



Donation Form

If you would like to donate to The Teacher's Helper, please fill out the form below.

Your gift will be placed in a general pool for all classroom teachers and will be divided equally among them at the beginning of the school year. Funds will be used to offset the personal expenses teachers incur every year for classroom materials, teaching tools and professional development.

If you give your gift in honor of a particular classroom teacher, you will receive a special gift card to present to that teacher, acknowledging your donation.

I would like my gift to be made in honor of
(teacher's name) _____

I would like to donate on behalf of all
SJC teachers

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of gift \$ _____

Thank you for your gift to The Teacher's Helper!

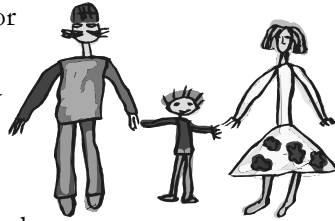


A resource for teachers,
voluntarily created and supported
by parents and students at
St. Joseph of Cupertino School

THE TEACHER'S HELPER

What it is and how it started

Like many great new ideas at St. Joseph's, this one came from a group of parents who presented it to the School Board. While thinking of holiday gifts to give to their children's teachers, they realized that those teachers frequently spend their own money for classroom materials and supplies. The School Board asked school administrators to set up a program that would allow parents to give gifts of cash to teachers, as a way to offset some of those out-of-pocket expenses.



This strictly voluntary program is simply one way to say thanks to a teacher, or teachers, at St. Joseph's. It's a straight cash donation that can be made anytime during the year, and it goes into a pool, or a fund, that is distributed equally among classroom teachers at the beginning of each school year. Parents making donations will be given a card that they can present to the teacher, who will then know that a gift has been contributed in his or her name.

Is there an annual kick off campaign?

No. As stated above, The Teacher's Helper idea came from our parents. When told of the project, SJC teachers expressed profound gratitude for the gesture of support, however, they would like The Teacher's Helper to be viewed as a very "low-key" program. They believe that the school community already shows its open-hearted generosity in many different ways, and they want to be certain that people do not feel obligated to contribute to this program. The administration and School Board, therefore, will periodically send out reminders about The Teacher's Helper, but there will be no formal, yearly kick-off campaign.



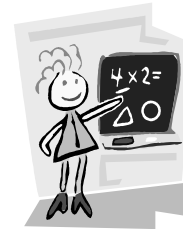
Are donations to the program made in lieu of giving teachers gifts?

That's entirely up to the giver. A donation to The Teacher's Helper is simply one way to give a gift. If you'd prefer giving a different type of gift, that's perfectly fine. Any

gift received by a teacher is deeply appreciated. If you prefer giving no gift at all, that's fine, too. Teachers don't expect to receive gifts from everyone. You can also make a donation to The Teacher's Helper as a straight contribution to a fund, and not as a gift to any particular teacher. The program is a resource for SJC teachers, and you can turn that into a gift for them or simply support it as a fund.

How will The Teacher's Helper funds be used?

Every year, teachers at St. Joseph's and in many other schools in the state spend hundreds and even thousands of dollars of their own money on such things as teaching tools, classroom supplies and professional development. Parents looking for a meaningful way to thank these dedicated instructors may view The Teacher's Helper as a tool to ease some of the personal financial burden SJC teachers take on as part of the job.



The full-time, credentialed teachers at SJC would be eligible to draw funds from the pool. These classroom and subject area teachers will receive an equal amount of funding to purchase supplies or services during the year. Any unused funds will revert back to The Teacher's Helper general pool.

How much does the program need?

This school year, the School Board offered each teacher \$500 for materials, professional development and costly teaching tools (such as laptop computers) that they would not otherwise have been able to afford. The Board hopes to offer at least this much next year. If more is collected, the funds will roll over to the next year. Each year, the fund will be evaluated and a level of disbursements set.

When do we contribute?

You can donate to The Teacher's Helper anytime during the year, but you may find it more convenient to do so at certain gift-giving times, such as holidays and at the end of the school year.

