

Family Service Hours

The commitment and support of each family is critical to the success and continued growth of our school community. Each family with children in grades K-8 must contribute a minimum of 15 service hours per school year. Parents, guardians and other adult family members may contribute to their family's required service hours by volunteering to support events, activities and initiatives that strengthen the school community.

Opportunities to earn service hours are provided throughout each school year. It is the responsibility of each family to ensure accurate tracking of service hours throughout the year. To help with coordinating opportunities and tracking completed hours for each family, the Saint Patrick Catholic School PTO uses the [Connect1 App and website](#). Please contact Volunteers@saintpatrickschoolva.org or PTO@saintpatrickschoolva.org for the Saint Patrick organization code to register your family.

If a family is unable to complete the total number of service hours by the last week of school for the current school year, the family will be required to pay \$25 to the school for each hour not served. Failure to complete PTO service hours or to pay for outstanding service hours could adversely affect future financial assistance scholarships. In addition, your child/children may be placed on a waiting list for the following school year if outstanding fees have not been paid by July 1. The principal may use his/her discretion to excuse a family from service hours. This policy will be reviewed annually.

This link provides all parents and volunteers with the school [PTO constitution by-laws](#).

Please refer to the [PTO Volunteering Program Guide](#) for more information about the Connect1 points/Service Hour designation and requirements.

** If you are unable to utilize Connect1, please contact Volunteers@saintpatrickschoolva.org to coordinate tracking of your family's hours via the [Family Service Hours form](#) (digital form submitted online) or [Paper Family Service Hours form](#) (PDF to download and print).