

Junior High Community-Service Guidelines and Contract

In preparation for high school and to live our Catholic faith, Junior High students are asked to reach out to our community and perform services to those in need. The following are the Community Service Guidelines for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at St. Matthew Catholic School. Please read them carefully and sign at the bottom.

For 6th Grade Students:

*20 hours of on-campus (inside) service (a minimum of 5 each quarter) are required, amounting to 10% of the student's Religion grade per quarter.

For 7th and 8th Grade Students:

* Any on-campus service hours earned will be credited AFTER you have your outside hours earned. If you don't earn any outside hours, St. Matthew hours will not be counted. * All organizations and activities on the St. Matthew Community Service website are approved. If you wish to do volunteer hours with other groups or organizations, please submit a *Service Approval Form* to the administration for permission before the service is performed. These forms can be accessed from the Community Service website.

* Summer camp volunteer activities should be approved in advance and will be credited in the following school year. These hours will not count towards the core 5-hour-per-quarter requirement but will be credited as extra hours.

General information regarding hours:

*Hours will be credited in Option C. 100% is the maximum earned for any hours over 5 per quarter. Actual hours earned will be noted on Option C. If you earn 15 hours, the grade will read "100%" with a memo of 15 hours in the comment section so that total hours can be tracked. *All community service hour forms must be submitted at least three days prior to the end of each quarter. Late forms will reduce the hours by 10% each day it is late. *Service should be community based. See the website for suggestions. Please don't think about babysitting as community service. *Parents MAY NOT sign forms under any circumstances. A non-family member associated with the service organization you are assisting must sign them. *Please remember that the graduation award is based on 6th, 7th, and 8th grade hours. The graduation award is given to any 8th grader who has earned 150 hours or more throughout 6th, 7th, and 8th grade combined. One award is given to the student with the most hours of service.

I have read and understand the guidelines for Community Service.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Family Name: _____ Date: _____