



ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

Saint Matthew, our patron saint, tells us how Jesus wants us to serve:

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you in prison and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 26:37-40

What is the goal of service in Middle School?

The goal of service for our Middle School students is to guide them into service as a habit of Faith so that it will become a habit for life!

- *Service is giving of time, talent & resources. It often involves some level of “inconvenience;” it may take the student away from a preferred activity like watching a favorite TV show or meeting friends at the movies or the mall.
- *Service is done without reimbursement.
- *Service is often its own reward.

What are good service ideas for Middle School Students?

Examples of Service:

Assisting at Vacation Bible School
Going to the Food Bank with a parent or other responsible adult
Helping an adult who is elderly, ill or incapacitated with daily routines
Serving our Church community as an Altar Server
Serving our community in various scouting service projects
Volunteering to baby-sit for community events (like PTC meetings, etc.)
There are MANY other options to serve

What is NOT considered to be service:

Performing expected family responsibilities
Doing household chores or helping clean the garage or attic
Participating in a School Team or extra-curricular activity

How will service hours accumulated during school be accounted?

A Maximum of 5 service hours/semester can be earned by students who serve on the following:

Safety Patrol/Flags

Ushering and Greeting at School Liturgies

Altar Server

Serve on Student Council

NJHS has service hours awarded on an individual activity basis.

Peer Tutoring service hours are awarded on the number of actual hours served.

Service type activities that are included in a grade for class (ex. Reading at the class Mass is a service, but given a grade for Religion) are NOT considered as service hours.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Service hours are a requirement of the religion curriculum in grades 6, 7, and 8.

6th Grade: 6 hours over the course of the school year

7th Grade: 12 hours of service (6 hours each semester)

8th Grade: 26 hours of service (13 hours each semester)

Students may begin earning service hours over the summer. Summer service hours are applied to 1st semester for grades 7 & 8.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

HOURS SERVED

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

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Student Signature

Parent Signature