



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

– Elizabeth Andrew

September 9, 2026

Welcome to the 2026/27 school year! The Parent Guild is very excited to welcome the new SPHS parents and to re-connect with our returning families. We are so thankful for the positive, engaged school and parent communities at SPHS. The Parent Guild has been so impressed with the volunteerism this past school year and is looking forward to continued support and engagement. We appreciate how busy our lives are and hope that parents see and feel the value of all the events the school hosts. The Parent Guild’s mission is to “Build Community Through Hospitality”. Community is built through sharing values, story and of course, breaking bread together.

SignUp.com

We will continue to use the SignUp.com website to post the events that you can volunteer at. The events will be posted under a month tab. You click on the month you are interested in volunteering in, and the volunteer opportunities and a description of your role are posted there. Each month’s events will be posted at least 6 weeks beforehand. You will have a chance to look at your own calendar and find a time that works best for you to come in and help out!

Waitlists for Volunteering

Some of you might not know there is a waitlist to volunteer for every event we post on SignUp.com. Once all the spots are filled, you can add your name to the waitlist. This is an extremely helpful tool as there are times when the signed-up parents need to cancel their spots. This waitlist gives the volunteer coordinator quick access to people who would be interested in helping out the event. Simply add your name and contact info to the waitlist and maybe a spot will open up!

Upcoming Parent Guild Events

****New Parent Orientation Evening ****– Thursday, September 17 – This event is next week! The Nearly New Shoppe is open during the New Parent Orientation Evening, and we need a number of volunteers to help run Nearly New. There are three shifts posted for this event.

The 2:00-3:30 set-up shift is open to all parents. And the other two shifts are for Grade 10, 11 and 12 parents because the Grade 9 parents will be at the Orientation event. The two later shifts are from 3:30-5:30 and from 5:30-8:30.

President's Pizza Lunch with Grads – Monday, October 5 – Calling all GRADE 12 parents to volunteer for this Grad Pizza lunch. We need six Grade 12 parent volunteers to help from 11:00-1:00.

Grade 12 Bake Sale – Wednesday, October 15 – We are looking for 4 volunteers to help with the Grade 12 Bake Sale from 11:00-1:30.

If you can volunteer at any of these events, please click on the link below!

[Parent Guild Events Link](#)

CRU Shoppe Volunteering

Interested in volunteering in the CRU Shoppe? Erin Bodnarchuk is the CRU Shoppe manager and is keen on meeting new volunteers and connecting with our seasoned CRU Shoppe volunteers. CRU Shoppe volunteers work in the CRU Shoppe over the lunch hour. Your job includes selling merchandise, candy and of course, (and the best part) interacting with the young men in the school! Please follow the link below to see and sign up for the CRU Shoppe schedule.

[CRU Shoppe Link](#)

Nearly New Clothing Donations Needed

Please send any clean, gently used St. Paul's branded wear, suit jackets, pants, shirts, ties, belts or shoes that your son/s may have outgrown to school for the upcoming Nearly New sale. Make sure items are washed and in a bag. Items can be dropped off at the front office. THANK YOU!

Weekly Reminders

There will be reminders of events to sign up for, and the same Sign-Up links will be resent each week in the Weekly News sent out by the school. Make sure you take a look at the Parent Guild News (usually at the bottom of the feed) each week to see what's coming up or to see if we are still looking for volunteers for the events.

SPHS is such a unique school, always taking care to build a sturdy school community. We have loved watching our sons embrace the school's philosophy of being a "Man for Others". Let's model this credo as parents by volunteering at various events this school year. Signing up ONCE this year makes a huge difference to running these events.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Parent Guild and to find out how to become involved, please join us Wednesday, September 16, 2026 for the AGM. If you have questions or are willing to coordinate an event, please email Karen Andersen, at volunteercoordinator@stpauls.mb.ca.

Thank you,

Karen Andersen

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