

Dear 8th Graders,

These are the things that you want to keep in mind as you work on your service hours. **The spirit and purpose of the project are to serve those who need help most in the larger community.** As you brainstorm ways to complete your hours, keep this in mind. Your community service hours should take you outside of the Mount Carmel community and into a broader community. Please use the websites provided as a starting point.

1. You are to complete **10 service hours per semester.**

- ✿ **Five** of these hours must be completed **outside** of the Mount Carmel School and Parish community.

2. You should be involved outside of their home and school environment and in the community.

Examples of places to serve include:

- ✿ convalescent hospitals
- ✿ pet hospitals
- ✿ Second Harvest Food Bank
- ✿ Redwood City Public Library
- ✿ Hopkins Home
- ✿ working at a day care

In addition, school service hours may be earned through assisting with scouts, helping coach a team, and teacher assisting after school. Altar serving is a responsibility that you chose to do and is not considered separate service hours. If a student does service hours in a place where a parent works, like a day care, please have a supervisor or other coworker sign. **Parents are not to sign for service hours.** We welcome service opportunities as long as they are consistent with the spirit of the project and questions are discussed with the teacher beforehand.

3. The due dates for hours are:

- * **WED. JANUARY 13th**
- * **WED. MAY 26th**

4. These hours are part of the religion grades and a graduation requirement, therefore, their successful completion is encouraged. Hours will be turned shortly before the end of each semester and are worth **40 points** for Religion. Hours should be signed and ready to turn in on the due date. Late hours will be graded down accordingly.

- ✿ If there are any questions about what activities count towards service hours, please check with Mrs. Medina Zevas.
- ✿ Special certificates of citizenship will be given to students who complete **30 service hours total**, with **20 of those hours outside** of the Mount Carmel School and Parish community!

