

**THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF VISALIA, GEORGE McCANN MEMORIAL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

The Home and School Association is the parent club of our school. Parents are asked to work cooperatively, to help in providing a high quality, moderately priced Catholic education for our children. Money raised contributes directly to the daily operation of our school and supplemental tuition for all families. The Home and School Association is designed to bring families together, foster spiritual and educational growth, and to contribute to the financial stability of our school.

To meet these designated objectives, the Association needs all families to participate actively so that all families benefit. The mandatory minimum requirements are:

1. Annual SCRIP participation for all families. This participation includes signing of the scrip agreement.
2. 35 volunteer hours of active participation in fundraising and school activities.
3. Ticket commitment: \$200 includes the obligation to purchase and/or sell 2 OUR LADY OF FATIMA RAFFLE TICKETS
4. An obligation to participate in the Our Lady of Fatima Celebration (Attendance at the Weeknight Rosaries are highly encouraged.)
5. Mandatory attendance at two (2) H.S.A. meetings per family.

SCRIP

The SCRIP PROGRAM is our ongoing fundraiser. Each family fills out and signs the scrip agreement. Participation in the program results in shared profit with the families which is applied to the family's tuition.

TICKET COMMITMENT \$200

To ensure the success of our fundraising efforts, it is required that every family either buys and/ or sells a minimum of **2 OUR LADY OF FATIMA RAFFLE TICKETS and purchase tickets to school fundraising events.**

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS - a minimum requirement of attendance at 2 regularly scheduled H.S.A. monthly meetings, (If husband and wife attend the same meeting, this will only be considered as credit for attending one meeting.)

*****3E COMMITMENT: 3E Parents are required to fulfill only required hours of Fatima.**

HOURS REQUIREMENT

Of the 35 hours required to meet your minimum commitment, the break down is as follows:

10 OUR LADY OF FATIMA hours minimum

25 ELECTIVE hours - This includes any H.S.A. FUNDRAISING event or GEORGE McCANN school activity.

TOTAL: 35 HOURS

EXAMPLES OF EACH CATEGORY

FATIMA - Volunteer hours include, but not limited to: setting up, cooking, serving, carnival, auction, statue carriers, baking (MAXIMUM of 3 HOURS BAKING), or any other approved activity associated with the event. One adult per family may receive 1.5 hours for chaperoning parade. Attending weekday Rosary does not count toward hours, all families/students are encouraged to participate. GMC students may NOT receive volunteer hours for their family.

Elective Hours - Any volunteer hour associated with a Home and School Association Fundraiser, GMC school activities, and overage of SCRIP and FATIMA hours:

- Scrip
- The GMC Ball
- Movie Night, Book Fair, Room Parent, Lunch duty, Yard duty, Gate duty
- Help with Classroom activities/fundraisers
- Drive/Chaperone school sporting events/field trips
- Coach Jr. High sports
- Other committees or planned school events

If a family has an overabundance of hours and/or ticket sales and wishes to donate to a family having difficulty meeting their commitment. Hour and/or ticket sales may be credited to another family anonymously or by mutual agreement between the families. All such arrangements must be reported to the Hours Chairperson. Those donating their extra hours/tickets are responsible for recording them on their HSA Hours Ledger.

YOU MAY ONLY RECEIVE UP TO 10 DONATED HOURS

ACHIEVING THESE REQUIREMENTS

Families need to be proceeding toward fulfilling their participation agreement so that when half of the year is over, they will be approximately halfway towards meeting their ticket commitment

and hour requirements. Families that leave GMC during the course of the year will have their participation requirements adjusted to their length of stay.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Home and School Association recognizes that for some families, difficult circumstances creating hardship may occur. Any family having problems completing these requirements should make timely contact and seek help/advice from the Principal, the H.S.A. President. All meetings will be held in confidence with respect to all involved. An alternate solution may be considered. Final determination on how the situation will be handled will be made by the Principal.

FEE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Those who have not completed and reported their hours by May 1st will be billed at \$20.00 per unfulfilled hour/HSA Meeting. No further notification of the unfulfilled hours or ticket sales will be made. Any arrangement for exceptions must be made by May 1st. The Principal will be notified of all delinquent accounts. This information will be particularly relevant at reenrollment time for the next school year, as registration will be held up until the delinquent accounts are rectified. The H.S.A. and GMC School may turn over delinquent accounts to a collection agency if necessary.

Parents who have only a graduate (no other enrolled sibling) must have their commitment completed according to the schedule as provided in the Family Handbook under Tuition, but any past due balances must be paid in full at least two weeks before graduation. In addition graduating students shall not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students not graduating shall not be allowed to return to GMC, until payment has been received.

H.S.A. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

Any family that would like to participate financially in lieu of fulfilling the hours and ticket requirements may do so by paying \$700.00 (not tax deductible) in full or in quarterly payments of September 30th, December 31st, March 31st and June 30th.