

ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At Ascension School, we not only welcome volunteers from the community, we depend on them. We have 300 eager learners in Kindergarten through 8th grade and a rigorous curriculum, so volunteers play an important role in supporting our scholars. Opportunities to help range from listening to a 1st grader read aloud to tutoring 8th graders preparing for the MCA standardized math test.

Classroom Support

Work one on one or in small groups with scholars in the classroom

Available hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. as scheduled basis with the classroom teacher.

Reading Partners This program pairs a volunteer with a scholar for a one- or two-hour per week reading session to improve reading and language skills. Attend a short orientation session to learn a highly effective curriculum that guides your tutoring. The Reading Partners program is proven to help our scholars gain and/or improve on fundamental reading skills!

MCA Math Prep (*Critical need)

This essential one-on-one program pairs volunteers with 8th grade scholars to help prepare them for the Math MCAIII test. Volunteers need to have a basic knowledge of geometry and algebra, along with the ability to work once a week with students from October until the test in the spring.

After School Program

Assist scholars with homework help, one on one or small group Language Arts/Math support, educational games, and special projects

Available hours: Monday-Friday 2 – 5 p.m.

Middle-School Minis

Do you have a special talent, area of expertise or experience that you can share with our middle-school students? Career exploration, college prep tips, cooking, entrepreneurship, sewing and leadership skills are examples of the topics we welcome. Sharing your gifts with our students helps familiarize them with new ideas and opportunities. This could be a weekly series presentation up to six week period.

Available Hours: Monday through Friday, 3 – 5 p.m.

Recess Supervision

Monday through Friday, 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. or 11 to 11:20 a.m.

Library Support

General assistance shelving books, check in/out process.

Available Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

SLAM (Summer Language and Math Program)

Our Super Summer Language and Math intensive runs the first six weeks of summer and is designed to enhance and nurture learning at all levels for our Academy Scholars. This program seeks volunteers for classroom support, lunch and recess supervision, field trip chaperones, after school activities leadership.

Requirements for all Volunteers

Essential 3

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis mandates that all individuals who are in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults through a school, parish, or archdiocesan institution meet three criteria. All ministries of the parish, including the school, are mandated to participate in the three criteria listed below.

- A successful Background Check: Church of the Ascension, through the archdiocese, has contracted with a very reputable agency that has been used for years by the archdiocesan schools, parishes, and institutions to conduct background checks for all employees and volunteers.
- Participation in a VIRTUS Training session: VIRTUS is a program that identifies best practices designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote “right doing” within religious organizations for the safe environment protection of youth and vulnerable adults. The VIRTUS program is mandated by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.
- Volunteer Code of Conduct: Individuals who work or volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to sign the “Volunteer Code of Conduct.” This code outlines what a volunteer will and will not do in their volunteer capacity.

This Essential 3 process is done online at www.virtusonline.org. If you have questions or need assistance in getting your VIRTUS pre-registration started, please contact *Alison Keller* at 763.760.3887.

Contact

For more information about volunteer opportunities or to schedule a tour of Ascension School, please contact: Margaret Conroy, Volunteer Manager
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