

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS for Seniors

As members of the Mission College Prep Community, we are called to live according to a pattern of love and service modeled by Jesus Christ. As followers of Christ, we believe that we are all brothers and sisters and that much of the injustice in the world would be extinguished if more people acted on this principle. We try to model this calling in two different types of service.

First, students are required to serve the Mission College Prep Community. We find students have a better sense of ownership and belonging when they take an active role in helping care for Mission College Prep and its activities. When students start seeing their friends, classmates, and teachers as brothers and sisters through service to the school, it becomes much easier to make the philosophical jump to wanting to serve the community of the human race.

Second, students are required to reach out past the borders of our school to our city, to our state, our country, and our world to apply the idea that everyone in the world is our sister and brother. Over the course of four years, through their community service requirement, all students will be called to service with younger children, with the elderly & developmentally challenged and with agencies that make a preferential option for the socio-economically disadvantaged. Some past community service examples have included, but are not limited to volunteering at hospitals, animal shelters, or convalescent homes. Others may include tutoring elementary or middle school students, serving your local parish or church community, or helping deliver food through Meals on Wheels.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Seniors are required to complete 10 hours of service for MCP activities or events throughout the year.
2. In addition students are expected to be working on a long-term community service project that will continue throughout senior year (separate from school hours).

At the end of last year, students were asked to find a service project that they could engage in throughout their senior year. During this year seniors are expected to create and implement their own service project. This may include joining an organization and helping with event efforts or creating their own service project to benefit those in need. All projects must be carried out throughout the entire senior year. This may mean service on a weekly or monthly basis, depending on the time commitment of your project. An outline for senior projects will be due: _____.

Additionally, every four months seniors will be required to provide food for People's Kitchen. All seniors will be asked to contribute food during this month.

First Semester: Due Tuesday, January 17th by 3pm.

- A minimum of 5 hours of MCP school service
- One entry per month must be made in an online service reflection journal (total of 4 entries for the first semester). Each entry will receive a grade through senior religion and must be posted by the first of every month. **First entry due October 11th.**

Second Semester: Due Tuesday, May 8th by 3pm

- 5 hours of MCP school service (all or some of these hours may have been completed during the first semester).
- One entry per month must be made in their online service reflection journal (total of 4 entries for the second semester). Each entry will receive a grade through senior religion.
- Presentation of service project must be completed at the culmination of the requirement. Details will be given out during second semester in religion.

Recording/reflection: In order to minimize the amount of paper waste, we have decided to record all projects online through *Family Connection*. If you have not signed up for an account on *Family Connection* please see Mrs. Buresh to receive a connection code (most students have already created an account).

Once you have logged onto *Family Connection*, go to the column on the left of your screen. Under the section titled "About Me," toward the bottom there will be two links, one titled Senior School Service Submission and the other titled Senior Community Service Reflection. Please enter information for school service completed at MCP under the link Senior School Service and information for community service completion under Senior Community Service Reflection. Students will be able to submit information for the entire year through these links.

In addition to recording your service online, students must get a signature from the supervisor who was in charge of the school activity. Signatures must be recorded on pages 71-72 of your handbook (Personal Directory). Please write the date service was completed and have your supervisor sign their name, next to the number of hours completed. This log will be checked on the first and second semester due dates (January 17th and May 8th). Community service signatures will be recorded on a separate log. This form will be checked on the first and second semester due dates as well.