

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year at Newberry Academy!

FAQs about Parents Council

Important information for NEW and RETURNING parents:

Parents Council asks each family to provide the school with at least 8 hours of service during the school year OR pay a \$300 fee to Parents Council by August 31st. Parents Council is a parent organization that works to support and strengthen the mission of our school community through various activities and volunteer opportunities. Parents Council depends greatly upon parents providing the school with service hours to ensure our fundraising efforts are successful.

To sign up for jobs to earn hours, visit www.newberryacademy.com and find **Parents Council under Programs**. Here you will be able to view and schedule your volunteer hours for the school year. After choosing your top three choices of jobs from the list of available jobs, you will be able to submit your job preferences. Parents Council will then assign you a job from your submission and update your name on the list. The link to view jobs is your source for your assigned jobs.

What is Parent's Council and what do we do?

- A. If your child attends Newberry Academy, then you are automatically a member of Parent's Council. Our goal is to help improve our children's academic education along with the environment in which they learn while seeking guidance from administrators, faculty, staff, and approval from the NA Board of Directors. **We invite you to get involved with Parents Council and the families represented here. Join us for our meetings on the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Lunchroom or Library.**
- B. We are responsible, along with the lunch coordinator, for organizing the Steak Suppers (2 per year) and several other school activities. These include Student Appreciation Day, National Education Week, the Holiday Market, and family involvement activities.
- C. In recent years, Parents Council projects have included a new kitchen, painting/updating the front Elementary hallway, and purchasing new chairs to be used for various programs throughout the school year. Most recently we have jointly along with the school budget been able to remodel the high school bathrooms and install new flooring throughout the Elementary building. Each of these projects is a direct result of parents working together and being involved.

What are our goals for the upcoming year?

General goals include to finish paying for new flooring in the Elementary building, helping to address storage concerns, and new curtains for the stage.

FAQs about Parents Council Continued...

What are the Parent's Council required hours?

- A. **8 hours (per family, not per student)**
- B. If you have grandparents that are willing to contribute their time or if your student is old enough to contribute time that all counts towards your hours.
- C. For NEW and RETURNING parents: It is YOUR responsibility to go online or get a hard copy list of jobs to make sure you have the job you want. If you are a new parent, you must sign up for one of the jobs not taken and if you are returning just check to make sure your job is the same as last year. If there are any changes or discrepancies, please contact Abby Fuller at ParentsCouncil@newberryacademy.com
- D. If you know you will not be fulfilling any of the hours required, we ask that you pay the \$300.00 by August 31, 2022.

What happens if I don't work the required 8 hours?

- A. According to the financial schedule of tuition and fees, any unpaid PC fees will be drafted along with your final tuition payment at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- B. If you have partially worked your hours, then you will be billed for a prorated fee at the end of the year.

How can I help Parents Council?

- A. If you have any skill that would be useful in maintaining the facilities here at school, please contact PC at ParentsCouncil@newberryacademy.com or the School Administration. This could include electrical, HVAC, plumbing, carpentry, custodial care, etc. We encourage your help but would ask that you communicate and seek approval with the School Administration before starting work.

What do I need to do after I work my hours?

- A. There will be no more paper sign in sheets.
- B. YOU are responsible for logging your hours on our school website, www.newberryacademy.com and going to Programs, Parents Council, Submit PC Hours. It just takes a moment to submit your hours.
- C. If you do not have access to the internet, then please let our main office know at 803-276-2760 and someone from PC will contact you.

We value each and every one of our families and each of you are an essential part to our school's success. We cannot continue to improve and provide the best for our children without your help. We extend a big thank you to all of our parents that donate to our school!