

SERVICE HOURS
S.I.G.N. PROGRAM FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

“SERVICE IN GOD’S NAME” (S.I.G.N.) is a community service program required for middle school students in 7th and 8th grade at St George. The community service requirement was developed to help students become aware of the needs of the poor and needy in their community and how we can help them. The community-at-large offers students a variety of opportunities for which they can volunteer while learning about the needs, concerns, and challenges existing in their community. It is our hope that this initial experience will spark an interest in our students to continue pursuing corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our community.

SIGN is a mandatory program which must be completed by the first Tuesday in April. If this date falls within the Easter break, the service hours will be due the following Tuesday. Each student is required to complete 6 hours of service, which will count for an assessment grade worth 60 points in Religion class during the 4th quarter. **In accordance with school policy, a 10% deduction will be taken each day after the due date. PLEASE NOTE: AFTER THE FIFTH DAY PAST THE DUE DATE, A ZERO WILL BE RECORDED.**

Community Projects: Any work must be done for a non-profit organization in your community. The only for-profit organizations that will be allowed are nursing homes. A maximum of 2 hours can be earned helping St. George teachers and staff, so long as it is not a family member. ***Students must choose ONLY from the list provided. No exceptions will be given.*** **NOTE: Service hours cannot be earned by doing things at home. All service must be done on-site and supervised by someone in the organization you are serving.** Family members cannot sign a student’s form.

Once all hours and required paperwork are completed, the student is to bring the verification of service hours and the reflection sheets **stapled together to their religion teacher - NOT to the front office.** The verification should include the number of hours worked, a summary of the service done and their respective dates, the signature of the individual supervising the service, and a contact phone number for the supervising adult. **Students must obtain the supervisor’s signature on the form within one month of service. Family members may not sign to verify service hours. Please do not contact the church office to obtain signatures that should have been obtained at the time of service.**

Please contact your child’s Religion teacher if you have any questions.

May God bless you and your family in this endeavor as we seek to bring God’s mercy to our community.

Mrs. Lara Bettencourt
Religion Coordinator

Below are the **ONLY** approved agencies that you can contact for information on volunteering. Please be advised that some agencies will not allow students to volunteer without parental supervision. Please contact the agencies directly for details. **Please note that service is meant to include direct interaction with the person or group of persons you are serving.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American Cancer Society - American Heart Association - American Red Cross - Animal shelters. Work must be done on site, not at home. Animal adoptions and washing laundry at home WILL NOT be accepted as service. - Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Association - Battered Women's program - Bishop Stanley Ott Shelter for men or for women - Events benefiting area charities held at BREC - Cancer Services of GBR – - Catholic Charities Services – - Children's Miracle Network - SG Church Parish fairs 2 hours max - Church Parish Ministries for weekend Masses (Nursery, Children's Liturgy, Children's Choir, etc.) - Church Parish Vacation Bible School - Church Parish First Reconciliation retreat - - Church Parish First Communion retreat - Church Parish First Communion reception - - Church Parish weekend altar serving - Charitable events benefitting area Fire and Police departments - Dragon Hearts - Service Projects for the wider community (be specific). - DSAG (Down's Syndrome Awareness Group). - Assisting for charitable events in the Baton Rouge area. - Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank – - Habitat for Humanity - Junior League of Baton Rouge Charity Events - