

CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS

HELPING HEARTS, HELPING MINDS

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER







LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Catholic Tutor Corps [CTC] and all the selfless and wonderful tutors that have worked with us this year have made it another very successful school year for hundreds of students who benefited from the guidance and one-on-one time from the tutors. This year marks ALMOST 25 years of CTC tutors working with students in grades k-8 in a dozen Minneapolis and St. Paul schools. During this time, thousands of students have received help from a CTC tutor. Again, tutors, thank you for all your hard work and time. But the work is not done, and challenges remain.

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Decreased funding for education at both federal and state levels may continue over the next few years. As federal funding for education gets reduced, it flows downstream to state funding. At the state level there is discussion about cutting aid to private schools in the area of transportation assistance and funding for some books and supplies. While this may have been put off until the next budget session, decreased state funding is probably on the horizon. This will further stress individual school budgets, forcing schools to do more with less money. Some of the federal cuts in aid to programs like AmeriCorps may spill over into some reading helper programs and possibly even Title I assistance for students needing extra help to catch up with grade level work. What does this all mean? It means Catholic schools will need more volunteer help in the classroom to fill gaps that have emerged, or are likely to emerge, as government funding in all areas is being reduced. The need for more CTC tutors continues to grow.

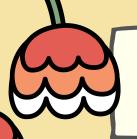
The most recently published results from the NAEP [National Assessment of Educational Progress] which are the national test administered to 9 and 13 year olds nationwide have shown continuing loss in reading skills across the age groups with students holding their own in math. In Minnesota, students in both 4th and 8th grades, the grades in which the tests are administered, showed that half of the students were non-proficient at grade level in either reading or math. Many educators still point to the hangover effects of Covid i.e. school closures and on-line learning, on many elementary school students. So, our work continues. CTC will once again attempt to raise the bar and provide more tutors to our partner schools. But this will require the help of many people. Please spread the word, however you can, about our mission. Tell a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker. Our pay scale remains rock bottom; but our rewards are off the chart. Have a great summer.



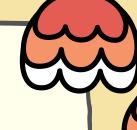
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PROJECTED TUTOR NEEDS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



The school doors are scarcely closed and books put away for three months and here we are thinking about and planning for the fall......

While the exact needs for tutors at every school will not be known for sure until September of 2025, enrollments need to be set, students tested, teacher's evaluations completed. But below is the early indications of needs for tutors at many of our partner schools.

St. John Paul II

[1630 4th St NE, Minneapolis]
After school tutors for both reading and math from 2:00 to 3:00
2-3 tutors who enjoy math and can run a



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math club after school

St. Helena

[3200 E 44th St, Minneapolis]
3-4 additional tutors with some working in middle school language arts





Community of the Santis

[335 Hurley St E, West St Paul]

Several more middle school math tutors

Tutors in any subject area with a strong background in their area

[science, language, art]

Annunciation



[525 W 54th St, Minneapolis] Math tutors for grades 2-5 during school hours Middle school math tutors after school 2:45 to 4:00

Blessed Trinity

[7540 Penn Ave S] 4 to 5 additional tutors able to work after school 2:15 to 3:30

All grade levels and subjects



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Ascension

[1726 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis]

Math tutors grades 3-8; after

school 2:00 to 4:30

Peter Claver [1060 Central Ave W, St Paul] Tutors needed in all grades during school hours



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Immaculate Conception

[4030 Jackson St NE, Minneapolis] Middle school language arts tutors Math tutors at all grade levels



St. Jerome school

[384 Roselawn Ave E, Maplewood] needs tutors in grades 3-5 for math.

St. Pascal Regional school

[1757 Conway St, St Paul] Middle School math and reading every day from 12:00 to 12:40 and reading and math tutors for their combined 1st and 2nd grades any time form 7:30 to 2:00.



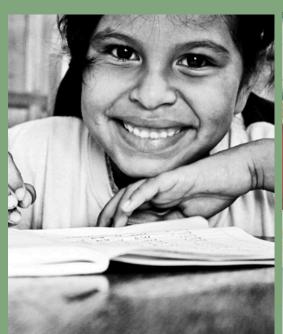
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Sacred Heart

[4050 Hubbard Ave N, Robbinsdale] Tutors needed in grades 1-5 for reading and math

SPANISH speaking tutor needed









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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

if you know someone who would like to join us on this mission, or know an organization that might partner with us, please conatct me via phone, email or the website

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