



St. Francis Xavier School

Parent Participation Program Guidelines 2020 - 2021

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Dear Parents,

Please note the updates on the school's COVID-19 Safety Plan and the Staff and Volunteer Protocols posted to <http://sfxschool.ca>. This year's Parent Participation Program (PPP) will look very different as in-school volunteering activities are limited to only critical jobs supporting the school to reduce the number of visitors inside the school. PPP continues to be a vital part of SFX. It is designed to provide families an opportunity to be actively involved in their children's education. It creates and promotes a sense of community among parents and staff, as well as providing a service to the school.

We appreciate and thank all parents for your continuous contribution as PPP would not be such a great success without your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Monica Chow
PTA Chairperson*

This document will be updated as required. (Last updated September 12, 2020)

1. PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (PPP) OVERVIEW

St. Francis Xavier Elementary School has a mandatory Parent Participation Program. All families are required:

1. To fulfill three (3) days of Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision
2. To contribute a minimum of 20 hours towards In-School Activities, and
3. To complete three (3) fundraising hours

Please note that participation is counted per family and not per student.

The Parent Participation program is administered by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) team. The program is divided into two sections, Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision Duty and In-School Activities & Fundraising.

Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision Duty

Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision is mandatory and a necessary service for all families to ensure the safety of the students due to the location of the school and high volume of traffic on Great Northern Way. Each family is required to fulfill 3 days of parking patrol and yard supervision duties in the school year. Parents are needed to assist the teachers in daily yard supervision because of the extensive area that the teachers have to cover. Grade 7 families will select their Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision duty dates in June of the previous school year to cover September to early October. All other families will select their dates in September based on seniority of the oldest child in school. For any missed duties, there will be a penalty fee charged per shift (total of 5 shifts per day).

Please see the Parking Patrol Guidelines and Procedure for more details.

In-School Activities and Fundraising

In the interest of fairness, each family is required to complete a minimum of 20 hours assisting in the school, and 3 hours by participating in either the Walkathon or the Bazaar and Singathon. PPP hours are counted from June 1 to May 31 of the school year. PPP hours completed in June will count towards the next school year and cannot be applied to the current school year. Parents can choose from a wide variety of different volunteer opportunities, including some that occurs outside of the school day. These activities are listed below in the Volunteer Opportunities section. All activities are scheduled on a first come first serve basis in OnVolunteers portal. Hours must be completed by May 31 of the school year. Parents can check their progress throughout the year in the OnVolunteers portal.

If your family chooses not to participate in the In-School Activities and Fundraising an opt-out fee can be submitted for September 1 of the current school year. All collected funds will be used for subsidizing school activities.

The Grade 7 farewell celebration event organized by the grade 6 classes do not count towards PPP hours.

2. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following are some of the different ways for In School Activity participation.

PTA/PPP Class Representative

One Class Representative is required for each class from Kindergarten to Grade 7 and will make up the PTA team. Each August, the PTA Chairperson is responsible to appoint the class representatives based on the class list. Parents who are interested to be considered for a class representative can indicate their choice on the PPP Enrolment form.

Class Representative's duties are outlined below:

- Attend monthly meetings from August to June (minimum 10 hours)
- Participate in at least one PPP committee or PTA position
- Participate and assist with all fundraising events
- Ensure good communication with the parents and teachers of their class
- Maintain class list, email distribution group and/or text message group
- Contact class parents as required (for example, emergency school closure, etc.)

Additional PPP Representatives are appointed each year with special duties such as to lead the PTA and associated subcommittees. Note: Due to higher time commitment, PTA members are exempt from Parking Patrol and Yard Supervision duties.

Fundraising

All families must work three (3) hours for one of these major fundraising events:

Walkathon: Usually held in October. Parents are needed in the following areas: walking with the students and distributing food/snacks on the event day. Walkathon sign up is available only for families who have not participated in the Walkathon activity in the previous two years.

Bazaar and Singathon: Held on the last Saturday of May. Parents are needed to help with stage decoration and set up; operate dry goods sales, silent auction tables, games and prize tables; purchase and prepare food; and assist with clean up on the event day.

