

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

In the above spirit, I am appealing to all parents of the Academy. In order to benefit and broaden our childrens' education through the Arts, we must be willing to become a community, and with patience and joy, to volunteer our time to meet all the laws surrounding children and staff safety. Without parent volunteers, we would be unable to operate the Academy with the same cost structure and excellent results.

A reminder of what is, first and foremost, expected of each person within the Academy, can be summed up in two words: Respect and Represent. We must be respectful because we are representing Christ. We must be respectful because we are representing our families. We must be respectful because we are representing our Academy. We must be respectful because we are guests of Lancaster First Assembly.

Monitoring classes and study/free time slots is by far the largest need we have as an Academy. With this in mind, I believe we need more information on what all is expected as a part of monitoring. First, any parents with babies, 1 year and younger, are exempt from monitoring. This means parents of older children need to fill in the gaps. We have multiple slots throughout Monday and Thursday during the semesters that need to be filled. (The SignUpGenius site will not be completed until closer to the beginning of classes, as it is somewhat dependent on registration totals.)

There are several classes that would really benefit from a "class parent". This could be more than what is "required", but would bring a bit more stability to younger students and or specific disciplines. The advantage for the parent is the ability to get to better know the students and also having a set schedule to help out during the same specific class each week. A class parent could sign on for one semester (13 classes, only 1 more than the requirement) or an entire year. If someone was to sign up for a class, it would only be for one class period per day, not all the sections of each category. The classes that would benefit the most from a "class parent" are as follows: Primary Art A, Junior Art, Junior Theatre, Middle School Theatre, and Dance. Primary Theatre is not listed because we already have a high school student volunteer to be involved in all those classes.

The Art classes will be very hands on, helping children with art processes after Mrs. Newswanger gives introductory explanations/teaching. Additionally, there is clean up of art supplies needed for these classes. The Theatre classes and Dance will consist of "active" monitoring. The teacher is in charge, but if there are discipline issues that need to be addressed and he/she asks for assistance, or the monitor sees the need for assistance, it is best to have been aware of the whole situation.

Please **NO phone use** (except emergencies), **reading or visiting with others during your monitor times**. If being a "class parent" interests you please email Kristina Werner directly at [quiverfull@embarqmail.com](mailto:quiverfull@embarqmail.com).

Choirs and orchestra do not need monitors as there are already two adults or more in attendance in those classes. The rest of the classes and or study hall/free time slots need to have "active" monitoring, so again, **please NO phone use** (except emergencies), **reading or excessive visiting with others during your monitor times.**

The study hall/free time slots of monitoring will occur in the fellowship hall in a specified area near the kitchen with table and chairs. **We do NOT have permission to have full use of the fellowship hall.** The monitor will be the main person in charge of the students during these times. Students will need to ask monitor permission for bathroom use, water fountain and/or microwave use. The desk attendants will act as your second during these periods if there isn't a second person scheduled. Especially for Mondays, with the younger students, it is recommended that a bathroom break is taken. The students may eat in study hall, but only in the designated area. Mondays will require lining students up, readying them for the next class period, and taking attendance for the next class.

Monday class monitors or class parents will need to be available to help the study hall monitors to line children up in the fellowship hall, take attendance, and lead children to designated classrooms.

Floating monitors will need to check bathrooms and other hallway areas for uncleanliness and stray students. Both issues will need remedied. **We are required to keep things neat and clean as part of our agreement with LFA.**

All monitors or class parents should check in at the desk and pick up monitoring tags. This will help students locate monitors on duty.

Any questions can be directed to Kristina Werner by text: 717-413-0603 or email: [quiverfull@embarqmail.com](mailto:quiverfull@embarqmail.com).

Thank you and blessings on the coming year with the Academy,  
Kristina Werner