

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Did you know that parents have a significant effect on their children's education? Research studies show that when parents get involved at their children's school, good things happen — grades go up, test scores rise, and behavior improves. No matter what your schedule, there are many ways that you can make a difference for your child and the school! There are many volunteer opportunities available for you.

We are pleased to announce we will have a web-based tool to help us manage all our volunteer information this year. This system allows us to register volunteers, assign volunteers to events, schedule work assignments, communicate with our volunteers through email, and track hours worked on events. Volunteer Builder will make it much easier and more efficient for our event coordinators to manage their committees. We hope to be up and running by July 1. Instructions for signing up are attached. If you prefer the old way of signing up or do not have access to a computer, we have also attached two copies of the volunteer form (one for each parent). If you sign up on-line, you do not need to fill out the forms. If you need forms for grandparents, step-parents or others who would like to volunteer, just let us know. We have also attached a detailed description of the volunteer activities.

Our new web-based software will also give you the opportunity to sign up for our "Three 4 Me" program. "Three 4 Me" is a promise from you to your child and the school that you will promise to volunteer three hours of your time at or on behalf of the school. Whether it is making copies for a teacher, helping at a PTO event, or helping your child practice reading or math, it's all important and it all counts. The new software will help us track these hours. Once you have completed your three hours, we will send home a special project for you and your child to fill out and return to the school. We will proudly display these projects in the main hallways of the school to mark your achievement. If you fill out the paper volunteer form instead, simply sign the promise on the last page and one of our volunteers will enter the data in the system for you.

Remember that God has a special calling for each one of us. Please prayerfully consider giving us some of your valuable time. We need you and you make a difference to our school and our children!

We hope that you have a blessed and safe summer!

St. Mary's School PTO