

Frequently Asked Carnival Questions:

How much time am I required to work at the carnival?

We ask that parents work a 1 hour shift for every student they have enrolled at St. Anne Catholic School. If you have multiple kids we will cap your total hours at 2, but you are welcome to work more shifts. However, if you find yourself wanting to do more, set up and tear down crews can always use extra help!

What do I do with my children while I'm working my carnival shift(s)?

Many parents will ask a spouse, friend, or even grandparent to watch their little ones while they are working a carnival shift. A spouse, family friend or grandparent can also work the carnival shift for you while you watch your children. Scheduling your shift around exciting events could bring more people to our carnival and encourage more participation from our family and community. If all else fails, please do not hesitate to bring your children to work a carnival shift with you.

What is a carnival shift and how long does a shift last?

A carnival shift is 1 hour there are 5 shifts plus set-up and tear down. Without everyone's participation we will not have a successful carnival.

What happens if I'm not available to work on Carnival Day?

If you cannot work at the carnival on carnival day, please let a carnival chair know. There are many activities leading up to and following carnival that you may be able to volunteer for. We always need help. Please remember it is very important to have as many of our parents at the carnival to work our booths as possible.

What should I do if something happens and I cannot make it to my carnival shift at the last minute?

If there is a last-minute conflict on carnival day and you cannot make it to your previously scheduled carnival shift, please call your booth chair immediately to let them know you will not be there. Please attempt to help us by finding someone to replace you at your shift, call a friend or a family member to fill your shift. If no one replaces you then the carnival chairs will help your booth chair find a replacement.

What do I do if I wasn't contacted to work a carnival shift?

Every family with a student enrolled at St. Anne is required to work a 1 hour shift per enrolled child. However, we will cap your total hours at 2 if you have more than 2 children. Remember there are a lot of parents putting a lot more than 1 or 2 hours to make this wonderful event happen. Please take the time to work your shift. Do not leave the burden of a booth on the booth chair. If for any reason you were not contacted by your grade or class booth chair please call a carnival chair so that you can be placed in an open shift on carnival day.

What will I do if I need more workers to help fill my booth?

If you have contacted everyone in your homeroom and you still do not have enough parents to fill the positions at your booth, please contact a carnival chair and let us help you find workers. There are other classes that will have families left over. We can get the names and numbers of others to you to help fill in your open shifts.

Is there an admission fee?

All visitors to the carnival will receive free admission to the carnival with a canned good donation to Some Other Place.

What does carnival support?

The carnival is the largest fundraiser of the Home and School Association of St. Anne Catholic School. The money that we raise at the carnival and the related carnival events goes toward the St. Anne Catholic School Budget for the following year. The Home and School Association prides itself on being one of the major contributors to the school budget. Without the funds we turn over from our fundraisers, especially

carnival, we would not be able to offer the sliding tuition scale that we have in place to help many catholic families give their children a quality catholic education. We pride ourselves on being able to contribute enough to keep our tuition manageable for many and not just for the wealthy.

Who is invited to attend St. Anne Catholic School Carnival?

The carnival is open to all. We invite our students, families and extended family and friends of St. Anne Catholic School, all members of St. Anne Church and all the churches that our students attend, as well as the entire community of Southeast Texas. We advertise our carnival to as much of the community as we can in order to bring attention to our school. Please let others know about our carnival and invite everyone you know to join us for the wonderful community building event.

Where do I park Saturday when I get to carnival?

We ask that all cars are out of the St. Anne School parking before 10 am on Saturday morning. There is parking in the teacher parking lot or behind the giving field. There is a little parking available on the street. The doctors' office near 13th Street is usually closed and there is some parking available in that parking lot. Thirteenth Street will be blocked on carnival day. Please do not park in the church parking lot.

Why can't I park in the church parking lot?

We need to keep this parking available for the members of St. Anne Parish. They come and go for church activities, services and need parking for the adoration chapel. Mass begins at 5:00 and many parishioners arrive early.

What happens on Friday before carnival? How does carnival get set up and torn down?

Friday morning our carnival construction volunteers begin to take the stored carnival items out of our storage facility at the back of The Giving Field on Liberty. We also begin to pull carnival items that are stored on the 3rd floor attic of the secondary building. Once the parking lot is cleared of families' vehicles from the day's conferences, the construction crew begins to place tables, chairs, games, and signs in their respective places whether in the parking lot or the park. The haunted house crew begins to decorate around 12 noon on Friday and takes most of the day to complete.

Saturday at 4:00 pm carnival closes and all booth chairs and available families begin to clean up. The construction crew begins to pick up signs, tables, and chairs and will put them back in their respective storage locations. Garbage is collected and thrown away by the boy scouts of Troop 85. The boy scouts also work to move the blue benches used for carpool back into the correct positions and they sweep and blow away all confetti and dirt left in the parking lot. The Haunted House also has to be taken down and extra hands make this task go more quickly.

What all will wristbands pay for?

There are many games and activities to participate in on carnival day. We have about 35 booths each year. Wristbands cannot be used for food items or for any booth that costs the school a large amount to bring to the carnival. Most of the games that we offer are wristband activities. A list of wristband activities will be provided prior to ordering a wristband.

How much are tickets and how much will I save by purchasing a wristband?

Tickets at the St. Anne carnival are \$1 a piece and can be purchased at the teachers' ticket booths at the entrance gate and near Holub Hall in the parking lot of the St. Anne campus. Wristbands are \$25.00 if purchased in advance and \$30 the day of carnival. If you pre-purchase a wristband, you will received an additional \$5 in tickets.

How much do food items cost? Can I use my wristband for food and drinks?

There are lots of great things to eat the St. Anne carnival. We have lots of great fair food and unique items. We will have food items from 2 tickets up to 6. We are sure there is something to everyone. Wristbands cannot be used to purchase any food items.