

Bethany Lutheran School Family Involvement Service Hours

FISH Program

“Strengthening the Relationship Between Family and School.”

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



How Does the FISH Program Work?

1. As stated in the current Parent Handbook, each Bethany school family is asked to give 5 hours of service each school year. (Please note this is each *family*, not each *student*.)
2. Parents/guardians, grandparents, aunts/uncles or high school graduate siblings of Bethany students may serve FISH hours.
3. Any family members who plan to volunteer in person with our students will need to fill out a Volunteer Application form. You can get this form from the school office or the school website.
4. You can use the FISH Service Opportunity list attached for many service ideas.
5. When you perform an hour of service or more, please fill out a “FISH Hours” form. These forms are included in this packet and will be available in the School Office near the “FISH Bowl”. (We’re not keeping track of partial hours—we’ll count on your honesty. ☺)
6. Have your FISH Hour form signed by the designated “sign off” person. This is most likely a teacher, our Principal, a PTL Representative or a Church Representative.
7. If you’re serving at one of our big events like Fun Day, look for our FISH windsock!
8. Keep the PINK copy of the FISH Form for your records. Deposit the WHITE copy in the FISH Bowl in the School Office or send it to the office with your child.
9. If you are not on campus, but you need to have your FISH Hours signed off, you can send in your completed form for signature to the appropriate person and they can return your copy to you and forward the correct copy to the office. You may also submit FISH Hours from the Bethany website.
10. Your hours will be tracked and you will receive a letter each quarter during the school year notifying you of how many hours you’ve served so far.
11. Hours not completed by June 1 will be billed at \$20 per hour. Final report cards and yearbooks will be held until FISH hours are served or paid for.
12. Hours served after June 1 will count for the next school year.
13. If life is too crazy at your house and you KNOW you cannot give your time, you can choose to pay \$100 instead. These monies will be used to offset the expenses of the FISH Program (but please know we’d rather have *your time* than your money. ☺)

What If I Have Questions About My FISH Hours?

You can contact our FISH Coordinator, Lori Rhodes:

lori-rhodes@sbcglobal.net or on the FISHline 420-7783 ext.

Why Is FISH Important to Me?

Our mission statement for the FISH program is:

“Strengthening the Relationship Between Family and School.”

We believe that your increased involvement in your child’s education will not only enrich your family’s life, but will benefit every student here at Bethany. God has blessed our school with your family and your child. We are being called to build a strong school community - one that can only be created with the time, talent, and participation of each Bethany family.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!