

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

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# WHY DO WE SERVE?

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Just as Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve, so must we serve one another.

- “Serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)
- “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Service is a way of life, not a one-time activity.

“Come to learn. Leave to serve.”



# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

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- 5 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 1.5 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official “Service Hours Form” (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1<sup>st</sup> trimester only

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

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- 10 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 3 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official “Service Hours Form” (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1<sup>st</sup> trimester only

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

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- 15 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 5 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official “Service Hours Form” (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1<sup>st</sup> trimester only



# CATEGORIES OF SERVICE

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- Students must complete service hours in at least 3 of the 4 categories listed below by the end of the year:
  - Community
  - Parish
  - School
  - Home

# DUE DATES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

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- Trimester I – Friday, November 1, 2019
- Trimester II – Friday, February 7, 2020
- Trimester III – Friday, May 22, 2020

# EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE HOURS

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- Serving food to the homeless at the homeless shelter
- Altar serving
- Assisting at school mass (readers, ushers, AV crew, choir, etc.)
- Pray a rosary for the STJCS community with your family
- Score keeper, referee, time clock, coach for school sporting events
- Volunteer at Vacation Bible School or Faith Formation classes



# EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE HOURS

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- Babysitting family members
- Regular household chores
- Working in family businesses
- Forms signed by wrong personnel
- Activities completed outside of the trimester

# RELIGION COMPONENT

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- At the conclusion of each trimester, the religion teachers will assign a reflection assignment/project that will allow students to reflect on services performed. Reflections could include but are not limited to short essays, Power Points, scrapbook pages, etc.
- Reflections are graded by religion teachers and will count toward trimester grades in Religion

# NJHS STUDENTS

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- NJHS students are required to complete 5 hours each month (these hours are in addition to the middle school service hours)
- “Home” hours are not accepted for NJHS students
- NJHS hours are submitted to the NJHS sponsor
- NJHS students will use the same SJCS Service Hours Form

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