

Hello parents – your help is needed!

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Many of you with older children at All Saints may already be familiar with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade morphing project that I have coordinated over the past few years. This is a fun, but very time consuming, project that is a great keepsake for the students and families. For those of you NOT familiar with it, it is a photo/video project that shows your child “morphing” from baby to 8<sup>th</sup> grader. It is presented to the students and families at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards banquet the week before graduation. Here is a private video on YouTube that shows a snippet (the actually morphing begins about 50 seconds into it:)

<http://tinyurl.com/kswml8n>

My youngest daughter is graduating from All Saints this year and I will not be involved in the project after this year. The software that is currently being used is not difficult to learn, but over the years I have accumulated a lot of knowledge and tips and tricks that need to be shared.

To streamline the process I have broken the project down into manageable tasks. Here is a list of volunteer opportunities, in order of time commitment and comfort level with technology.

**Morphing Coordinator and Lead Morpher** – (ideally can commit for 2-3 consecutive school years and will train with me this year.) **Time commitment** will vary depending on how many volunteers there are and how big the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is.

Tasks include:

- Communicate with 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents at the beginning of the school year
- Managing schedule of other team members
- Review work of assistants and “tweak” if necessary
- Use the PC based morphing software to complete a group of designated “morphs”
- Create final DVD and coordinate creation of individual family dvds
- Train new coordinator and assistants when needed
- Secure other parents to assist with below tasks

**Assistant Morpher and or Photo Editor** (ideally can commit 2 consecutive years to the project) **Time commitment** averages 30-60 minutes per assigned student. This task can be split into only a photo editor or only an assistant morpher

Tasks include:

- Edit and prepare photos for the morphing program. Must be comfortable using photo editing software such as Photoshop. (Training will be provided.)
- Complete assigned morphs using the PC based morphing software; number of assigned morphs will depend on how many others volunteer. (Training will be provided.)

**Photo Collectors** – no software use is needed, except possibly using a standalone photo scanner in the school office

Tasks include:

- Responsible for securing photos from assigned group of parents.
- Pick up parent supplied CDs or flash drives in the school office when they become available
- Ensure the photos meet the guidelines and contact parents if needed
- Return flash drives to parents once they have been approved by morphers

If any of these opportunities sound of interest to you, or if you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact me by **October 28th**. I can be reached by phone at (630) 550-6638 or by email at [ascamorphing@gmail.com](mailto:ascamorphing@gmail.com).

Thanks you,

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