

The Parent Hour Program

Parents, we need you!

It should come as no surprise that tuition dollars are insufficient to cover the entire cost of the programs and activities that make Sacred Heart Academy a unique educational experience. It is through the efforts of volunteers and donors that we are able to cover the shortfall. Events such as *Evening of Chance*, **Family Fun Night**, and the **Talent Show** are all possible because of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends coming together to make it happen. Volunteers and donors are responsible for classroom parties and making teachers' *Wish List* dreams come true.

Volunteering is an essential element to the success of Sacred Heart Academy. It also directly impacts your child's educational experience. In addition to supporting fundraising and other vital school-related functions, it fosters parent-parent and parent-teacher relationships. These relationships can continue throughout a lifetime. Volunteering also sets an example of community service for our students to follow.

Volunteer Goals

Our parent hour program is a voluntary¹ program but we hope each household donates time, talent or treasure equal to or exceeding:

- **20 Hours** - two-parent household
- **10 hours** - one-parent household

- Hours can be donated at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

How do I Get Started?

Contact the HEART Club volunteer coordinator, your child's homeroom parent, or the school office.

Reporting Hours

Complete the parent hour form and submit it to the office or report the hours by email at .

Recognition

We recognize that extraordinary efforts deserve special acknowledgment. We thank those families that go above and beyond with the following:

Volunteer of the Year - This award recognizes the family with the greatest hours contributed for the prior school year. The Volunteer of the Year will receive an annual reserved parking space and special recognition at the school.

¹ Families on tuition assistance should consult their funding documentation for individual requirements.

Semester Super Stars – This award recognizes the families with the greatest hours contributed for Fall Semester and Winter/Spring Semester. There will be three families designated as Semester Super Stars for the Fall Semester and three families chosen as Semester Super Stars for Winter/Spring Semester. One family will be chosen from grades EC-3 through Kindergarten, one family from 1st through 5th grade, and one family from 6th through 8th grades. The families will be chosen based on the greatest hours contributed for the applicable semester during the current school year. Semester Super Stars will receive preferred reserved seating (6 tickets) for the Christmas show (Fall Semester recipients) or Spring Show (Winter/Spring recipients) as well as special recognition at the school.

PARENT HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

While each family's commitment is needed to achieve our goals, we recognize that family lifestyle and circumstances may differ in each household. We therefore offer numerous volunteer opportunities including the examples below.

- ❖ Fundraising events (Evening of Chance, Book Fair, Walk-a-Thon, Raffles, etc.)
- ❖ School events (Family Fun Night, Talent Show, Christmas Show, Spring Show)
- ❖ Class Projects, Field trips, in classroom needs
- ❖ Classroom contributions/wish list
- ❖ School Clean-up Days
- ❖ Middle School Socials
- ❖ Catholic Schools Week
- ❖ Teacher Appreciation Week
- ❖ Uniform Sales
- ❖ Active Involvement in SAC or H.E.A.R.T. Club
- ❖ Attend H.E.A.R.T. Club Gen, Meeting.....one (1) hour per meeting
- ❖ New Student Recruitmentone (1) hour per family
- ❖ Obtaining Sponsorships for fund-raising events...one (1) hour per event.