

ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The purpose of our service program is to reach out and be of service to others in need – those in our school community, our parish community, and the wider Mansfield community. ***Ideally, as a result of service hours, our students will develop a spirit of compassion and a personal relationship with someone/others truly in need. Service to your family is not considered community service.***

The objective of the service program is to have each high school student perform 20 hours of volunteer service before the end of the first semester, and an additional 20 hours during the second semester, for a total of 40 hours per year. *Note: Students can earn up to 20 hours during the summer before the school year begins.*

Community Service Record Sheets are to be turned in three times. The first time is at the end of the First Quarter when at least some service must be recorded. The second time is at the end of the First Semester when 20 hours of service must be recorded. The third time is at the end of the school year when the record sheet must show 40 hours of community service. Failure to turn in the record sheet at these three times may result in referrals or additional consequences. *Please Note: No service hours are given for service work completed during class time. Student Council and Key Club activities will be reviewed on an individual basis.*

Each student is expected to complete his/her 40 hours of service in an assortment of service projects (i.e., at least 3 or 4 different projects, unless approved by the director of the service program). Students have a wide variety of opportunities from which to choose. For example:

- Tutoring younger children at St. Peter's or another school
- Helping out in the St. Peter's Child Care Center
- Working with senior citizens at the Rotary Day Care Center or any nursing home
- Being a "candy striper" at the hospital
- Singing with the folk group at 9:30 Mass on Sundays or with the choir at 11:30 Mass
- Being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Server at parish Masses (half hour per Mass)
- Teaching in the parish School of Religion Program
- Assisting with the RCIA Program for children
- Helping with school/parish mailings and/or serving on various parish committees
- Babysitting in the day care center during 9:30/11:30 Masses
- Assisting the athletic director at games as ticket takers, timers, line judges, scorekeepers, etc.
- Participating as a band member: parade, one hour/pep band, half hour per game
- Helping with various retreats, including the retreat for the Confirmation candidates
- Volunteering your time at "The New Store," the Therapeutic Equestrian Facility, the Friendly House, Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, etc.
- Mowing the lawn or shoveling snow for an elderly neighbor
- Assisting a teacher in the classroom after school hours

The opportunities for service are endless. If you have any question as to the validity of a service project you wish to perform, check with the director of the service program before you complete the service.

On the student service log sheet, students should indicate the following:

- Name and class level
- Name or organization or person served and description of service performed
- Dates of service
- Number of hours of service performed
- Signature and phone number of supervising adult (*parent signature accepted only if necessary*)
- Description of what was learned as a result of the service performed

