

# Why Volunteer?

## Because one person can make a HUGE difference....

It's that time of year again...Back to School!! If any of you are like us, the word bittersweet comes to mind. Nevertheless, most of our kids are ready to get back to their friends, the routine of school life, and the many fun activities that St. Mary provides for them.

St. Mary parents provide a very necessary and important role by **Volunteering!!** Your time and effort allows St. Mary to provide services and activities for our kids that would otherwise be too cost prohibitive. As we all know, times are tough and our schools have suffered greatly from cut backs, and a slow economy. Your help by volunteering provides the school with the resources to do things like: playground time, safe and convenient drop off and pick up, school store, field day, cafeteria help, fundraisers, book fairs, a clean school, luncheons, and many more educational, fun, and safety enhancing activities. **YOU** help make St. Mary School possible!

In order to continue providing our kids with this exceptional school experience, St. Mary School Advisory Board and Administration encourage each family to contribute between **15** and **20** hours per school year. It is through your commitment that St. Mary can continue to provide our children with an excellent education. **YOU** help make St. Mary run seamlessly and efficiently! We call it "love in action."

Please fill out the Volunteer Form (found on this website), telling us the activities that interest you. We need lots of volunteers, so don't hesitate to sign up for as many activities as you can. A Committee Chairperson will contact you for your availability and your assignments.

We certainly understand that your time is precious and limited, but we ask for your help not only for the school, but for your children. Studies show that when parents get involved their children's school good things happen. Among them: grades go up, test scores rise, and behavior improves. Plus, children with involved parents are more likely to pass their classes, graduate and go onto college. Not to mention that when lots of parents volunteer it helps the school as a whole.

For us volunteering at St. Mary has been a joy and a blessing. There are no words to describe seeing a child's light up when he/she sees Mom or Dad helping out at school. "No joy can equal the joy of serving others" – especially our children.

Here's our parting thought: "Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals." ☺

**"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart."** *Anonymous*

**Please contact us if you have ANY questions or concerns**

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