

Junior High Service Program Description

Objective: A graduate of St. Catherine Catholic School will complete 50 hours of service to others.

Goals: To help students identify and expand their understanding of the Christian call to community service, to help students identify and reflect on their individual gifts for community service, to help students transition into high school community service requirements.

Students involved: Junior high students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

Yearly expectations: Students in Grade 6 - 10 hours

Students in Grade 7 - 20 hours

Students in Grade 8 - 20 hours

These numbers of hours are the minimum expected. Students are encouraged to continue their service once their requirements have been fulfilled. **The homeroom teacher must approve all activities. All service hours must be supervised by an adult. All service hours must be verified and signed off by an adult.**

Students are to maintain their own service records, which will be collected by the Vice Principal six times over the course of the school year (see service record for dates). Students will record the date, activity, number of hours and obtain the signature of the adult supervising their service. Students will complete a reflection essay on ONE of the projects they participated in each year. Guidelines for this essay are on the back of the record sheet. **8th grade service hours are to be completed by May 2, 2012. 6th and 7th grade service hours are to be completed by May 16, 2012.**

Students who do not meet the yearly expectation and do not submit a reflection essay will have their report card held until the service hours are completed. 8th graders who do not fulfill their hours or complete the reflection essay will have their report card held **AND** will not be able to participate in graduation activities, such as 8th grade trip, Sending Ceremony, Baccalaureate, or Graduation exercises.

Acceptable community service opportunities include unpaid (by money or credit) work that is performed outside of regular school/and or family responsibilities through a parish, school, or other non-profit organization that meets a community need. These may include: Reach Out, nearby nursing homes, classroom helpers (after school), setting up chairs for other events. *Altar Serving or Ushering at Sunday or Daily Mass will no longer count towards service hours.* Each student has received a handout with suggested contacts for service hours.

Student Signature (print name, then sign)

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Due: Wednesday, June 8, 2011