There could be other qualifying fundraising events that meet this 3 hours requirement and this will be evaluated and announced by the PTA each school year.

Teacher Assistance/Field Trips

Teachers may require assistance with different tasks in the classroom such as decorating bulletin boards, photocopying, organizing art materials, etc. Parents can sign up directly with the teachers. Parents who are selected by the teachers to assist with field trips will be granted 3 hours for half-day trips and a maximum of 6 hours for whole day trips. An additional 1 PPP hour will be granted for the parent driver if driving is required. Criminal Record Check (CRC) required.

Library Assistance

Volunteers assist librarian with various duties in the library including shelving, cataloguing and checking books in/out. Parents are required to complete the Library Orientation training before their first shift. Library Orientation training dates are scheduled in September.

Library assistance shifts can be signed up on the same day as Parking Patrol duty, only time spent in Library will be credited for PPP hours.

Sports Program

Grade 4 – 7 Intermediate class parents with children on athletic teams are responsible for providing assistance to the teams. Activities include: driving to and from games (CRC required), assisting the coach (CRC required), helping to organize tournaments as requested by the PE teacher, and laundry for sport teams' uniforms. Only designated drivers/assistant will be granted PPP hour(s) for driving and helping with team members.

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday Breakfast is organized by the parish to serve brunch after each Sunday mass from 9am to 3pm. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with food service and kitchen cleaning.

Hot Lunch/Concession

The PTA organizes a hot lunch/concession once (or twice) a month during the school year. Parent volunteers are needed to help distribute lunches and to help at the after school concession stand.

Additional Support for Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision

More resources may be required at times to augment the regular 3 days per family parking patrol and yard supervision. This will be evaluated and announced by the PTA. Parents will obtain PPP hours for performing this work.

After School Chinese Parking Patrol

To ensure the safety of parents and students, the Chinese school Parking Patrol volunteer is positioned at the parkade entrance to direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic from 4:30pm-5:30pm. These hours apply to PPP hours and cannot be applied towards Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision duty.

After School Chinese Teacher Assistance

Teachers in the afternoon Chinese school requires assistance with different tasks in the classroom such as decorating bulletin boards, photocopying, organizing art materials, observe student work, etc. Parents must be able to write traditional Chinese characters.

Summer Maintenance

Various work at the school requires parent volunteers to help during the summer months, including moving furniture, and cleaning, as directed by the Parish Education Committee (PEC). Bonus PPP hours are provided.

3. PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA is an important group comprised of parents, teacher representatives to facilitate the Parent Participation Program and fundraising in the school. PTA members consist of PTA chairperson (appointed by PEC), 1 parent representative from each class (Kindergarten to Grade 7), additional parent representatives appointed with specific duties within the PTA, School Principal and teacher representative.

The following are the positions each PTA member can participate in:

PTA Chair

Appointed by the Parish Education Committee, the PTA chair is responsible for coordination between PTA activities and PEC, provide leadership, ensure that PTA monthly meetings run smoothly, prepare and oversee PTA's budget and approves spending from PTA account, and

submit monthly reports to the PEC. The PTA chair will select the class representatives that will make up the PTA team before the school year.

PTA Vice Chair

Elected from the PTA team, the Vice Chair supports the Chair in providing leadership for the PTA team, helps chair meetings in line with the agenda when the Chair is unable to attend, and assist with organizing and operation of the PTA.

Secretary

Elected from the PTA team, the Secretary is responsible for ensuring effective communication links between PTA and the school. The Secretary writes and distributes the minutes from each meeting. Updates the PTA bulletin boards.

Treasurer

Elected from the PTA team, the Treasurer maintains records of the funds that the PTA raises by liaising with the school's bookkeeper and other members of the PTA.

Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision Coordinator

Manage the sign ups and communications about Parking Patrol duties in OnVolunteer, liaise with the Parking Patrol Supervisors and the school to keep parents inform of any changes or updates to traffic.

Hot Lunch/Concession Committee

The Hot Lunch/Concession committee consists of at least two members to organize and prepare for the monthly (or bi-monthly) PTA hot lunch, managing parent volunteers, updates the online ordering system, <http://sfxschool.hotlunches.net>, and inform parents of hot lunch updates.

