



## **FAQ's on VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

### **WHAT IS THE HSA?**

- The HSA is the Home and School Association, consisting of seven board members and all SPCS parents.
- HSA provides financial support for needs beyond what tuition covers.
- Periodic General Meetings are held in the school, with the Board, the Principal and parents to provide communication about school happenings and vote on financial expenditures.
- The HSA hosts social and community building events, throughout the year.
- The HSA directs fundraising activities.
- HSA minutes are available on the school website.

### **WHAT IS THE SAC?**

- The SAC is the School Advisory Council.
- SAC is comprised of parents who provide the pastor and principal with insight on school policy and evolving issues.
- Members serve as a sounding board for the administration and as a resource to the school community to present comments, issues and suggestions for consideration, but do not have decision-making powers.
- SAC minutes are available on the school website.

### **WHAT ARE THE FUNDRAISING EVENTS?**

- Spirit Wear
- Spirit Nights
- BoxTops
- SCRIP
- Annual Gala
- Silver Graphics-Art Projects
- Chick Fil A Friday
- Book Fairs
- Holiday Boutique
- Boosters concession stand at school sporting events
- Golf Tournament

### **HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN MY CHILD'S CLASSROOM?**

- Let your child's teachers know you would like to volunteer.
- Ask your child's teacher about being a Room Parent or Co-Room Parent.
- Ask teacher's about "At-Home" projects.

### **DO WE HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUNDRAISING EVENTS?**

- No event is mandatory.

- Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and support the students.
- All families are encouraged to donate volunteer hours to the school. 20 hours per family in Preschool; 30 hours per family K-8.
- Choose the events in which your family is comfortable.
- There are great rewards in encouraging students to volunteer.
- The school earns over \$70,000 per year through fundraising, which offsets the need for tuition increases.
- Examples of past items purchased with fundraising monies are new computers/iPads, sports equipment, a sports trophy case and playground equipment. Fundraising also pays to host social events, make school improvements, provide for reading enhancement programs, and support Field Day activities.

#### **WHAT SOCIAL EVENTS HAPPEN AT ST. PETER?**

- Mother/Son Night
- Donuts with Dad
- Muffins with Mom
- Grandparents Day
- Catholic Schools week
- Teacher Appreciation week
- Class parties
- Father/Daughter Night
- Spaghetti dinner/Pumpkin Carving for Preschool
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Field Day
- Back-to-School Potluck
- Veteran's Day Program
- School Music programs-Christmas
- Parish Grandfriend letter writing program
- School Talent Show
- Mother's Tea for Preschool
- School Sports
- Family Social Night
- End of Year Bash

#### **WHAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DO WE HAVE?**

- We welcome and appreciate family volunteers.
- All Social Events, listed above, need volunteers to support the programs.
- Hot Lunch Program, Student Council, and Coaching and Mentoring sports/theatre/Stock Market/other exploratories are additional programs needing volunteers.
- Classroom helpers, as requested by the teachers, and field trips are always needed.
- Note: Volunteer training is required (SAFE Environment Training-annually, through school/church). The Raptor program tracks volunteer opportunities and family volunteer hours. Often volunteer hours can be earned after school hours and at home. For more information email [liz.wilson@petertherock.org](mailto:liz.wilson@petertherock.org).

**THERE IS A SUGGESTION BOX IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY, FOR YOUR IDEAS.**

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