

2017- 2018 Holy Family School Morning Drop-off Parent Volunteer Policy

Carpool Requirements

Each family is assigned to volunteer for at least 3 morning carpool shifts during each of your child(ren)'s grade(s)' assigned carpool month. If you have multiple children in the same grade, you will only need to work 3 mornings for that grade's assigned carpool month. If you cannot make your scheduled shift, it is your responsibility to either switch with someone or get someone to cover your day. If you enjoy doing carpool to fulfill your service hours and would like to work more shifts, you should identify yourself to the rest of your class.

Carpool Assignments

SEPT: **Parent Guild Board** – Aug. 29 – Sept. 15, **2nd Grade** Sept. 18 – 29th

OCT: **1st Grade**

NOV: **8th Grade**

DEC: **Kindergarten**

JAN: **7th Grade**

FEB: **6th Grade**

MAR: **3rd Grade**

APR: **4th Grade**

MAY: **5th Grade**

JUN: **2nd Grade**

Reasons for Carpool Policy

Each family is asked to work in morning carpool to ensure the safety of our school community. Even though many families may choose to walk their child/children into the school each morning, we still rely on all school families to make our overall morning drop off process work smoothly (and to keep our neighbors happy).

Participating in morning carpool is also an opportunity for families to get to know each other and their children, if even briefly. Saying hello to a student in another class or a quick hello to a parent you may not know is important to developing a deeper appreciation and respect for the other families who are helping to raise our children. In addition, it models community service to your children.

The trigger for this enforcement in carpool policy is due to the steady decline in carpool shift volunteering from all families and its negative effect on all of our children's safety. Sufficient parent volunteers are needed every morning in order for morning drop off to run smoothly. For this reason, no family is exempt from morning carpool duty. Being a working family, a family who has already fulfilled their volunteer hours requirement, or a family who doesn't use the morning carpool service provided is not an acceptable excuse from morning carpool duty.

We will provide plenty of lead-time for families to make arrangements and plan ahead for their assigned dates to be factored into their schedules. Our goal is for families to see morning carpool as a positive aspect of our school and community rather than a burden.

Please ensure that your family has looked at and is in compliance with the Safeguard the Children requirements for Holy Family School. Every HFS volunteer must have taken the class and submitted the required information prior to volunteering at the school in any capacity, including morning carpool. There are still slots available for the August 28th classes both, afternoon and evening, if you are still in need of an initial class or recertification. Visit the Holy Family School website at <http://school.holyfamily.org/10271/safeguard-the-children-3/> for more information on compliance or contact Patricia Plescia in the Parish Office at patricia@holysfamily.org or 626.403.6106.