

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I/we have to set up a SignUpGenius account to participate?

No, you can just sign up for the activities you would like to help HCS with and press submit. If you want to be a SignUpGenius pro you can make an account and spend hours on this great site! We are all busy, we vote for the simple sign up with no password!

I am not sure if I am at the right spot on SignUpGenius?

The page should have Hastings Catholic Schools listed on the top left. It should be filled with multiple HCS event boxes (like Concessions, Gate, B.L.U.E., Fairgrounds, etc) with pictures of each event. If you do not get directed to this page, please close out of the program and try the link again or try in another browser if you have one. If it is still not working, grab a snack, go back to the computer and try again. (Note you need to see Hastings Catholic Schools in the top corner to be on the right place. If you just see information about SignUpGenius from their homepage you need to try the link again. Grab a snack first!)

I signed up for a shift and now I have a conflict. What do I do since I can't make my shift?

We totally understand! We anticipate that this will happen with scheduling. If the shift is more than 2 weeks away, go back to the area that you signed up for (for example the Concessions event box.) At the top you will see "Already signed up? [You can change your sign up.](#)" Click this link and you can change. We do ask that you limit these changes especially as the shift draws near. If it is within 2 weeks of your shift, we ask that you try to find your own adult substitute for your shift. We would love for you to let us know about the substitute change especially if it is within 2 weeks of your scheduled shift. Please let us know at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net. We don't want to miss any changes and will do our best to work with you.

What if all the slots are filled?

Hold on - we need to do a few cartwheels! Yippee! Did you really say all the slots are filled? In all seriousness, if all the slots are full, we ask that you contact us and we will work with you on finding an area that may still need additional help. We will work with you to make it happen! Please contact us at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net.

What happens if I don't sign up for my shifts by Monday, September 16?

We would love for everyone to sign up for their minimum of 4 (academic year) shifts by the end of the day on Monday, September 16. On Monday, September 23, the school administration will start contacting families who have not signed-up to work together to find them shifts that fit their schedule. Families are required to cover their shifts. If needed, shifts will be assigned and we will notify you of those shifts. If there are serious concerns or conflicts, please don't stress. Please contact us at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net and we will help.

I spend a lot of time volunteering for things not listed as an option on this site, can all those hours count?

Thank you for all the time, talents and treasures you give HCS! We could not survive without you and others like you. Honestly, we had to start somewhere. If the area in which you volunteer is not listed, we ask that you contact us. We will work with you to get this added or make sure these hours are tracked. Our committee anticipates areas that are forgotten and we understand this new program will take some time to work out all the details. Contact us at the HCS Nevrviv Center at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net and we will work with you. (Some hours will not be counted toward your 4 (academic year) shifts (example: Band Boosters, since their hours produces \$\$ towards their students band account.) Only the School Fundraising and School Hosted Activity Opportunities from the Family Participation Plan currently count towards the required 4 shifts in the academic year and the 1 summer shift.

If my husband and I both work the same shift, does that count for 1 or 2 shifts?

If you and your husband signed up for different slots for the same event, that counts for 2 shifts of the family minimum of 4 shifts in the academic year and 1 summer shift. However, you had a great time right? It's almost like an HCS date night? Almost? Are you sure you don't want to sign up again together next month? We would love that!

Why are the STC High School Students working concessions this year?

Taking the lead from the peer schools we researched, we were the only school not using our STC High School Students in our concession stand. We are working with the Student Council and Class Officers to have at least two (2) STC High School Students at each of our concession events. We have even assigned the Middle School Students a few of the busy varsity games to give the High School Students a break. We are putting the responsibility on the Student Council and Class Officers to organize their class assignments with their sponsor. Don't worry, if your child signs up, you will notified as the parent of their responsibility.

If my student volunteers, does that count toward our family minimum of 4 shifts (4 for the academic year, 1 for summer)?

Since starting in the fall of 2015, we are only counting the shifts that an ADULT works towards your family minimum shifts. This may change in the years to come, but we had to start somewhere. However, the hours that your student works will count toward the volunteer hours of service learning our STC students are required to have.

Last year I worked at least 10 concession events myself? Does my family really only have to do a minimum of 4 shifts this academic year?

Thank you for your dedication to HCS. You are exactly why we felt the need to research our peer schools in order to develop this Family Participation Plan. No family should have to do all the work. We would love for your family to select more than 4 shifts during the academic year or more than 1 shift this summer, and honestly, we may need some families to still do 10. But if we

all work together, we should be able to make this a fun and manageable way to participate together as a school community. If you would like to do more, please sign-up or contact us and we will let you know the areas that need the most help!

Who do I contact with questions?

Call Hauli or Danielle at the HCS Nevrivy Center at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net. You can also stop by our office at 604 North St. Joseph Ave, across from the middle school entrance. We usually have a full candy bowl - stop in!

I don't have access to a computer or email what do I do?

Call the Hauli or Danielle at the HCS Nevrivy Center at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net. You can also stop by our office at 604 North St. Joseph Ave, across from the middle school entrance. We are willing to work with families one-on-one to make this work in their schedules. You can also talk with Mrs. Rasmussen or Mrs. VanCura, principals at STM or STC about this process.

Honestly, this gets me a little upset. I pay tuition, why do we need to sign up for a minimum number of shifts?

We understand. In fact we discussed this exact topic many times in our meetings. Our detailed research outlines (2015-2016) that the cost per student was \$7,050 with an average family payment of \$1,200/child. The St. Cecilia and St. Michael Parishes contribute \$3,430/child, HCS Annual Appeal fundraising drive contributes \$970/child, HCS Endowment contributions of \$510/child and finally these special events (that are in need of shift help for) contribute \$750/child. We need help as a HCS community to support these events. We researched many of our peer schools and found that they have been doing this for years within their school communities. For years, we have been working with many parent volunteers to fill these shifts, but we needed a plan to get everyone involved. To grow, we needed to take a step in this direction in order to provide the best education for our children without having tuition raise significantly. Contact us, we would love to talk and hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can move forward together.

Will there be someone to show me what to do when I arrive to volunteer for my shift?

Yes, each shift will have a LEAD or CHAIR or someone who will be there to show/train all volunteers on what they need to do.

I want to get more involved! How do I become a LEAD or CHAIR?

We love you! Seriously, we do! We have all heard the African Proverb, It takes a village to raise a child. We agree, it takes us all working together to raise ALL our children in Gods eyes. We are in need of time, talents and treasures on all levels. We would love to talk to you about what area you are excited about and help you become LEAD/CHAIR and use your time and talents for our children to grow. Thank you!

Do STM elementary families need to sign up or just STC high school families?

Yes, we are asking all STM and all STC families to sign up for a minimum of four (4) shifts for the academic year and one (1) shift for the summer. We are all ONE community of Hastings Catholic Schools. In order to grow together, we must work together. Pope Francis said, Dear brothers and sisters, the Church LOVES you! Be an active presence in the community, as living cells, as living stones. We are one Hastings Catholic Schools community working together to grow our children in HIS grace.

How can I get a sign up form made for the school project I need volunteers for?

Great idea! Contact the Nevriy Center and we can help!

This is all so overwhelming! I don't understand. Can someone help me?

We have coffee! We can help! Call, email, or stop in! Call Hauli or Danielle at the HCS Nevriy Center at 402-462-6566 or hauli-sabatka@cdolinc.net. You can also stop by our office at 604 North St. Joseph Ave, across from the middle school entrance.