



Frequently Asked Questions For New Parents



Q. How many service hours do I need?

A. 20 hours per family

- Examples: volunteer to drive for field trips, help in the classroom when teacher asks, come to PTO & booster meetings, participate in class yard clean up, volunteer at PTO meetings to help with concessions, help with book fair, help sell HOPE cards, help at the parish gift store (**get double credit**) etc
 - Please note you need to take the Protecting God's children workshop or EIM to be able to volunteer at the school. Please go to the diocese website for more info:

www.austindiocese.org/department_home.php?id=9

Q. What is yard clean up?

A. Each class is assigned a specific Sat of the month to help clean up the school grounds. We pick up trash, rake leaves, etc. Please check the newsletter or with your homeroom parent for the month your child's class is scheduled.

Q. What do we wear on Mass day?

A. Mass day is usually Fridays unless we have a holy day that week. Girls wear white shirts and uniform skirts/jumper and the boys wear pants and white shirts. If Friday is a school holiday, then mass will either be rescheduled or there will be no mass that week.

Q. What is Sprit wear day?

A. On Mondays the students may wear blue jeans (pants not shorts) with the school t-shirt: current fun run or fall fest shirts, yellow PTO shirt, or booster shirt.

You can also wear the t-shirt with your uniform shorts or skirt. There is no spirit wear day if Monday is a holiday.

Q. What is RenWeb?

A. This is the website for all the information about your child's classes, grades, lesson plans etc. It also has lots of information about school events. You can also get a copy of the school newsletter "Illuminations" and parent directory of the school.

Q. What is the PTO?

A. It is our Parent - Teacher Organization. We have meetings every other month on a Tuesday. Dinner is available to purchase starting at 6 and then the meeting starts at 7pm. Each class will be assigned a PTO meeting and your home room parents will ask for volunteers to help serve the meal. The PTO provides the food; the class just has to serve. The class is also responsible for providing desserts, soda, and water.

Q. What is the Booster club?

A. This is our athletic club. They have fundraisers to help our sports teams. Students in 5th –8th are able to participate in various sports. We are always in need of help to work the concession stands at home games. If you can help or would like to join, contact David Franco at francotexas@yahoo.com

Q. What is the Fall Fest?

A. It is the one big fair/ fundraiser for the church. As a ministry of the church, we help support the festival. Each class makes a theme basket which will be auctioned. Also, some classes sign up to man a booth at the festival. Every family at the school is also encouraged to sell raffle tickets, buy t-shirts, and come out to the fair and have fun.

Q. What are box tops for education?

A. Certain brands of food (General Mills) have a box top on the package that can be turned in for money. Each box top coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. So please start saving them today. www.boxtops4education.com/

Q. How much money is each family asked to raise for the school and how do I do it?

A. Each family is asked to raise \$ 300. You can do it by buying Hope cards and collecting pledges for the Fun Run.

Q. What is Hope?

A. Help Our Parish Educate. You can generate free income for the school by buying a gift card for the store you shop at. There are many stores: HEB, Randall's, various department stores, fast food restaurants and other merchants. If you buy the gift card for \$100, it is worth \$ 100. It does not cost you any extra but the school receives a fee for each HOPE card sold from the vendor. You can purchase from the HOPE table in the gym usually Tuesday- Friday after school or before PTO meetings.

***HOPE** - We need volunteers to help; contact Julie Vondrak at juvondrak@sbcglobal.net for information.

Q. What is the Fun run?

A. It is the school's one big fundraiser. Each year in April, the whole school participates by running at either the nearby park or in the parking lot. Each child receives a pledge sheet and has to ask friends, family, or neighbors for support.

Q. How much is a lunch ticket?

A. Lunch tickets are \$3.50 each. You can purchase tickets in the office or in the mornings before assembly.

Q. Where should I pick up my child from after care?

A. Before 4:30, you may come to the front office. After 4:30, drive to the back by the school playground. The back gate near the playground will be open.
The cost for after care is not included in tuition.

Q. Why should I check the school website?

A. The school website is a great way to keep up with school events. You will find news about each teacher and classroom, special notices from the principal, copies of the school and parish newsletters and much more! The website is <http://www.st-ignatius.org/school/>