

St. Matthew Home and School Volunteer Opportunities

St. Matthew School relies on the support of the volunteers to facilitate many school activities, events, and projects. This is an excellent opportunity for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and others to become acquainted with those who are working for the benefit of the school.

Saint Matthew is compliant with the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment program. This program stipulates that all adults that are to interact with minors on our campus will meet three requirements:

1. Attend a protecting God's Children Class
2. Have a background check performed;
3. Sign the Code of Conduct (which is part of the Volunteer Application)

Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

Supporting Teachers and Staff

Room Parents:

Room parents are responsible for class parties and other activities involving a specific class at the request of the classroom teacher. Room parents signups are held in May for the following year with an orientation meeting held in September.

Hospitality:

Help keep our teachers happy! This group coordinates staff appreciation activities, including teacher meals and the staff appreciation luncheon. This is a great way to get to know the staff and teachers.

Fundraising:

Charleston Wrap Catalog Sale (September/October)

Help our school raise money with the well-loved products from Charleston Wrap. Catalogs are distributed to each school family in September with delivery of orders in October. Volunteers are needed to organize and assist with order "pick-up" on delivery day. A great way to help, and a great school fundraiser, but not a large time commitment.

Main Event Silent Auction and Dinner (October):

This auction is Home and School's major fundraiser, and requires AS MUCH help from our community as we can get. We have opportunities to help that are as small as data entry of donation items – which you can do at home, in your free time – to those as big as chairing the event next year. You can help in a variety of ways including: planning, invitations, solicitation of auction items from school families and area businesses, coordination of classroom projects, writing thank you notes, decorations, set up, and help at the event itself. If you are interested in helping, come to the **September 11 meeting in the St. Gabriel Room in the Church**. No amount of help is too small!

Hometown Christmas Bazaar (November):

This is our school's second main fundraiser, and the biggest that involves the community at large. This craft show is held each year on the second Saturday of November and is ALWAYS eagerly anticipated. We are looking for a creative, organized person to shadow our current chair in hopes of chairing next year. Help is also needed prior to the event with advertising, raffle, set-up, and coordination of the bake sale.

Special Events and Projects

Mentor Families (August)

Help out a new family is scrambling to learn the ropes at St. Matthew's! Experienced families are invited to serve as mentors for families new to the school. Requires a few phone calls and attendance at a new family reception held before Open House day in August. Ongoing support involves providing information to new families as needed. Families with experience in the Pre-K program particularly needed.

Mother-Son Dance (November)

This is a fun themed evening for boys in K-8 and the special woman in their lives. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate, set up, prepare/serve refreshments, staff the event, and clean up.

Christmas Caroling (December):

Help spread the Christmas cheer! This is an evening event for St. Matthew students to area senior centers and retirement facilities. Volunteers are needed to drive, lead caroling and serve snacks after the event.

Father-Daughter Dance (February/March):

This themed, formal dance is for girls in K-8 and their fathers. Volunteers are needed to plan, decorate, set-up, prepare/serve refreshments, staff the event, and clean up.

Right to Read Week (February/March):

Celebrate reading! This is a week-long event dedicated to reading. Fun events such as t-shirt contests, book mark contests and guest reader day help make up this fun filled event! Volunteers are needed to help with planning, decorating and coordinating games/contests.

Spring Fling (May):

An event for the whole family that promises an evening of fun and games promoting physical activity and spirited play for adults and kids. The evening usually starts with a pizza party followed by games.

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR ST. MATT'S HSA!

Our next meeting is September 10, at 7:00pm, in the Library. Come find out more if you are interested. No commitment required. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

If you are interested in volunteering, but cannot attend the meeting, please let us know by returning this form to the school office, attention St. Matt's Home and School Association.

NAME: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR:

PLEASE CONTACT ME AT:
