



July 21, 2017

Dear VCHS Parents,

A few weeks ago, I was at the U.S. Air Force Academy and was struck by one of their three core values: Service Before Self. With our students at VCHS, we expect the same and will be working more intentionally during the 2017-18 school year to promote that value with our students. But we also need help from you to prepare students for lives committed to serving their communities and the world. Your volunteerism toward VCHS both sets that example to our students and is crucial for our success.

Let me provide a little historical background, especially for those who have walked with VCHS the last few years. During the 2015-2016 school year, each VCHS family was required to volunteer 40 hours/year. Last school year, only those families receiving tuition assistance were required to volunteer 40 hours/year. With the 2017-18 school year, we want to "pilot" an honor system of volunteerism without asking for a certain number of mandatory hours. We are asking each family to commit to **at least one volunteer opportunity** in 2017-18. Would you join us in giving your time to VCHS? It will benefit not only your child(ren) but more importantly our entire VCHS community.

Here are the four major areas in which you can volunteer. **Choose one right now and email the appropriate contact person.**

1. **All School Retreat** (August 23-25); Brenda Gruber ([bgruber@vchsweb.org](mailto:bgruber@vchsweb.org))
  - a. We need 15 parents for the parent work crew for the full retreat duration. Lodging is complimentary.
  - b. Certified Life Guard
  - c. Although we have two school busses to drive students to and from the retreat at Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista, we are still in need of parent drivers to either drive the August 23rd leg, the August 25<sup>th</sup> leg or both.
2. **All School Clean Up** (Morning, August 12); Brenda Gruber ([bgruber@vchsweb.org](mailto:bgruber@vchsweb.org))
  - a. This is a longstanding VCHS tradition and includes a picnic lunch

3. **Booster Club**; Shannon O'Brien, President ([sobrien@vailchristianacademy.org](mailto:sobrien@vailchristianacademy.org))

- a. The mission of Booster Club is to financially support student co-curricular clubs in academics, arts and athletics; to facilitate fellowship among school families by sponsoring school-wide gatherings and hosting social events; and to foster parent participation in Saints' school life.
- b. Volunteer Opportunities
  - Fellowship gatherings (fall, winter, spring)
  - Food for Finals (December and May)
  - Teacher Appreciation Week (May)
  - Parent liaison/representative for each sport (one/sport)
  - Grade-level representatives (two/grade)

4. Athletics; Tim Pierson, Athletic Director ([tpierson@vchsweb.org](mailto:tpierson@vchsweb.org))

- a. Volunteer Opportunities
  - Drivers (when not using school busses)
  - Gate/Admission (home events)
  - Score book (home events)
  - Clock operators (home events)
  - Concessions (home events; working with VCHS students)
  - Line judges (volleyball)
  - Libero tracker (volleyball; expertise required)
  - Chain gang (football)