

St. Paul's School Middle School

Service Program

The goals of St. Paul's Service Program are to:

- (1) Use our time and talents to help others as ways of living out the Gospel values we gain through our worship.
- (2) Create and maintain ties between our school and the communities in which we live.
- (3) Ignite in the hearts of our students a desire to help others during their Middle School years and throughout their adult lives.

Number of Hours Required

Each student in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades is required to complete service hours which must be turned into Mrs. Bruce or Ms. Schmitt for a religion grade.

All service hours must be completed and turned in by May 11, 2018

6th Grade will incur 10 total service hours.

7th Grade will incur 15 total service hours

8th Grade will incur 20 total service hours

Evidence of Hours

Students must have the form filled out and signed with the number of hours.

Distribution of Service Hours

Students may not count more than ½ of their total hours for any one particular category of activity in their required service hours each year. Categories include, but are not limited to: anything related to altar serving, office help for the parish or a charitable (not business) organization, service to the elderly, work through school organizations, work to benefit parish organizations, work through community organizations.

This limit is to ensure that students broaden their opportunities for learning through volunteer service. Students are encouraged to become involved in new ways by trying activities in which they have never participated.

Specific Guidelines for Service

What is expected:

Service hours are to be performed for an established organization: church, government, hospital, nursing home, school, charity, or non-profit group. Students will receive credit for exactly the number of hours they spent performing the service, rounded to the nearest half hour. There is no automatic amount of credit given for any specific service act, and students may not be given credit for more hours than they spent performing the service (therefore, no credit for travel time, etc.).

It is expected that each student and the adults who sign their Service Hour Approval/Verification Forms will be totally honest about the service performed and the number of hours worked. Any dishonesty on the part of any person will be taken very seriously.

What is not allowed:

Service hours may NOT be accrued for service given to family members, elderly neighbors, or other individuals (e.g., mowing or raking for a parent or grandparent, babysitting a younger brother or sister, doing laundry, etc.). These are services that all of us should be doing whenever possible, and thus do not constitute extra service.

No “service for pay” hours may be accrued, unless the entire payment the student earns is donated to an organized charity of the student’s choice. A receipt for a charitable donation should then be attached to the Service Hour Approval/Verification Form.

Where can I find service Projects: <http://handsonjacksonville.org/index.htm>



St. Paul's Middle School Service form

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form legibly in blue or black ink. Submit it to Mrs. Bruce or Ms. Schmitt by May 11, 2018

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

School Grade _____

Number of Service Hours: _____

Supervisor _____

Print Name Title _____

Signature, Supervisor Date _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Street City State ZIP Code _____

Activity (describe) _____

Student Reflection: Think about your service learning activity and respond to the following questions in a written statement.

- What need did you address?
- Who benefitted from your action and how did they benefit?
- What did you learn about yourself?