

A.C.T.S.

“The only thing that matters, is faith expressing itself through love.”
Galatians 5:6

Dear Member of the Class of 2013,

Starting now, March 27th, 2012, you may begin working toward your 25 hours of Community Service. Upon completion of your hours, you will submit two documents:

1. The Adult On-Site Evaluation
2. Your 2 page Reflection Paper

The Adult On-Site evaluation sheet is available to you through the Providence Catholic webpage. Go to the “Augustinian” link and then click on the Seniors ACTS link. The second sheet available to you has the directions and some suggestions to guide you in the writing of your Reflection Paper. This letter, **with all its information**, is on that page as well.

As soon as you finish your hours of service, start working on your paperwork. I encourage you to get your hours finished, and your two documents in BEFORE the deadline.

Friday, MARCH 8th: Your hours must be completed and you will submit **BOTH:**

1. Your Adult On-Site Evaluation(s) Total: minimum 25 hours.
2. **And** your 2 page Reflection Paper
3. Staple or clip these altogether with the Adult On-site Evaluation(s) on top

IF:

- **Your reflection paper is late**
- **Your reflection paper is short and has to be re-done**
- **Your Adult on-site Evaluation(s) is/are late**
- **Your service hours do not total 25 hours**
- **A portion of your hours are unacceptable**

THEN: Your **third quarter Theology grade** will be lowered to a 65% - F

IF:

- **All your hours are unacceptable**
- **You do not do your service hours**

THEN: As stated in the Providence Catholic High School Handbook, you will fail 2nd Semester Theology. Your diploma and transcripts will be held until you make up that class **AND** complete your 25 ACTS service hours to satisfy this graduation requirement.

Check out www.volunteermatch.org or go to Google and enter ‘community service opportunities’ with your zip code.

If you are unsure as to whether or not your site is acceptable – see me before you commit to it for PRE-APPROVAL. I will have a form that we will both sign. IF an opportunity comes up in the summer, e-mail me at krabbers@providencecatholic.org.

DO NOT COME TO ME A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE THE HOURS ARE DUE NEXT YEAR, AND ASK ME IF WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE IS “ACCEPTABLE.”

Acceptable sites/situations for Community Service:

- Hospitals
- Animal Shelters
- Homes for the Elderly – Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities e.g.: Trinity Services – Cornerstone – Victorian Village
- Facilities for the homeless (Shepherd’s Table)
- Re-sale shops that benefit a social cause- Goodwill, Morningstar Mission, etc.
- Churches
 - Religious education
- Vacation Bible School
- Schools (help with Market Days, etc.)
- Coaching or working the scoring table etc., at your grade school
- Assisting in special Olympic events
- Community Libraries
- Habitat Trip
- Parish Mission Trips
- Tutoring in a specific after school program at a school
- Providence Camps – can use 10 hours total for ACTS
- **ONLY 10 HOURS FOR PROVIDENCE TOTAL** – camps, retreats, etc.

Non-acceptable sites/situations for Community Service

- Cleaning/shoveling snow/yard work for a relative or neighbor
- ‘Helping’ a relative or neighbor
- Ushering, cantering, or being a Eucharistic Minister at your church
- Remodeling or painting for a neighbor, relative or friend’s family
- Babysitting or dog sitting
- Working for ‘free’ for a company that is profitable
- Working for ‘free’ for your parents’ (or any relative’s) business or company
- Tutoring an individual child
- Coaching an individual child in his/her sport
- Grading papers and/or decorating classrooms for relatives or friends who are teachers
- Volunteering for a political party or candidate
- Hours that have to be done for ‘court assigned community service’

Remember, community service is about serving people; business is about making a profit. Obviously, you must not receive any monetary compensation or ‘perks’ of any kind for your service.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to share your gifts. I look forward to reading your reflections. God bless as you continue your journey.

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