

May 3, 2017

Dear Parents & Students,

Over the last several years we have seen an increasing need for students to integrate **SERVICE** into their daily lives. Many children today often focus on what can be done for them rather than what they can do for others. As part of our Christian formation, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be required to share their gifts through service for others.

Service hours are **mandatory** and must be completed in all three categories: Local, School, Home Communities. Students must acquire the minimum number of hours to satisfy the requirements. This is the responsibility of the student, though we ask the parents for support. **Students will rsvp** to the coordinator for service events offered, briefly reflect on the activity and manage their own journal with hours and signatures as required

The service-hour guidelines are listed below:

8th Grade - 40 hours Due: April 4, 2018

20 hours from Community 10 hours from School/Parish 10 hours from Home/Neighborhood

#### 7th Grade - 30 hours Due: April 4, 2018

10 hours from Community10 hours from School/Parish10 hours from Home/Neighborhood

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 hours Due: April 4, 2018

(At least) 5 hours from each categoryplus5 elective hours selected from any category of student's choice

Service will be a strong component of our leadership work, and will be planned during school hours in addition to weekend activities. However, service projects during school hours **MAY NOT** be counted toward hours. We hope that service will become a part of our students' value system, and look forward to working with them on this important endeavor.

Sincerely, Lynn Brown Principal

Kathleen Benton \*call with additional questions or ideas on service 912 663 6817 Student Service Learning Coordinator

### **Local Community Service**

### A *RECOGNIZED* NON-PROFIT AGENCY LOOK FOR FLYERS IN THE WEDNESDAY ENVELOPES FOR OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE AREA, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR OUR STUDENTS.

\* An alternate service activity may be substituted with prior approval from the religion teacher or the school administration.

<u>School/Parish</u>					
Altar Serving (5 Hours)					
Safety Patrols (5 Hours)					
Sunday Babysitting 10:30 Mass					
Office/School Assistance during Summer	Contact Mrs. Willoughby for available times				
Extended Day Program	Contact Miss Marissa for available times				
Grounds Keeping	Contact Avis Coleman for more information				

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#### Home/Neighborhood

Service – Anything that directly impacts others		
Babysitting for free		
Home Projects Cleaning - (above & beyond daily responsibilities)		
Yard Work		
*Other		

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# Community Partnerships

You may contact these organizations directly for volunteer hours

or reach out to

# Kathleen Benton, Service Learning Coordinator for named contacts @ 912-6636817

### VOLUNTEER HOUR OPTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY:

Wilmington Island Farmer's Market: (Debby McIncrow) wifarmersma rket@aol.com
Second Harvest:Angie, 912 656 0201, Kukua 571-263-0058 (Kids cafe at Bull St library / packing bags)
Williams' Court: (Jenny Brown) 819-1520
Rose of Sharon Activities: 232-1872
Our Lady of Lourdes: Cultural Experience (Jeanine Dueno 6561593)
Salvation Army: John.Korpp@uss.salvationarmy.org
Senior Citizens Inc: 2360363 Lilly Mcormick 230 3457
Eco Schools eco-schoolsusa@nwf.org Jennifer Hammond and Crystal Jennings at jenningsc@nwf.org



Blessed Sacrament School 1003 East Victory Drive Savannah, GA 31405-2499

# COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS VALIDATION DOCUMENT 2016 – 2017

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# TOTAL # HOURS EARNED IN ALL THREE CATEGORIES: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT SIGNATURE:

### COMMUNITY

Date	Non-Profit Organization – Service Provided	# Hours	Signature of Supervisor
	SUB TOTAL		

### **SCHOOL / PARISH**

Date	Service Provided	# Hours	Signature of Supervisor
	SUB TOTAL		

### **HOME / NEIGHBORHOOD**

Date	Service Provided	# Hours	Signature of Supervisor
	SUB TOTAL		

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