

St. Patricia School Scholastic Book Fair FAQ

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Q: What payment types are accepted at the Book Fair?

A: Cash, credit card, check, and Scholastic eWallet are accepted.

eWallet is our preferred method of payment for two reasons:

- 1) eWallet allows you to not have to send your child(ren) to school with money, especially in uniforms without pockets!
eWallets download instantaneously to our registers and we can look up by name or by classroom. *(eWallets only need to be printed and sent from home if created the same day as the student's class visit.)*
- 2) eWallet is shareable with friends and family so that others can easily add funds. This helps involves their VIPs in supporting their love for reading, increases your child(ren)'s spending power, and increases our school's fundraising!

Q: What happens if there are funds remaining on the eWallet after the Fair? Do funds expire?

A: No, eWallet funds never expire.

New for this year is that eWallets now roll over into new Book Fairs! If a student has an eWallet balance, that eWallet can carry over from fair to fair at our school.

For more information or to set up an eWallet, please visit our school's Book Fair [homepage](#).

Q: I have more than one student at St. Patricia. Can I create one eWallet that all can share?

A: Yes, but it is not recommended; it is easier for students to shop independently when one eWallet is created per student.

If you choose to create only one eWallet, we ask that you please print out the eWallet at home prior to the Book Fair and write any notes for our parent volunteers that may be helpful at checkout (i.e. spending limits or restriction per student).

Q. I only want my child to spend a certain amount on book and non-book items. How can I make sure this is communicated to Book Fair volunteers?

A. Book Fair volunteers will always ask students who come to the register with non-book items if they were instructed by home to pick out something to read.

If you have buying restrictions that you have communicated to your child(ren) or would like to provide purchasing guidance to our volunteer(s), please send your child with a note. Better yet, create and print out an eWallet and include notes from home!

We will try our best to accommodate and follow any requests from home, especially for our primary grades. Our parent volunteers do a wonderful job at helping our students select titles, calculate totals, and spend as wisely as possible!

Additionally, junior high teachers may be able to assign their students to accompany the primary students as shopping buddies as schedules allow.

Please note that Book Fair sales of non-book items are final and we cannot refund open packaging. Books purchased may be exchanged or refunded during the fair from which they were purchased, if not used or damaged, at the school's discretion.

Q: How and when do students shop the Scholastic Book Fair?

A: Each class will be scheduled for a 30-minute Book Fair visit scheduled by the classroom teacher.

The schedule for each class visit can be found on our school's Book Fair [homepage](#).

Q: What if a student is absent during the Book Fair?

A: All Book Fair sales on-site AND online via our homepage (selecting St. Patricia School to support!) will support the school. Most titles are available online, including preorders, and there is often a free shipping option available to your home.

Sharing our book fair page with friends and family also allows others to shop our Book Fair from both near and far!

Q: What if my student's selections are sold out and unavailable at the Book Fair?

A: All book titles and items are pre-selected by Scholastic and are not individually ordered by the school. Additionally, not all titles available or promoted online are sent to us by Scholastic.

We try to anticipate, through previous buying trends, any re-stocks ahead of time so that we can have multiple quantities where possible. However, once items sell out, they will no longer be available on-site.

We encourage families to shop the Book Fair online for any items that may be available through the website.

Q: Do I need any training to volunteer at the Book Fair?

A: Only Virtus training is required to assist at the Book Fair. Our registers are connected to internet hotspots and are point-and-click ready, so new volunteer onboarding is fast and easy.

We also appreciate any volunteers for setup and shopping assistance, and the Book Fair is an exciting way to earn your mandatory hours. If spots are filled in SignUpGenius, please add your name to the waitlist!

If you volunteer but find that you are no longer available for your assigned shift, please be sure to contact the School Office as soon as possible. This allows us to contact our waitlist and, most importantly, have enough coverage to ensure the Book Fair runs as smoothly as possible. Our teachers appreciate all efforts in keeping classes on time as scheduled!

Q: Can I attend the Book Fair with my child(ren)?

A: Families can shop with students when there is a formal Family Shopping Event (i.e. Grandparents/VIP Day or Open House) opportunity announced for the Book Fair. These will be listed in the principal's newsletter as well as on our school and book fair homepages.

When there is no Family Shopping Event scheduled, Virtus-trained parents may only accompany their child(ren) if volunteering during the class visit(s).

Please note that this allows us to keep shopping traffic flowing smoothly and within room capacity.

Q: We want to build our child's library but know that their classroom could also benefit from new titles. How can I donate to a teacher to help fulfill their classroom wishlist?

A: Each teacher can create a Book Fair Wishlist that will be on display on-site at the Book Fair. If you volunteer during your child's class visit, you can purchase available titles and donate them on your family's behalf.

We also create an eWallet for each teacher to share via email or their classroom page. If you would like to donate to one or more teacher eWallets, you can do so by simply using the links and donating online. Our teachers can then shop at the fair or spend their funds online.

We also create an eWallet specific to the St. Patricia School library, which allows us to purchase new titles from your donations for all students to enjoy!