

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS



WHY DO WE SERVE?

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.”

6TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 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 1st trimester only

7TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 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 1st trimester only

8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 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 1st trimester only

CATEGORIES OF SERVICE

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 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- Trimester I - Friday, October 22, 2024
- Trimester II - Thursday, February 7, 2025
- Trimester III - Friday, May 16, 2025

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE HOURS

- 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

- Babysitting siblings
- Regular household chores
- Forms signed by wrong personnel
- Activities completed outside of the trimester

RELIGION COMPONENT

- 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

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 use the same SJCS Service Hours Form

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