



## 2017 - 2018 SJRPA Volunteer Opportunities, Activities and Events

Volunteers are a crucial part of School life, making it possible for SJR to offer services, activities and events that just wouldn't be possible otherwise. The St. John's-Ravenscourt Parents' Association (SJRPA) helps coordinate volunteers for various events and activities. There are many ways that parents can get involved:

**Archives** – The School Archivist is always looking for volunteers interested in working to preserve the School's history.

**Babysitting Courses** – Students can gain certification in the essentials of looking after young children through a one-day course organized by the SJRPA. Two one-day courses will be held on PD Days. (**Friday, November 24, 2017** and **Monday, April 16, 2018**).

**Boarders' Breakfast** – This year's breakfast for our boarding students will take place at 8:00 a.m. on **Friday, December 8, 2017**. Holiday gifts from the SJRPA for the boarders are assembled the night before.

**Canteen** – The canteen, located in the Dutton Memorial Arena, requires many volunteers. It operates during hockey games and tournaments, and at other sporting events. This is a worthwhile fundraising opportunity that also provides a valuable service to students involved in the co-curricular program of the School.

**Debating** – The ongoing success of SJR's active debating program depends upon having an adequate number of parent volunteers to act as judges at debating events. No previous experience is required as a training session is always offered at the start of the tournament. Judges typically come away considering it to be a worthwhile experience.

**Decorating** – A group of parent volunteers decorate Junior School, Middle School and Hamber Hall with seasonal or themed displays.

**EagleFest** – This fun family carnival and BBQ includes a large assortment of games and activities, a basket raffle, karaoke, face painting, and more! Many volunteers are needed for this event to be a success and assistance is required with decorations, wristbands, food, game supervision, and prize baskets.

**FallFest** – This event is intended to bring the school community together early in the school year. It is a fun, casual evening where parents and friends of SJR socialize and get acquainted or reacquainted in an informal atmosphere while enjoying dinner. Volunteers are needed to organize this event.

**Grade Parties** – The 'Grade Party' is a wonderful way to get to know the other parents in your grade. Every year we look for a parent or two to host a social gathering early in the fall for all the parents in their grade. These events can be held in someone's home, at a retail venue such as a wine store, or at any creative locale dreamed up by the host/hostess!



**Grandparents' Day** – Volunteers are on hand to help when the School opens its doors to its students' grandparents each year. This event began in 1992 and has been growing in popularity ever since. **(Thursday, October 5, 2017)**

**Hold Back the Snow (Ultimate Tournament)** – Volunteers provide food, shelter and water at this weekend-long, outdoor tournament. **(Saturday, October 14 & Sunday, October 15, 2017)**

**SJRPA Gala** – The SJRPA annual gala dinner includes cocktails, dinner, dancing and a silent auction. This major fundraiser offers varied opportunities for volunteering such as decorating, menu planning, setting up the silent auction and ticket selling. It is a fun social evening that you will not want to miss! **(Saturday, January 20, 2018)**

**Lecture Series** - From time to time, the SJRPA invites speakers into School to talk about topics of interest to parents and/or students. Recent topics include 'Parenting in a Digital Age', 'Share your care! School Spirit is caring, and care is contagious!' and 'Hold on to your Kids'.

**Lunch Recess Supervision** – Parent volunteers assist staff in the supervision of the Junior School playground during lunch recess several days a week.

**Rosenberg Library (Junior School)** – Parents assist with shelving, cataloguing, book sign-out, and a vast assortment of library tasks.

**Pizza Day** – The SJRPA decorates the dining hall and treats the students and staff to pizza and goodies during the regular lunchtime. This event occurs on or around Valentine's Day. **(Wednesday, February 14, 2018)**

**Western Canadian Independent Schools Volleyball Championship** - SJR will be hosting this prestigious tournament from **October 18-21, 2017**. Varsity Girls' volleyball teams from across Western Canada will be coming to Winnipeg to participate. Volunteers will be needed in a variety of areas: please contact Mr. Dean Wright at [dwright@sjr.mb.ca](mailto:dwright@sjr.mb.ca) Families willing to host visiting players should contact Dr. Christine Churchill, [cchurchill@sjr.mb.ca](mailto:cchurchill@sjr.mb.ca)

**Miscellaneous** – Throughout the year, various other volunteer opportunities for parents arise in the respective Schools such as assisting with a tournament, play or a concert. The SJRPA assists in identifying these opportunities for prospective volunteers.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to get to know other parents and students, and we can offer opportunities to fit your availability whether it's during the daytime, evening, or at the weekend.

For more information about these events and activities or to volunteer, please contact Tania Morrison, our Volunteer Liaison, at [btamorr@mymts.net](mailto:btamorr@mymts.net).

**For SJRPA news, event updates and volunteering opportunities, visit our website: [www.sjr.mb.ca/sjrpa](http://www.sjr.mb.ca/sjrpa)**

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