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"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again..." Mahatma Gandhi

"Just as the son of Man did not come to be served, but serve, and give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Dear St. Joseph Campus Parents,

In the spirit of the words that open this letter, Waukesha Catholic – St. Joseph Campus continues a program designed to promote the ideas of volunteerism and service to others. We all understand the value of helping someone in need, and there are so many people outside our usual circles that reach out to others for help daily. That is why we hope our students will take the opportunity to get out, get their hands dirty, and help others.

We are requiring all of our students to complete a certain number of service hours by the end of each year. Sixth grade students will complete five hours and ten for seventh grade students. Eighth grade students will complete fifteen hours of service, five of which must be done outside of St. Joseph Campus. Service work completed during the summer can count for up to half of the service hours requirement for this year. We expect all of our students to meet these requirements before the end of the school year.

Please be aware that this volunteer work needs to be done outside of regular school hours. Parents are responsible for transportation and choosing of the service work. From time to time, we will share with you service opportunities that come to our attention, but most of the work done by students is something that they take the initiative to find.

**Students will continue to be able to submit service hours online through our school website!**

The link to the online form can be found at <http://waukeshacatholic.org/resources-0> Paper copies may still be used and are available on the same webpage and in the campus office. Students should fill out a Service Learning Reflection form (online or paper version), each time they complete a portion of their obligation. If using a paper copy of the form, students need to submit it to their Religion teacher for recording.

We hope that everyone will embrace this outreach effort. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your student's Religion teacher.

Sincerely,

The Staff of St. Joseph Campus

## Waukesha Catholic – St. Joseph Campus

### Student Service Hours FAQ

#### How many service hours do I need to complete?

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students need to complete 5 hours.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need to complete 10 hours.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to complete 15 hours – 5 of which must be done outside of Waukesha Catholic.

#### Can service work that I did during the summer count for this year?

Yes, service work done during the summer can count for up to half of the required hours.

#### If I babysit my siblings, rake leaves in my yard, or wash my mother's car, can I count that for my service hours?

No. While it is certainly a nice thing to do for your family, we ask that the service hours be done outside of your immediate family/household.

#### Can I fulfill my service hours by doing one activity?

Yes.

#### Can I do service work during the school day?

No. All service work needs to be completed outside of the school day.

#### Can I submit service hours if I was paid or received something in return?

No. You can only submit service hours that you did without receiving compensation.

#### If I am an altar server for my parish on the weekends, can I count that time toward my service hours?

Yes.

#### To whom do I submit my service hour forms?

You can submit your service hours by filling out our online form found at <http://waukeshacatholic.org/resources-0>. If you choose to use the paper form, please give it to your religion teacher.

#### If I am an altar server once a month, do I need to submit a reflection form each time I serve?

No, if you do the same service activity multiple times, you can submit one reflection form for all of those instances.