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St. Thomas School 2023-2024 Fair Share Contract

St. Thomas needs your help. Fundraisers and volunteers play a significant role in the success of our school. Fundraisers ensure that our children benefit from a quality Catholic education, and volunteer service gives each of us an opportunity to take an active role in the spiritual growth of our children. By working together, we are able to get to know each other and foster the idea of a school family. Your participation in your child’s school only improves the quality of education that can be provided. Let us work together so that volunteer service and fundraisers are not a burden for anyone, but instead an opportunity to grow in our stewardship.

Your children have a unique opportunity at St. Thomas to learn about their faith while they are also challenged academically. By choosing St. Thomas School for your children, you have given them an opportunity to become stewards of their faith. By agreeing to take up your “fair-share” you have now become an example of the very reason you chose St. Thomas for your child(ren).

All fundraising events at St. Thomas School are vital to help with the expenses associated with operating our school. Volunteers help provide services to our students while keeping costs low. Each parent is being asked to take an active role in stewardship efforts with the donation of time or treasure, both of which are vital to the success of our school.

We/I, the undersigned parent(s) or guardians, agree to the following for the 2023-2024 school year:

- We/I will work 20 hours per parent (40 hours for two parents) from the list of opportunities on the next page. (There are many hours available to work at each event.)
- We understand that the school still needs volunteers for many other activities that are part of our great school system and do not count toward Fair Share. For example: door workers at games, concessions, Church fundraisers, field trip chaperones, officers in organizations, etc. These are basic responsibilities that allow us to be good stewards.
- We/I understand that we/I have an obligation to work at least 5 of the required 20 hours. The remaining 15 hours can be worked at the various fundraisers/events per parent, or can be paid for at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, or a combination of both. The choice we make does not matter, no choice is better than another. Thank you for prayerfully considering this Fair Share Contract and engaging in the education and spiritual growth of your children. Your time and/or treasure will make a difference. If this contract causes a burden for your family, please contact Mrs. Bierman, Father Dean or Father Pawel. They will be able to help you find other ways to meet the terms of the contract.

Parent Signature: _____

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1. **Trivia Night** – This is a chance to earn up to 7 hours as it is a long evening of fun and trivia with multiple jobs for parents to fill.
2. **Garage Sale** – There are approximately 12 hours each day, Monday – Friday, and 5 hours on Saturday and the Sunday before for set up. This fundraiser gives you the opportunity to work days, evenings, weekdays, and weekends. There is no limit on the number of people who can work this event, and it is held twice a year (fall and early spring). It would be easy to work your 20 hours during the garage sales.
3. **SCRIP Sales after Mass** – Cards are sold after some weekend Masses. Each shift is for 30 minutes.
4. **SCRIP Management**-Several individuals help with the management on the SCRIP program. (Counts as hours worked)
5. **Coach** (counts as fulfilling contract for the parent who coaches) – Each sport can have a head coach and one assistant. The coaches put a lot more than 20 hours into their season with practices and games.
6. **Weekly Playground Volunteer** (counts as 10 hours for one morning a week or 20 hours for one noon playground duty each week) – Monday through Friday from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. or 11:20 – 12:40 p.m. You pick the day of the week that works best for you. Then you come the same day and time every week. We can use at least two parents on each recess, so that is a total of 10 volunteers. Volunteers may choose to work two mornings each week for 20 hours or two noon playground shifts per week for 40 hours.
7. **Miscellaneous School Volunteers** – Different volunteer positions have different lengths of time, so it depends on the position as to how many hours you work over the school year. (Library, Survivor Day, Teacher’s Aide)
8. **Booster Club Fundraisers** (counts as hours worked) –Soup Supper & Porkburger Sale
9. **Soup Supper Kitchen Committee** – This is a 2-year commitment which earns each parent 10 hours. After the 2nd year, you are responsible for finding your replacement.
10. **Substitute Cook** – get an hour per hour cooking (no more than 4 hours per day, usually 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).
11. **Volunteer Bus Drivers** – get an hour per hour volunteered (have to be an employee or retiree of Jasper Unit #1 or approved bus driver)
12. **Box Top Coordinator**- All online management and reminders. (10 hours)
13. **Facebook/Web Site Management**-This fulfills the 20 hours for the parent.
14. **Other Fundraisers** may be added as approved by the administration to help with operating expenses.
15. **Other opportunities** – If you have an idea of a way you can help our school, let Mrs. Bierman know.

We will advertise in the parent packet when a fundraiser or opportunity is coming up and the shifts available to sign up for. There will be sign-in sheets at each fundraiser to keep track of hours worked. Spouses can work for each other to reach the required 40 hours. We do not carry over hours from one school year to the next. However, we appreciate parents’ willingness to continue giving their time, talent and treasure even after they have fulfilled their contract. Grandparents or high school aged and older siblings may work to earn hours for their family if they have completed the Protecting God’s Children class online and been background checked.

