



Parent Guild Handbook **2025-2026**



Meet the Parent Guild

As a volunteer at SPHS, you never have to do it alone. You are provided with support, clear direction and there is always a team available to help. If you require more information than is provided in this information package or on our website, please do not hesitate to contact the 2025-26 Parent Guild Executive.



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The 5 W's, Answered

WHEN SHOULD I START?

Immediately! Many of the extra- value activities and events that occur at St. Paul's are a direct result of the tremendous support received from parent volunteers. They could not take place without the commitment of all our families. In addition, the earlier you get involved, the more bonds you form.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

St. Paul's High School Parent Guild provides a chance for families to engage in service and to develop school relationships. This parental involvement will enhance the school experience for the boys, as they become Men For Others.

WHAT WOULD I DO?

The staff and the parent guild organize many events during and after school. The parent volunteers help coordinate food and beverages for these events. Volunteers also help with set up, decorating, selling merchandise in the Cru Shoppe and just being a friendly face.

WHERE DO I START?

Read through the next few pages to familiarize yourself with some of the volunteer opportunities that are available. Scan the QR Code below or click the "Sign Up" button on the school website under the Parent Tab at the top of the Home Page.

SIGN UP HERE

PARENT GUILD VOLUNTEERS



SIGN UP HERE!





BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH HOSPITALITY

Always Gathering

As members, all parents/ guardians are welcome to attend the Guild meetings. Meetings are regularly scheduled throughout the year, typically on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. We endeavor to stay within a one-hour time frame. Specific dates can be found on the school website under the Parent tab on the Home Page.

Always Communicating

The Guild keeps its members up-to-date with email messages through "Sign Up". We also send updates that are published in the school's weekly newsletters. We strongly encourage you to check out the school's website and the new Parent page.

Always Helping

Part of the Guild's mandate is to provide ongoing support to those who help promote and run activities and events throughout the year. Each event has a folder of pertinent information on "how-to" organize and run the activity. Guild members are available to answer any questions you may have. Kate Brito, Executive Assistant to the President, is also a huge help to the Guild program.



Ongoing Activities

These are activities that the Parent Guild undertakes all year long.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

If you are unsure of your availability, then this may be a good place to start. There are day and evening slots throughout the year. You will be notified via "Sign Up". As time gets closer to an event, you will receive a notification that volunteers are needed. If you can work it into your schedule, then check off your availability. If you're not available, there is no need to reply. It's as simple as that!

HOSPITALITY BAKING LIST

Each year the Guild compiles a list of parents who love to bake. This is a unique volunteering opportunity that provides much-loved home baking while helping offset the Guild's costs for our Hospitality Events.

Notifications will go out during the year and you can sign up to bake for those events that fit into your schedule.

CRUSADER SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are not required to have cash or retail experience. You can sign up for lunchtime shifts, for Homecoming or special hospitality events.

The Crusader Shoppe offers dress code clothing, spirit wear, bibles, miscellaneous school supplies, lunch cards and candy, The Shoppe is open every school day during the lunch hour and during special events.

Volunteering with the Shoppe is a great way to meet other parents and see the boys during their lunch period.



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NEARLY NEW SHOPPE

During special events and parent teacher interviews, our Nearly New team will need a few additional volunteers to help sell gently used clothing. The Nearly New Rack provides gently used Dress Code clothing items and CRUwear that can be purchased at bargain prices. All monies raised go to the St. Paul's Community Christmas Hampers program.

GRADE 9-12 BAKE SALES

These volunteers sell baking during lunch hour. Three to four volunteers are required to run the Grade Bake Sales. Volunteer tasks include setting up the bake sale table, selling the baking, counting the money and cleaning up. (Another group of parents provides the baking).

Grade Bake Sales are held on a selected Thursday in October, November, February and April and provide the students with an opportunity to purchase treats at lunchtime. Profits are donated to the SPSHS Christmas Hamper Program.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE

Set-up occurs in late November, while take-down happens during the first week back from Christmas Break (prior to the School Open House). This volunteer group is responsible for transforming the front foyer of the school for the Advent Season. The group assembles and decorates two large Christmas trees, arranges poinsettia plants and setting up any additional decor. We need four to five parent volunteers to help with both set up and then take down in the new year.



Hospitality Events

2025- 2026

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NEW PARENT EVENING September 2025

Volunteers are required to help organize, purchase and pick up supplies for the event. Volunteers are needed to help before the event to set up, during the event to serve refreshments and after the event to clean up. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents joining the St Paul's Community.

HOMECOMING – CRU SHOPPE September 2025

Volunteers are needed to help before the event to set up, during the event to serve refreshments and after the event to clean up. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents joining the St Paul's Community.

PARENT SOCIAL EVENING December 2025

Held in Alumni and Friends Hall. The Social Evening requires 10-12 volunteers to help organize this fun event, pick up supplies and help set up & take down event. This is an evening for parents to socialize in a fun and relaxed setting.



