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St. Thomas School 2016-17 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. 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 2016-17 school year:

- We/I will work 24 hours per parent (48 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, gym cleaning, Space Camp fundraisers, 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 the choice of working 24 hours per parent at fundraisers, or paying \$10.50 per hour, or a combination of both. The choice we make does not matter, no choice is better than another. All three options benefit the school in the same manner. If we don't work a single shift, we will pay \$252.00 per parent or \$504 per family. 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 upon your family, please contact Mrs. Bierman or Father Dean. They will be able to help you find other ways to meet the terms of the contract.

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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Details of some Fair Share opportunities – 2016-17 School Year

1. **Breakfast** – There are 3 shifts (3 hours per shift) available to sign up for. We have shifts from 5:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Held on a Sunday morning in November.
2. **Garage Sale** – There are approximately 12 hours each day, Tuesday – Friday, and then 5 hours on Saturday. Shifts are from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, shifts are from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Then on Saturday, shifts are from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. 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 24 hours during the garage sales.
3. **SCRIP Sales at Masses** – Cards are sold before or after all 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. **Bingo** – There would be 3-4 hours available each night for at least 12 people. It will be held the first and third Friday of each month during the school year in the parish center. Volunteers will need to report at different times (from 5:45 to 6:30).
6. **Coach** (counts as fulfilling the contract for the parent who coaches) – Each sport can have a head coach and one assistant. The coaches put a lot more than 24 hours into their season with practices and games.
7. **Weekly Playground Volunteer** (normally counts as 12 hours for one morning a week; 24 hours for noon playground) – Monday through Friday from 7:45 – 8:05 a.m. or 11:50 – 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 24 hours or two noon playground shifts per week for 48 hours.
8. **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.
9. **Booster Club Fundraisers** (counts as hours worked) – Fall Festival, Strawberryfest, Soup Supper, & Porkburger Sale
10. **Substitute Cook** – get an hour per hour cooking (no more than 4 hours per day).
11. **Volunteer Bus Drivers** – get an hour per hour volunteered (must be a Jasper Unit #1 bus driver)
12. **Sort and Count Box Tops and Soup Labels** – can be done at home. (Counts as hours worked)
13. **Box Top Coordinator** – After box tops are sorted, the coordinator organizes them to be mailed including filling out the online form. This happens several times each year. (12 hours)
14. **Other Fundraisers** may be added as approved by the administration to help with operating expenses.

We will advertise in the parent packet when a fundraiser 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 48 hours. We do not carry over hours from one school year to the next. However, we appreciate the willingness of parents to continue giving their time, talent, and treasure even after they have fulfilled their contract. Grandparents may work to earn hours for their children if they have taken PGC.