

FOS “Friends of the School” Volunteer Program

The Friends of the School program was created to help offset the cost of tuition for students and families. Participation from parents helps offset the difference between tuition and fees and the actual cost of operating WVCS. Without the teamwork of WVCS friends and families, it would be necessary to raise fees significantly.

When you enrolled/re-enrolled your student(s) at WVCS you signed a form electronically saying that you are aware of the opportunities to make a commitment to our volunteer program, “Friends of the School” (FOS). We have asked each family to seriously consider being a part of FOS. If you are unable or uninterested in actively participating in the program, a \$500.00 annual fee will be invoiced at the end of the school year. If you are only able to fulfill part of your FOS hours, the remaining amount will be invoiced at the end of the school year. For example, if you were only able to complete 30 out of the 50 hours, you would be charged \$200 for the remaining 20 hours.

This is an annual program that goes from June through the end of May each school year. When you filled out your enrollment you were asked to identify the areas you were interested in. There are many different ways that you can get your FOS hours in.

For those of you who do not have time to come into the school to work there are many alternate ways to earn hours:

1. **Scrip**-is our gift card program that helps our school earn money back from the gift cards you purchase. For example if you purchase a gift card for \$25 dollars, the school will get certain percentages; some of them are at a 12% return. Everyone has to get groceries or gas every week, so if you purchase a Safeway or Walmart card knowing that you are going to spend that money anyway, you can get 1 hour credit for every \$60 that you spend. You can get up to half of your hours this way.
2. **Adopt a staff**-This is a program that allows you to adopt one of our staff members and bless them each month. You are given a list of some of the staff member’s favorite things and each month you can purchase or make them something from that list. For example, one month you could write them a nice note and make them some cookies and give them a \$20 gift card to eat out. With that you just earned time for the gift card as well as whatever amount of time you spent making the cookies.
3. **Staff treats**-This is an easy way to get FOS hours in. Once or twice a week volunteers on a rotation will bring in treats for the staff. You can count the amount of money that you have spent as well as the amount of time it took you to prepare the snacks. Some families will make homemade food to bring in and others will just purchase store bought items like veggie trays, cookies, fruit, cakes, chips or whatever looks good. You get to count the amount of money that you spent as well as the amount of time it took you to prepare it.
4. **Auction**-Many of our families get in a lot of their hours this way. You can donate items/baskets, help decorate/set up, check people in, pick up donated items, clean up, and many other things. You can count the money that you spent on items donated as well as time that you put in. If you have two or three people that come in to help, you can count the hours from all of them.

5. **Campus clean up**-We have 3 or 4 campus clean up days throughout the year. This is another great opportunity to get in hours. You can bring your whole family to help and middle school age students and up count towards your hours. There are also many opportunities to help work on projects around the school all throughout the year. We always need some landscaping done, items that need to be fixed or painted and so on. Just check in with the office when you know that you are going to have some free time. If you are handy in certain skills, be sure to let us know so that you can use those talents that God has given you.
6. **Lunch helpers**-We have lunch helpers that we use every day. We have them on a weekly rotation. Lunch times are from 10:30-1:00. You would need a food handler license in order to help out. If you can't commit to once a week but would still like to help, we are always looking for subs as well. Each time you come in to help you would get 2 ½ hours.
7. **Athletics**- We are always in need of drivers to and from the games, line judges, score keepers, helpers to set up/clean up before and after the games, ticket collectors, concessions and many other things.
8. **Field Trips**-Our students take several field trips throughout the year. Many times parents are able to assist on these field trips as either drivers or helpers.
9. **Fun Fridays**- Elementary parents can help with fun Fridays either in the classrooms or with the outdoor activities.
10. **Career Speakers**- Our career class needs different people from all different types of jobs to come in and share with the class what their job entails.
11. **Oktoberfest**-We will be working at the Oktoberfest in Mt. Angel. We have a food booth that we will be using to sell food but also to be a witness and a light to those that stop by. Ways to help out would be by serving on a shift or with set-up and clean up. More information will go out in regards to how you can sign-up to help.
12. **Random opportunities**- There are many other ways that you can get your FOS hours in. Donating time, talents, and items are just some of the ways that you can be a part of helping the school and earning those FOS hours.

We ask that you turn in your hours at the end of each quarter. We will log it in FACTS so you track your hours. When you fulfill some of your FOS hours, you can either keep track of them on our log sheet, which can be found on our website under resources, or most of our families keep track of their hours on their phones and then email those to us at the end of each quarter. We will accept your hours whichever way is easiest for you. The cutoff for hours completed must be turned in no later than June 1st. Any hours after that point will not be accepted. Please be sure to turn hours in at end of each quarter in order for us to apply them to your account.

An invoice will go out in June for any incomplete hours. You can pay the remaining amount either by phone with a card or by stopping by the office. Just note that the office is only open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.