

Parents as Partners

Parents and Staff Working Together

What is the PAP Program?

Parents as Partners is a volunteer program and cooperative partnership between staff and parents, designed to defray costs associated with running a private Christian school. We depend on parent involvement to help with programs and projects in order to keep our tuition and fees affordable. For example, with multiple families making small contributions to events like Fall Festival or Christmas events, these fun activities are made possible at no charge to parents, and don't have to come out of our operating budget.

How much volunteer time do I need to give?

We call our volunteer time "hours," even though some requests are physical donations rather than time. You could also think of them as units or credits. A family enrolled full-time (5 days per week traditional enrollment) should contribute a minimum of 30 hours per year (per family, not per child) to the PAP program. For families enrolled part-time (preschool 2 or 3 days a week, or the MWF Flex Program), 20 hours of service per year are requested. We ask that families only enrolled in Wednesday Elective Day contribute 10 hours per year, or 5 hours per semester.

How do I know what opportunities are available?

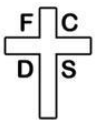
Each month, you will receive an email with details about upcoming events and a link to a sign-up website. Each request will have a description, a due date, how many hours are earned, and special instructions if necessary. Look through the list of requests, and if there are things you're able to do, sign up for them. If not, you can pass until the next month's list comes around. Requests may include physical donations, cash donations (always designated for a specific purpose), on-site volunteer hours, or at-home work.

How will I know when I am finished?

As sign-ups are completed, our PAP coordinator will write down your hours earned in the office. You're welcome to come by and look at your total any time. When your hours are completed, you will be notified. Of course, you are always welcome to continue helping out as much as you want, but we will let you know when you are "officially" done.

Who can help with the hours?

Any adult(ish) person in your family! We welcome family participation, so if you have grandparents, aunts, uncles or any other adults willing to help out, it can count toward your family's total.



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