Sunday Breakfast Coordinator

Manage the sign ups and communications about Sunday Breakfast in OnVolunteer, and liaise with the Parish's Sunday Breakfast coordinator.

Library Assistance Coordinator

Manage the sign ups and communications about Library Assistance in OnVolunteer, and liaise with the school's Librarian. The Library Assistance Coordinator updates the parent list to record their completion of Library Orientation training. The coordinator is also responsible to oversee the parent volunteers for the Book Fair held in September.

Sports Coordinator

Manage the sign ups and communications about Sports duties (coaching, drivers, laundry) in OnVolunteer as the Coordinator, liaise with between the PE/Sports program and the PTA. The Sports Coordinator also manages the Badminton Concession in April.

Used Uniform Coordinator

The Used Uniform Coordinator is responsible for receiving and maintaining donated uniforms, organizes volunteers for used uniform sales.

Tech Liaisons

Responsible for maintaining and administrations of <http://sfx.onvolunteers.com> and <http://sfxschool.hotlunches.net> by assisting PTA team members to create tasks, assist teachers with updating volunteer hours into OnVolunteers, assist parents with help using the websites.

4. ONVOLUNTEERS PORTAL

All Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision duties and In-School Activities can be signed up through the website, <http://sfx.onvolunteers.com>. Parents can see all available jobs, check their participation hours and message the coordinator by logging into their portal.

How to select jobs

1. List of available tasks are listed in the Home screen under the “People Needed” box. You can also view tasks by Activity by clicking on the Activity tab.
2. Select a task you want to do, and make sure to review the details: task hours, number of people needed, start time, end time, and specific requirements.
3. Click on the blue REGISTER button.

How to check participation hours

The summary of volunteer hours is listed below the **Tasks** column. It shows target hours, hours registered for and hours completed.

The **MY ACTIVITIES** box also provides the pending activities at a glance.

Please check the **MESSAGE INBOX** regularly for classroom and activities related communications.

The **AD HOC** column shows new or added activities that may be available for registration.

Cancellations and No-Show

Cancellation policies are set depending on the tasks. For example, Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision Duties require 1 week notice. If parents cannot make to their registered task, other tasks may require 24-72 hours cancellation notice, or no cancellations available. Please submit a message to the task's coordinator in OnVolunteers if changes need to be made.

If parents cancel with less than 24 hours in advance, or do not show up for the registered task, a \$25 penalty will be charged. For Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision duties, \$50 penalty will be charged with each missed shift (total of 5 shifts in one day). It will be difficult to re-assign the tasks when short notice less than 24 hours is provided.

5. INSURANCE COVERAGE

Parents assisting the school on field trips and other school activities are covered by a Comprehensive Liability Policy issued in the name of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver and Catholic Independent schools of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

All parents wishing to drive for and/or accompany classes on field trips must first obtain a Criminal Record Check and a Driver Form. Forms are available in the main office.

6. FEES

The following post-dated cheques payable to "St. Francis Xavier School" are required during enrollment/re-registration:

Parking Patrol Deposit	\$750, dated for June 1 of the end of the school year
Participating Deposit, or	\$575, dated June 1 of the end of the school year
Non-Participating (only applies to In School Activities)	\$575, dated September 1 of the beginning of the school year

Penalties for missed shifts/no shows:

Parking Patrol	\$50 per shifts missed \$250 for date missed
In School Activities	\$25 per hour/shifts missed, whichever is lower

PTA will send invoices to parents for any missed Parking Patrol/Yard Supervision shifts each month. The Parking Patrol Deposit and Participating Deposit cheques will be cashed on June 1 if parents do not complete their required hours by May 31 of the school year. Refund will be issued based on the hours/shifts completed.

7. OTHER

School Closures/Snow Days

PTA reserves the right to reschedule parents' duties if the duties are interrupted due to school closures.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

The Parent Support Group is a liaison between the school and the BC Gaming Commission with 3 elected parent representatives and a teacher representative. Each year the group applies for funding from the government, manages and oversees the distributions of the fund to enhance student learning in the classroom.