



## **St. Paul Lutheran School Student Christian Service Guide**

### **WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?**

The Christian Service Program at St. Paul Lutheran exists to provide our students the opportunity to put into practice the command of Jesus to “Love one another as I have loved you” through practical service to the people of St. Paul and the community of Grafton and its’ surrounding area.

Community service is the idea of giving your efforts willingly and free of charge to an individual or organization that benefits from your help. Community service is not doing our chores (that’s part of being a family) nor is it helping a business. Community service means that you are helping those without the resources to help themselves, or helping a non-profit agency.

### **HOW MUCH COMMUNITY SERVICE IS REQUIRED?**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5 hours (minimum)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5 hours (minimum)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10 hours (minimum)

### **WHEN CAN I COMPLETE MY COMMUNITY SERVICE?**

Completion of community service can take place during the summer prior to entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade or during the school year. All documentation of community service must be turned in on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the specific school year.

### **WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT I MAY PERFORM?**

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| Church soup kitchen                    | Hospital and shut-in visitations               |
| Civic outreach programs                | Volunteer for a non-profit organization        |
| Assisting in the library               | Setting up/cleaning after church/school events |
| Running office errands                 | Maintaining class room bulletin boards         |
| Campus clean-up                        | Assisting in Maintenance Department            |
| Child care services (free babysitting) | Beach/Park clean-up projects                   |
| Tree planting                          | Neighborhood clean-up                          |
| Senior citizen project help            | Charity assistance                             |
| Scorer or time keeper at events        | Open house student volunteers                  |
| Maintaining flower gardens             | Playground keep-up                             |

## **WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THINGS THAT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SERVICE?**

Doing jobs for your family	Helping out a PROFIT business
Participating in a school activity	Receiving payment for your work
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## **HOW DO I VERIFY MY COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?**

- Student should complete his/her section of the Christian Service Verification Sheet.
- Volunteer supervisor is requested to sign and date the Christian Service Verification Sheet and write a contact phone number.
- Parents should verify the student's hours and sign and date the Christian Service Verification Sheet.
- Return completed Christian Service Verification Sheet to the principal.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT COMPLETE MY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?**

At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester students will receive a "P" (Pass) if they have completed their community service or an "F" (Failure) if they have not completed their hours on their final report card. This grade will be part of their permanent record from St. Paul.