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Guide to Getting Involved at POPCS
Dear POPCS Family,

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or friend of POPCS, I am excited to offer you this Guide to Getting Involved at POPCS. As you look through it, please prayerfully consider new or different ways to become involved in our school community and all that is happening here. God is at work and numerous opportunities await!

POPCS relies deeply on our volunteers to be the hands and feet of our mission. Without the gifts of your time, energy, and talents, our goal for providing our students with an exemplary Christ-centered educational experience would be less fruitful. By being involved in the day-to-day events and activities that make POPCS special, you have the unique opportunity to not only reflect the love of Christ through your service, but also impact the lives of the children with whom you come into contact. Additionally, you will receive the gift of seeing what God is doing through you and for our POPCS family because of your time spent here.

If you are new to our POPCS community, welcome! We look forward to partnering with you. If you are among the many volunteers who already give countless hours of service to POPCS, we are so grateful for your generosity and support. Either way, I encourage you to take a look at ways you can begin or deepen your connection with our students, faculty, and staff. You are the HEART of our school, and we give thanks for all you do!

In His Service,

Sheri Land

Sheri Land
POPCS Volunteer and Events Coordinator
We’re so thankful that you are a part of our POPCS family!

God has placed you here at just the right time and we are grateful to have the opportunity to provide your students the best educational experience in a Christ-centered, caring environment.

Here’s a quick guide to the many ways you can get involved at POPCS. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for our school community! We look forward to partnering with you to help make POPCS the best it can be, to the glory of God, for His mission here.

I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6
Mission

Prince of Peace Christian School and Early Learning Center provides a Christ-centered exemplary education equipping students as disciples and leaders for service and success in the 21st century.

Statement
There are so many ways to get involved at POPCS. However you choose to serve—whether it's helping in a classroom, serving ice cream on Fridays, or working in the school store (just to name a few)—our volunteers are the hands and feet of all that God is accomplishing through POPCS. When you sign up to serve, we hope that you do so with a HEART for the Lord and for His glory out of response to all that He is doing for you and POPCS.

On the next few pages you will see a list of activities and events that happen throughout the year on campus. Please prayerfully consider how you might get—or stay—involved. Don’t worry that you may not have the skills or abilities necessary. Simply remember, God does not call the equipped, He equips the called. We pray you find your calling here.

You can also go to our website at www.popcs.org/volunteer and complete the parent survey to help us gather information about the areas where you are interested in helping.

Our primary source of organizing volunteers will be through SignUpGenius. Each activity or event that offers volunteer opportunities will have a SignUpGenius link, which will be sent out prior to the event so you can pick the time or area where you are interested in helping. You can also watch for other communications, such as social media posts, text alerts, email, or Eagle Express, with more information about the activities and events.

Our prayer is that you find at least one way to be involved in our community and to partner with our teachers and staff to provide the best experience possible for our students. We can’t do this without YOU, and we know you will be blessed as you see how the Lord is using you at our school.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:10-11
Philosophy of Service for POPCS Students

Jesus taught by example the importance of serving. Therefore, at Prince of Peace Christian School we desire to foster a heart of service in our students with the hope that service to others will become a defining characteristic of their lives.

To that end, we believe that it is our responsibility to provide service opportunities, promote them within the school, model service through staff participation, and encourage students and their families as they look beyond themselves to experience the joy that comes from serving others.

Rather than earning a required number of service hours, we introduce our students to service opportunities and allow them to volunteer as their hearts lead them. We do not encourage service out of duty, but out of joy and deep gratitude for what Christ has done for us.

Our philosophy is encapsulated in the following verses:

“Care for others willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you want to and are eager to serve God.”

“In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord.”

“Each of us should serve our neighbors for their good, to build them up and not to please ourselves.”


As volunteers, we pray that you will model this philosophy to your children by volunteering for the service opportunities available at POPCS.
Volunteers are the heart of POPCS. We believe that a positive, collaborative, and constructive relationship among the school, teachers, and our volunteers is critical and required for the fulfillment of the school’s mission. We pray that each person who gives time to POPCS would serve with the H.E.A.R.T. of an Eagle volunteer.

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 
Colossians 3:12,15

**Humble and Servant-Hearted**

**Our Commitment:** We will be thankful and grateful for the time and energy you give toward the school’s events and projects, knowing that we could not do any of it without you.  
**Verse:** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Philippians 2:1-3  
**Our Expectation:** If you come to serve, do so with a servant heart, working for the Lord and knowing that each day and event is being used by Him to advance His mission at POPCS.

