off on the hours listed. The PTO Volunteer Coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the Points for Parents program, maintaining the binder and tracking the points.

The following are just some examples of how volunteer hours can be met.

Room Parent- help in the classroom, serve as a classroom liaison between teacher and parents for specific volunteer opportunities, may do filing in the classroom, or help teachers with a special project in the classroom, coordinate class auction item

Hot Lunch Volunteer- pick up lunch orders from vendors if needed, distribute food to students at school and assist the students and staff during lunch period

Consignment Sale- assist with set up or clean up, sort and screen consignors' items, stock and organize merchandise, check out customers

Pansy Sale- Help to collect order forms for the flowers, assist with delivery, sorting orders or flower pick up

Race for Education- Help students create letters to their sponsors, label envelopes, volunteer during the race, count laps for students

Gala- Participate with set up or clean up, assist the committee with obtaining donations/auction items/sponsors or one of the other subcommittees

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Trunk or Treat- Assist with coordinating or marketing event, judging the jack-o-lantern competition, set up or clean up

Discover Catholic Schools Week- volunteer in the school, classroom, or on field trips

Epiphany Feast- Help to cook, serve food, assist with set up or clean up

Catholic Schools Week- volunteer in the classroom, school, or from home

Teacher Appreciation Week- volunteer in the school, classroom, or from home. Make door signs, cook meals, donate food items, help with set up/clean up

Golf Tournament/Pool Party- Coordinate event, food and games, obtain sponsors, publicity and marketing, set up/clean up

Field Day- Volunteer to run games, serve food, man snow cone or popcorn stand, set up/clean up

Chaperone- Chaperone for field trips, or special events at the school such as dances or movie nights

Baking for Bake Sales- donating baked goods for the 8th graders to sell

Movie Nights- helping with set up/clean up for movie nights throughout the year

PTO Meetings- Earn points for attending PTO meetings

We realize that some families may not be able to meet the 20-hour commitment; therefore, this volunteer requirement may be waived by paying \$200 upfront. Any hours not completed by the end of the school year will be assessed \$10 an hour for every hour incomplete.

We do understand that Points for Parents is a fairly new program to Epiphany and questions or concerns may arise. Please feel free to contact the PTO President at pto@epiphanycatholicschool.org for assistance, clarification, or special concerns.

Thank you for your commitment to our school and your family! We look forward to a very successful year!