

Good morning SJS parents,

At St. John School, we continually rely on our parents for their support and volunteerism. So, first, thank you for your service and the time you give this school – it is invaluable (or to put it another way, extremely valuable!). It is always a wonderful blessing for us to have your support and volunteerism.

As you may know, there are two requirements for volunteering at St. John School. First, every volunteer must annually fill out a CORI form. Second, every volunteer must complete a VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children training. This is a one and done requirement – you take the course once and it lasts forever. VIRTUS is 3-hour course that presents information on keeping children safe in our school environment. The Archdiocese of Boston mandates it for anyone who volunteers with children. The course is taught by trained volunteers in person or online. In normal years, volunteers need this training before they begin to volunteer. This year we must have every volunteer trained by Thanksgiving.

The Archdiocese has many online options for VIRTUS training (one or two a week) which makes it a bit more manageable. They also do offer a few in person options. If you have not completed VIRTUS and you plan to volunteer, please log on to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and sign up for a training session. You will need to create an ID, find a time that fits your needs, and sign up. After the session you will receive a certificate.

Once you complete the training, please provide Mrs. Sullivan with a copy of your certificate. If you are currently a lunch monitor or plan to volunteer in any other way at St. John School, including going on field trips and in the classroom, this must be completed by Thanksgiving.

If you are new to SJS and have already completed this training, please provide Mrs. Sullivan with a copy of your certificate.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your support.

Chris