

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIRMENTS for Sophomores

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. Sophomores are required to complete 10 hours of service for MCP activities or events throughout the year.
2. In addition students are expected to complete three community service activities. However, one of the three projects is serving at People's Kitchen (separate from school hours)

Sophomores are responsible for serving each month at People's Kitchen. Each sophomore is required to serve at least one time during the school year. A sign up sheet for service dates will be distributed in religion classes at the beginning of the school year. Additionally, every four months sophomores will be required to provide food for People's Kitchen as well. All sophomores 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 community (out of school) service project. (Minimum of 3 hours)

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).
- Serving at People's Kitchen. Students will sign up for specific dates and times in their religion classrooms. For many students, the People's Kitchen requirement will be fulfilled during the first semester.
- One community (out of school) service project. (Minimum of 3 hours)

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 Sophomore School Service Submission and the other titled Sophomore Community Service Reflection. Please enter information for school service completed at MCP under the link Sophomore School Service and information for community service completion under Sophomore 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 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 (with a contact number or email), next to the number of hours completed. School supervisors do not need contact information. This log will be checked on the first and second semester due dates (January 17th and May 8th).

****If you completed summer service, but your service activity was not pre-approved please see Mrs. Buresh.**