

## Most Blessed Sacrament - Time & Talent Hours

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

**1. Why do I have to complete Service Hours?**

Sharing our Time & Talent is part of the contractual agreement between MBS and our parents.

As members of the MBS family, we are called to serve others as Jesus did. We are called to share our unique gifts to our school community as members of the body of Christ. From a financial standpoint, your gifts of your time and talent helps defray the true cost of tuition. Failure to complete the hours may result in being charged the out-of-parish tuition rate for the following year.

**2. If the 30 hours is per family, and not per child, why did I get a pink log card for each child?**

In some cases, parents prefer school correspondence be sent home with the oldest child, others prefer the youngest child. Because of the variations in preferences, we sent one home with each child. The parents can decide which one to use for the 2017-18 school year.

**3. If I sign up to send a food item for a class event, do I get reimbursed for that item?**

Donating items for a class event or for classroom use is that, a donation. Thus, you can log your donation on your pink card as one hour of service.

**4. What if I send in more than one item for a class event? Do I get more than one hour of service?**

Yes! If you sign up through SignUp Genius to donate drinks and brownies, for example, then you would log two hours of service. Please keep in mind that everyone is trying to help though.

**5. Instead of volunteering to send an item, I would prefer to donate cash for the Classroom Coordinators to purchase whatever they need.**

While we certainly appreciate the financial support, we need to help the Coordinators by getting items that the teachers and coordinators jointly communicate to the parents. They will only ask for cash donations twice a year: for the teacher's Christmas gift as well as for the End-of-Year gifts.

**6. It's December and I have already hit my thirty hours, can I begin working on the next year's thirty?**

Thank you for your dedication to our school! The hours worked within the 2017-18 academic school year only count towards the thirty-hour requirement for the 2017-18 year. Once you have completed your thirty hours, you may send in your pink Time & Talent card to Mrs. Vonnie in the MBS School Office. Then, for the remainder of the year, you can allow other families to volunteer and participate as part of their service requirements.

**7. I don't volunteer at MBS as a Coach, but I do coach my son's YMCA baseball team. Can I log these hours for MBS?**

One of the reasons we ask everyone to offer your time and talent is to offset the cost of tuition & additional fees. Thus, the hours logged must be for a MBS School or Church function to help cover our individual school needs.

**8. The item I signed up to bring costs \$30, which is more than a pack of Juice Boxes that someone else signed up for. Can I log more hours since the item I donated costs more than the others?**

Thank you for selecting the more expensive item to sign up to donate. Not everyone at our school is in a financial position to be able to donate those items; however, you still sent in one item, so that equates to one service hour. With that being said, if an item is pricey, then our coordinators can offer two solutions:

- 1) Change the item for something comparable and less expensive, or
- 2) Require more than one person to sign up and those people can split the cost among each other.

**9. Could I just write a check in lieu of signing up in multiple ways for Service Hours?**

If you are in a financial position to offer additional donations in the area of technology, athletics, or teacher resources, please reach out to Mrs. Gioe to discuss some options for your generosity. However, we really value and rely on your time and talent gifts with our MBS family so a donation in place of Service Hours is not acceptable.

**10. How do I learn of available Time & Talent opportunities as they arise throughout the year?**

There are three main ways you can get involved in your child's school:

- Your first line of communication is your Classroom Coordinator. If he/she hasn't reached out to you by the end of August of the school year, then reach out to her. A list of the Class Coordinators is posted on the Home & School website.
- Another avenue is through the many Committee Chairpersons that help sponsor the school events throughout the year. A list of those people can be found on the Home & School website. Those chairpersons in conjunction with the School Calendar on our website set the foundation for a year of activities.
- Signup Genius Invites for School-wide events are circulated through the Helping Hands Committee. Instructions for joining that group is on the reverse side.
- Have a great idea pertaining to Time & Talent? Reach out to your Classroom Coordinator or to Mrs. Gioe.