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GRADE 12 PIZZA LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT OCTOBER 2025

Approximately 4-6 volunteers are needed on the day of the event. This lunch is sponsored by Interim President Bob Lewin to kick off the Class of 2026's graduating year. Volunteers are needed to pick up drinks & desserts and to order the pizza in advance of this day.

JUNIOR DEBATE NIGHT Every 2 years

A light snack and refreshments are provided to the competitors, judges and fans during the evening. We need 2-4 volunteers to pick up supplies and help out before, during and after the event.

CAREER DAY Early November 2025

A light snack and refreshments are served to the presenters who come to the school and talk about their careers. 2-3 volunteers are needed to pick up supplies and to set up/clean up the day of the event.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES Mid November 2025

Refreshments are served during both days of Parent Teacher Conferences. It takes 4-6 volunteers to pick up supplies and help out each day of the event

ADVENT BAND CONCERT Late November 2025

The coordinators require 6-8 volunteers to help pick up supplies, arrange baking on trays and provide set up and clean up on the day of the event. A reception for approximately 500 people is held in the cafeteria following the evening concert.

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THE FRESHMAN RETREAT (TFR) DECEMBER 2025

The coordinator needs 2-3 volunteers to help with the set-up of the various meals and snacks that are served throughout the retreat. Volunteers are needed for Thursday evening, Friday during the day, and Saturday morning.

CHRISTMAS STAFF BRUNCH DECEMBER 2025

A special brunch is organized by parent volunteers for the St. Paul's High School Faculty & Staff (about 75 people). Volunteer tasks consist of picking up supplies, helping with decorations, delivery of items, and hosting the event.

OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 2026

8-10 volunteers are required to complete tasks such as picking up supplies, setting up before the event and cleaning up afterwards. This evening event offers interested families an opportunity to come and hear about the school, while enjoying our traditional hospitality.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DAY FEBRUARY - EVERY TWO YEARS

Refreshments and lunch are served to visiting teachers during Catholic Schools Day. 2-4 Volunteers are needed to preorder food and to then to serve on the day of the visit.



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STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK FEBRUARY 2026

The Co-Ordinator requires 4-6 volunteers to help pick up supplies, assemble a staff treat take home gift and set up a baking/coffee treat day for the staff during appreciation week.

ANGUS REID DEBATE TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY or MARCH 2026

A couple of volunteers are needed before, during and after the event. A light snack and refreshments are served throughout the evening tournament.

FR PAUL CROUCH SJ PANCAKE BREAKFAST LATE FEBRUARY 2025

The breakfast team consists of 8-10 volunteers serve and clean up pancakes. Pancakes and sausages are provided by the cafeteria and then served to students and staff from 8:30AM to 10:30AM.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES APRIL 2026 SECOND TERM

Refreshments are served during both days of Parent/ Teacher Conferences. It takes 4-6 volunteers to pick up supplies and help out each day of the event.



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PARENT RETREAT April 2026

The Parent Guild works in conjunction with the board, school staff, and student groups. Their goal is to continue and further the Ignatian character of St. Paul's High School. The Guild provides food and refreshments for this event. This is an evening event in which 2-3 volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean- up.

Evening of Performing & Visual Arts – May 2026

The coordinator requires 6-8 volunteers to help pick up supplies, arrange baking on trays and provide set-up and clean-up on the day of the event. A reception for approximately 500 people is held in the cafeteria following the evening concert.

New Parent- Meet & Greet Evening – June 2026

Approximately 6-8 volunteers are required to pick up supplies, set up, serve and clean up. This event is a Wine & Cheese Reception hosted by our current parents to welcome the new parents of the upcoming school year.

Custodial Appreciation Lunch June 2026

Approximately 2-4 volunteers are required to pick up supplies, and help out before, during and after the event. This Luncheon is held to recognize the exceptional commitment the custodial staff have to our boys and to show the gratitude of the parents who depend on them when organizing an event or activity.





