

It takes a village to have a successful school year!

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Dear Parents,

The strength of our school depends upon the active participation of all our families. Each family at St. George Parish School (K-8) is required to do 40 services hours. Preschool families are not required to do service hours, but if they want to help at any event or in the classroom and on field trips, the following messages includes them. **In order to help in any capacity, the Archdiocese requires all staff and parents to do three things (see below).** These three items help us keep kids safe on our school campus!

Go the <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm> and you will find these **Volunteer Requirements.**

- Items 1 and 2 can be done on-line from home. Be sure to mark St. George School as your site.
- Item 3 requires you to sign up for a 3 hour class whenever and wherever it is convenient for you, but do it soon so you can help!

Create your personal log in. Mark St. George School as your location of service

1. Background Checks

Volunteers with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults are required to complete a background check **every three years.** Screening is also required from any volunteer with access to cash, checks or other negotiables; any volunteer driving in the course of their service; and any volunteer who is not related to a student in a Catholic school. If you feel you have not satisfied this requirement consult your local coordinator before completing one through your Virtus profile.

2. Policies

All volunteers are required to read and sign the Policy for the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Abuse, Code of Professional Conduct, and Reporting Suspected Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. If you have not signed these, you may do so through your Virtus profile.

3. Safe Environment Training

Volunteers with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults are required to complete the **Protecting God's Children** course within 90 days of beginning service. *After this, volunteers are required to take updated short online training courses every three years.*

Go to Virtus to see all the different places you can sign up on-line

This class are available at a variety of sites, days and times.