



St. Joseph School
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 Hawthorne, CA 90250
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September 7, 2011

St. Joseph School's Mission

St. Joseph School community is dedicated to developing critical thinkers in a Catholic context through the Schoolwide Learning Expectations who will positively impact their communities by living Catholic values.

The Schoolwide Learning Expectation of Committed Catholics includes participating in church and community activities and service projects and Displaying Christian values – compassion, tolerance, justice, and a respect for the dignity of life.

Dear Parents,

Service is a way in which your child can experience putting their faith into action. The Service Program for students in grades 5-8 is a very important part of our teaching religion. Therefore the fulfillment of the requirements (20 hours of service, 10 hours each semester) will affect your child's Religion grade for each of the semesters. **Please start now, do not wait until December!** Students may perform their hours in the following ways:

A: Service hours MUST be completed with a combination of choices B and C, with a total of 10 hours completed on or before the due date of the verification form January 6, 2012.

B: Service hours at agencies in the community must be completed on or before the due date of the verification form, January 6, 2012. (AT LEAST 5 HOURS EACH SEMESTER MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA)

C: Service hours can be completed at school with total of no more than 5 hours accepted for each semester. They must be completed on or before the due date of the verification form.

Chores around the house, babysitting or working in a family owned business are not accepted as Service Hours. **Service Hours will be counted as a test grade and incomplete hours will be reflected on the religion grade. Your child's religion grade will drop by one (1) full grade.**

If your child completes more than the required 10 hours the first semester, the extra hours cannot be carried over to the second semester. The same holds true if your child completes more than 10 hours the second semester. They do not go towards the new school year. The only exception is helping Mrs. Murillo at the parish food pantry (Godparents) during the summer.

Attached is the contract you and your child are expected to sign. Please go over the contract as a family sign it, and return it to school by September 13, 2011. A *Service Verification* form is also attached. **It will need to be signed by the person or persons they assist and also signed by you before being returned to school. Additional forms are available from Miss Urbigkeit.**

Also attached is a list with suggestions of several Church related opportunities for service. If you have any questions regarding service opportunities not listed on the Service Opportunity sheet, please contact Miss Urbigkeit. If you have any you have questions regarding the service project, please contact your child's teacher or Miss Urbigkeit. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, *Miss Urbigkeit* **Religion Coordinator**

<i>Mr. Verdugo</i>	<i>Miss Mariano</i>	<i>Mrs. Rickenbacker</i>	<i>Ms. Haro</i>	<i>Ms. Ward</i>
Religion Teacher	Religion Teacher	Religion Teacher	Religion Teacher	Religion Teacher
Grade 8 Rm. 6/7	Grade 7 Rm. 8/9	Grade 6 Rm. 4/5	Grade 5 Rm. 1	Grade 5 Rm. 2

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES—ST. MARGARET'S CENTER THRIFT SHOP**
(Saturday from 10-5:30 or after school from 3:00-5:30) (1 or 2 at a time)
Contact: Anna at (310) 672-2208
- **GODPARENTS: (ST. JOSEPH PARISH)** (Monthly on the Second Sunday, 8am-noon): food is packaged and distributed to those in need. **(15 students. You must first sign up with Mrs. Murillo. She is in day care daily.) Contact: Mrs. Rosa Murillo (310) 677-7380.**
- **ALTAR SERVERS:** Students who serve a Sunday or Saturday evening Mass may count this time for service hours.
- **CLASSROOM HELP:** Students who help a teacher in the classroom can earn only half the hours. **This can only be done after school.**
- ***HOUSE OF YAHWEH:** Help needed to serve at the Soup Kitchen. **Contact Sr. Michelle (310 644-9301). *Parent supervision required.**
- ***FEED THE HUNGRY:** Every Saturday at 8:30 a.m., help the Missionary Brothers of Charity make sandwiches to deliver to the poor of Los Angeles. **Contact Brother Of Charity (213 384-6116). *Parent supervision required, no more than 6-8 students at a time.**
- **MYCHAL'S LEARNING PLACE: 4901 W. Rosecrans Ave, Hawthorne, 90250** Open every Tuesday through Thursday Open from after school until 6:00 p.m. **(Contact Ed Lynch the Executive Director, (310) 297-9333, or simply go over to the center after school and talk with Mr. Lynch**
- **Heal the Bay beach clean up**
- **Second Semester – Crop Walk(If donations are collected, just walking does not count**
- **If you know of other opportunities, please let Miss Urbigkeit know.**

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Room: _____

DUE DATE: January 6, 2012
Christian Service Hours Ministry
Verification Form

Name of Site: _____

Description of Service: _____

Hours worked: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

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What did you learn about Christian service from your experience?

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____