Graduation Events

GRAD RING BLESSING

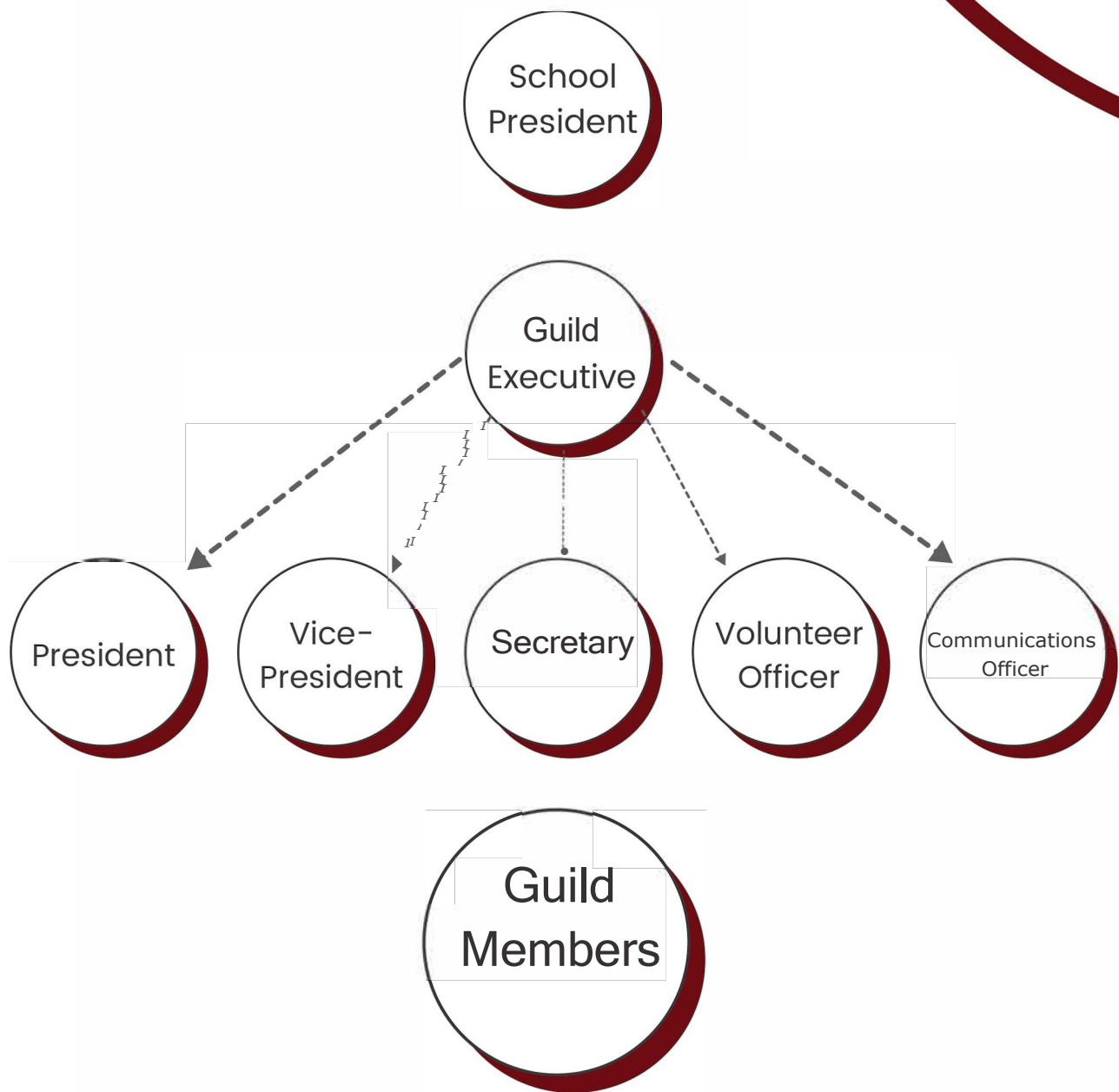
Tasks include picking up supplies ahead of time and setting up refreshments and baking on the day of the event. 4-6 grade 9-11 parent volunteers are required for an 8:00am start. This reception takes place immediately following the mass and Ring Blessing Ceremony. The event concludes at 11:00am

GRAD CONVOCATION RECEPTION June 30, 2026

We require 8-10 Grade 9-11 parents to pick up supplies, set up and help before, during and after the event. The reception of refreshments and finger foods are served immediately following the mass. Guest count 800+ Typically.



Parent Guild Organizational Chart



Events & Activities At A Glance

2025- 2026

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

CONSTITUTION
CRUSADER
SHOPPE
FASHION SHOW
GRADE BAKE
SALES
KITCHEN COORDINATOR
NEARLY NEW CLOTHING
RACK

GRADUATION EVENTS

GRAD PRESIDENT'S PIZZA
LUNCH
GRAD LITURGY & RING
BLESSING GRAD
CONVOCATION RECEPTION

EVENTS

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION
PARENT GUILD AGM
HOMECOMING
GRADE 12 PIZZA LUNCH
GRADE 9 PARENT EVENING
JUNIOR DEBATE TOURNAMENT
CAREER DAY
FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
PARENT SOCIAL EVENING
ADVENT BAND CONCERT
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CHRISTMAS STAFF BRUNCH
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FR CROUCH SJ PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FASHION SHOW
SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
SPRING EVENING OF PERFORMING & VISUAL
ARTS
CUSTODIAL APPRECIATION
MEET & GREET NEW PARENT EVENING
PARENT GUILD WIND-UP
CONVOCATION





Thank you!

Thank you in advance for
being part of the
St. Paul's High School
Parent Guild. It will be
an experience you will
always remember and
cherish as you and
your son attend SPHS.