**Encouraging and Engaging**

**Our Commitment:** We will encourage you with words of gratefulness and appreciation and try not to over-task you. We will engage with you, get to know you, and listen to your advice and comments.  
**Verse:** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25  
**Our Expectation:** During your time of service be encouraging to teachers, staff, and other volunteers, working together to make the most of your time and efforts. If conflicts or complications arise, discreetly discuss them with the school administration, teacher, or individual involved.
Advocate for POPCS

Our Commitment: We will work to honor the Lord in all we do, fulfilling our mission to be a Christ-centered exemplary institution worth advocating for, all the while acknowledging that all we do is for His glory.
Verse: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6
Our Expectation: Be ALL in for Him! Be positive in your words and actions about the school and our mission, knowing that all we have and do is a gift from the Lord, and we strive to use it to His glory and for the benefit of everyone who comes through our doors. Stop rumors and gossip in their tracks and defer to reliable sources of information for answers to questions or concerns.

Reliable, Accountable, and Trustworthy

Our Commitment: We will be organized and forthright with information regarding volunteer opportunities. We realize that your time is precious, and any time or energy you commit to the school demands we are well prepared and organized.
Verse: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. Psalm 33:4
Our Expectation: Be on time with a heart ready for service. Understanding that life and the unexpected happen, do your best to serve when you have committed to doing so. However, in the event something unforeseen comes up, do your best to find someone to fill in for you.

Thankful and Prayerful

Our Commitment: We will give thanks to the Lord for bringing you to POPCS as members of our school family, and we will lift you and your families up in prayer to the One who is at work in all our lives.
Verse: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory. Ephesians 3:20-21a
Our Expectation: Give thanks to the Lord for all He is doing for you and your family through POPCS and be prayer warriors for the administration, teachers, staff, and other families of POPCS.
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Events by Season

FALL
(Aug-Oct)
Alumni BBQ
Alumni Games
Band Camp
Band Football Game Prep
Eagle Booster Tailgate
High School Retreat
Homecoming
Middle School Socials
POPCS Classic Golf Tournament
Pre-game Picnics
Rise and Shine Breakfast
TAPPS One Act Play (HS)
Trunk-or-Treat
Welcome Back Breakfast

SPRING
(Mar-May)
Band Banquet
Band Social Event
Field Day
Graduation and Bacalaureate
POPCS Basketball Tournament
POPCS Soccer Tournament
Scholastic Book Fair
TAPPS One Act Play (HS)
Rise and Shine Breakfast
Scholastic Book Fair
“Songs I’ll Never Sing” Cabaret
Track Meets (MS/HS)

WINTER
(Nov-Feb)
Band Christmas Concert
Reception
Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day
High School Musical
Middle School Musical
POPCS Basketball Tournament
POPCS Soccer Tournament
Scholastic Book Fair
Service Day (MS/HS)
TAPPS One Act Play (MS)

YEAR-ROUND
Administration/Office Help
Field Trip Chaperones
Ice Cream Fridays
Library Assistance
Lower School Classroom Activities
Preschool Classroom Activities
Preschool and Lower School Lunch Relief
School Store Sales
Sporting Events Gate Collections
Teacher Appreciation

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Getting Involved by Supporting the EAGLE FUND

The EAGLE FUND, POPCS’s annual fund, gives the POPCS community the chance to unite in support of our mission to prepare Christ-like disciples and leaders. The EAGLE FUND is dedicated to raising funds for projects benefitting our academic programs, extra-curricular activities and facilities. By supporting the EAGLE FUND, you invest in improvements which enhance the student experience for both current students and generations of students to come. We are blessed to have a generous and committed POPCS community so we have set our sights on 100% participation of our POPCS families in the EAGLE FUND. We hope you will join us by “getting involved” in giving!
There are many ways to support the Eagle Fund!

**ONLINE**
Gifts made with a MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover or EFT (electronic funds transfer) at www.popcs.org/giving.

**PLANNED GIFTS**
A method of giving that allows a donor to make a major gift in their lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.

**OUTRIGHT GIFTS AND PLEDGES**
Unrestricted gifts, such as cash or checks. If you make a pledge, we will send reminders to you.

**SECURITIES**
Gifts of appreciated securities which provide significant tax savings for the donor with regard to capital-gains taxes.

**HONOR GIFTS**
Gifts made in honor of a particular faculty member, classmate, or person who has played a special role in a donor's life.

**MATCHING GIFTS**
Gifts made by the more than 1,500 companies that offer the benefit of matching charitable gifts made by their employees which can double or even triple your donation.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**
Gifts made by surviving spouses, relatives, friends, associates, or classmates of deceased members of the POPCS community to honor the memory of an individual.

If you have any questions about possible ways to give, please contact Krista Bates at 972.598.1112 or krista.bates@popcs.org.
Contact Us

Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure and find ways to be of service at POPCS. Below are key contacts if you have questions or need more information about giving or getting involved at POPCS.

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