

St. Patrick – St. Vincent High School
Parent Service Program

Why do we have a Parent Service Program?

- SPSV parents are extremely talented people and we need the contributions of everyone to maintain our excellence.
- Service hours are a great way to meet other families, create a bonded community and get involved in your child's school life. Many studies have established a strong correlation between parental involvement and student success.
- Through your example of service, your children will learn very valuable lessons in ownership and giving back.

What is the Parent Service Program and what types of service count?

- Parents are required to perform 10 hours of service for the 2010- 2011 school year per family.
- Services that benefit the school, its students (for school-related activities), or are in support of an activity or event sponsored by the Advisory Commission, Board of Regents, Parents Club & Boosters may earn service hours. If you are uncertain about a particular service, you may contact Patty Delgado at (707)644-4425 ext. 435 or email p.delgado@spsv.org

How can I find out about service opportunities?

- E-mail is the best way to be informed! The school website (www.spsv.org) is a fabulous tool for all information regarding your student and school. A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available on this website. Please look for the Parent Service Program link for more information. Choose the opportunities that fit into your schedule and your areas of expertise or interest. A reminder email will be sent to all volunteers prior to the event that you are volunteering for. It is essential to notify the school no later than 1 week in advance if you are no longer able to fulfill your service for a particular event. This time frame allows us to put another parent in your spot.
- Parent Service opportunities will also be listed in each newsletter. There are many service opportunities that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter or on the website that count for parent service hours. For example: working snack bars for athletic events, sewing costumes or building sets for theatrical performances, career day presentations, attending board and committee meetings. These hours are all important service to the SPSV community. Please verify any service opportunities that are not listed on the website with Mrs. Delgado to insure that they will count for the Parent Service Program.

Who may perform the service hours?

- Only parents, grandparents or guardians of SPSV students may perform service hours for the family.

Who will keep track of the service hours?

- Parents are responsible for keeping track of their own hours on a Parent Service Verification Form and submitting it to the school by the grade level deadlines.

What is the procedure and timeline for reporting hours?

- Return the Parent Service Verification Form to the **SCHOOL OFFICE** when your required hours are completed. (Please keep a copy for yourself.) Send it in only when the total is 10 or more hours. Feel free to report the many hours of service you have above the required minimum. "Extra" parent service hours are not carried over to the following year.
- All service hours begin May 30, 2010 and end February 28 for 12th grade families and May 27 for 9th-11th grade families. Families who have a senior and a younger Bruin have until May 27, 2011.