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TAP (Trinity Active Parents) Hours

With all of the benefits and blessings that are associated with a smaller school, there are also the drawbacks of a smaller budget and limited staff and school personnel. Because of the limited budget and staff level, the school needs help from parents and volunteers to fill in the gaps and provide some assistance to enhance the level of their child's school experience. Volunteers help build the connection between home and school, keep tuition costs affordable, and add to the quality of school life.

Students who see their families committed to our school will undoubtedly take pride in their contributions. Volunteering your time sends a clear message to your children that you value their education and their school. Parental presence in the school also leads to better behavior and better grades.

Here at Trinity Lutheran Academy, all families are required to serve a minimum of 20 hours of service. The 20 hour requirement is per family—not per student. Parents with multiple children attending the school are still only responsible for 20 hours. The TAP hours must be completed by an adult. While student involvement in volunteer opportunities is encouraged to promote family participation, and to instill the children with the Christian example on the importance of volunteering to the school and to the greater community at large, their participation will not be included as TAP time. Service hours must be completed by the end of the school year. Families who do not meet the minimum requirements of 20 service hours will be assessed \$10 per hour not served.

You can help wherever your time and talents allow. You can provide help during the day, after school, or on weekends. Maybe you can provide help during the day, after school, or on weekends. Maybe you can chaperone a fieldtrip, or assist the teacher in the classroom with a project. You could help out with bingo night or movie night. You could assist with fundraiser events or campus clean-up days. You might want to provide assistance on picture day or help set up the science fair. Maybe you'd like to help with the Fall Festival, or the Thanksgiving Program. You could provide your child's teacher with some help photocopying, or make a donation of supplies and materials. Maybe you see a need that isn't being fulfilled and you can provide a solution!

Attached is a list of volunteer opportunities that will be available throughout the year (this is not all encompassing – other opportunities will arise as the year progresses). Also attached is a TAP hours form. Each time you fulfill a TAP hour enter it on the sheet. (Tip – if you wait until the end of the year to try and remember everything you have done during the year, you will have a more difficult time remembering when, where and why...) Occasionally you will be asked to turn in the forms, and the hours will be reviewed and compiled. At the mid-term point and towards the end of the year, you will receive a summary of your TAP hours and reminder.

With your help, we look forward to another great and successful year. If you have any questions you can contact the office.

Blessed Are You...

Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)