



# St. Catherine's Elementary School

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Dear New Families,

Every registered family in St. Catherine's school is automatically enrolled in the Parent Participation program (PP). Each family has the option to participate in a task group or pay out the hours as part of their commitment to the school. It is critical to the operation of our school that families understand the impact that PP has on the educational achievements of our students, as well as the role it plays in keeping our tuition rates and operating costs down. Your involvement and commitment to this program is very much appreciated, valued and necessary.

The fundamental basis of our task-based PP program is that parents can align themselves in a task group that best fits their skills, talents, time and interests. The PP program requires that each family contribute forty hours of time per school year. Thirty -six hours are to be completed within a task group with eighteen hours being done from September to January and another eighteen hours from February to June. A further 4 hours are to be completed at one of our two major fundraisers.

Each family is required to submit 3 post-dated cheques valued at \$400.00 with their registration package (two for PP hours and one for the fundraiser commitment). Cheques will be dated January 31, 2021 and two for June 22, 2021 of the upcoming school year. These cheques will only be cashed if PP obligations are not met or if you indicate that you prefer your PP cheques to be cashed in lieu of active participation.

The following form provides choices for task group selections and a pay in lieu option. If you choose to be actively involved by doing work hours, then please fill out your task group preferences in order of priority. The Parish Education Committee will assign families to the task groups by mid-June of each school year and you will be notified by letter as to which task group you are assigned to. We strive to give everyone their top choices, but please understand that this is not always possible. We do wish to work with families; if there is a problem meeting the needs of your assigned task group please inform Rebecca Baker, the PP Administrator at [pp@stcatherines.ca](mailto:pp@stcatherines.ca)

It is important that all families view their participation as an opportunity to strengthen our school community and provide the best Catholic education possible for our students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Baker  
Administrator, Parent Participation Program