

## Rules and Guidelines for Community Service

As a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, our mission is to develop students to understand that they are called to serve the less fortunate and marginalized of our world, as Christ did. Our goal is to have service requirements which assist in developing a positive attitude toward service. It is our hope that that the manageable service hour requirements, combined with the rules/guidelines provided, will help to create young men who truly enjoy service and make it part of their everyday lives.

- Service is to be done during the school year when students are in their theology classes.
- Labre can be used toward service hours but one time only (typically a Labre experience is 4hrs).
- Students need to serve other humans who are in some way less fortunate (emotionally, physically, economically) than they are. Working with animals is permitted only when it involves service to humans (i.e. physical therapy for special needs individuals with horses or working with people with disabilities who need the assistance of guide dogs).
- Coaching is okay if it meets the criteria in the point above. (i.e. working with people who are, in some way, less fortunate than they are).
- Students are encouraged to serve outside of their comfort zones, so serving in their parish or church or elementary school is highly discouraged.
- Service for required hours has to be completed outside of St. John's Jesuit (i.e. peer tutoring would not count for service hours)
- Service cannot involve immediate family members.
- In order to fulfill the required service hours, the student may serve at no more than two agencies in a particular year. One agency is actually preferred so that students build relationships with the people they serve, instead of serving at multiple agencies just to get the hours completed and never truly building relationships.
- Juniors may fulfill their service requirements through the Christian Service Program which involves committing to serve on a weekly basis for an entire semester. This is done through the Christian Service Department.

### Requirements:

**Freshmen 10 hrs.**       |       **Sophomores 15 hrs.**       |       **Juniors 20 hrs.**