



PARENT INVOLVEMENT OVERVIEW

PTO & PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Every St. Joseph Catholic School parent or guardian is a member of the PTO. The PTO helps maintain a close relationship between the home and school, encouraging all parents to participate actively in their children's faith formation, education and school activities. Parents understand the importance of sharing time and talent to make our school a better place for the children and the caring staff who teach them. The PTO works with the school administration for increased ease of communication. The PTO raises funds through various activities, such as our restaurant nights and book fair, to provide for school assemblies, needs in the classrooms, the library, and to ensure the faculty is shown appreciation for the work they do.

FAMILY SHARE HOURS

St. Joseph Catholic School, as a ministry of the larger community of St. Joseph Parish, embraces stewardship in the form of contributing our time, talent, and treasure. Its success is dependent upon the volunteer efforts of the parent and parish community.

- The tuition contract shares that each family will contribute 30 hours (20 hours for single parent families) of their time and talent to the school and parish. (Up to 10 of the 30/20 SHARE hours must be in a church ministry for those families receiving a subsidy from St. Joseph Parish.)
- New Families: In the first year of a family's enrollment, the hours are reduced to 20 (15 for a single parent) in order to allow time to get to know us.

Parent Share Hour Forms are available on the school website in the *Forms & Publications* section. Hard copies are also available in the office.

FUNDRAISERS

St. Joseph Catholic School has established several ways for families to contribute their time, talent, and treasure to the school via fundraising so that students do not participate in direct sale fundraising.

SCRIP: Scrip is a type of gift certificate. The school purchases certificates from national providers and local businesses at a discount, and resells them at face value, creating a profit. The Scrip year runs April 16 – April 15. Proceeds from the Scrip fundraiser go toward the school operating budget.

The tuition contract shares that each school family will raise \$200 for the school by purchasing Scrip in the amount needed to earn \$200 in profit, or by paying \$200 outright. If a family exceeds the \$200 requirement, 10% of the overage is tithed to St. Joseph Parish and 90% is applied toward student fees for the following school year.

JOG-A-THON: The Jog-a-thon is a fundraiser that easily involves family and friends who are not our direct school families. It is an opportunity to support our school with a tax-deductible donation at their comfort level. Proceeds from the Jog-a-thon go toward special school projects and needs.

Each school family is asked to mail/email form letters to family and friends. All students will walk/jog on the day of the event.

AUCTION: The auction is celebrated each spring with music, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds go toward tuition assistance and special projects of the school.

The tuition contract shares that each school family is required to procure an item valued at \$75 or more.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: This event is held each summer and proceeds go toward school programs as needed.

Each family is invited to participate in and support the golf tournament.

The proceeds from these events help keep tuition costs down by funding school operating costs and special projects. The success of these fundraisers makes it so that students will not go door to door to sell items.