

Dear Middle School Students and Parents:

Service is an important part of our faith. The author of the First Letter of Peter writes, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4: 10). Over the years, our students have participated in a wide variety of service projects that have aided many people and organizations. Their help has made a positive difference in the students' lives and in the lives of others.

We would like to continue this tradition, but we have adjusted our service hour guidelines. The hours may be completed at home, in the St. Anthony School or Church community, and for other organizations. We ask that students not exceed the recommended hours at home in order to provide students with a broad understanding of service to others.

6th grade (a total of 24 Hours)

Home: not to exceed 6 hours of 24 total per year

St. Anthony School/Church Community: suggested 12 hours of 24 total per year

Other Organizations: suggested 6 hours of 24 total per year

7th grade (a total of 28 hours)

Home: not to exceed 7 hours of 28 total per year

St. Anthony School/Church Community: suggested 14 hours of 28 total per year

Other Organizations: suggested 7 hours of 28 total per year

8th grade (a total of 32 hours)

Home: not to exceed 8 hours of 32 total per year

St. Anthony School/Church Community: suggested 16 hours of 32 total per year

Other Organizations: suggested 8 hours of 32 total per year

Examples of service opportunities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unpaid babysitting
- Cleaning the garage or basement
- Yardwork
- Serving at Mass
- Babysitting at daycare during Mass
- Helping set-up or clean-up for events
- Translating letters from Peru
- Service Club
- Helping office staff or teachers
- Helping at a food pantry or other outreach organization
- Visiting residents at a nursing home
- Participating in a benefit run/walk

Service hours must be documented on the attached form and must be verified with signatures by both the student and the parent.

If you have any questions about service possibilities, ask a middle school teacher or Mrs. Knippel. Many service hours will be completed during the school year; however, we encourage students to complete their hours outside of school as well. Students may complete the required service hours at any time during the school year starting in the summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Greg Roou

Mrs. Audrey Anderson

Mrs. Sue Kahler

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