

At Ascension School, we not only welcome volunteers from the community, we depend on them. We offer many ways to engage.

# **Classroom support**

Work one on one or in small groups with scholars in the classroom, supporting the teacher, assisting with activities/groups.

Available hours: Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a scheduled basis with the classroom teacher.

### Library support

**General assistance** shelving books, room organization, check in/out process.

Available Hours: Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### **Reading Partners**

Reading Partners pairs a volunteer with a scholar for a one hour per week session to improve reading and language skills. You will attend a short orientation session to learn a highly effective curriculum that guides your tutoring. Reading Partners helps scholars gain and/or improve on fundamental reading skills.

- No formal teaching experience needed
- · Must be 14 years or older
- Commit just one hour a week, mid-September through early June with option to continue during the summer SLAM program.

**Occasional Opportunities:** Many people want to help but aren't able to commit to a regular volunteer schedule. Throughout the year, volunteers are needed for one-time events such as field trips, health screening day, school picture day, Christmas giving distribution. To be on an e-mail list for one time volunteer opportunities, please contact Margaret Conroy.

## MCA math prep

This essential one-on-one program pairs volunteers with eighth grade scholars to **help prepare them for the MCA III state math test.** Volunteers need basic knowledge of geometry and algebra, and the ability to work once a week with scholars from October until testing in mid to late April.

Hours: Mondays or Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

# After school program

Support Scholars in Grades 3-5 or our 6-8th Grade Middle School Youth with homework help, tutoring, enrichment and outdoor activities.

Available hours: Monday through Friday, 2 to 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 scholars? Career exploration, college prep tips, cooking, entrepreneurship, sewing and leadership skills are examples of the topics we would love to cover. Sharing your gifts with our scholars helps familiarize them with new ideas and opportunities..

Available hours: Monday through Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.



Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community and Ascension Catholic School and Parish have had a sister parish partnership for many years. We are grateful for HNOJ parishioners, who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to Ascension.

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

#### Margaret Conroy, Volunteer Manager

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#### **Requirements for all volunteers**

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.

• 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.

• 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.

# VOLUNTEER at ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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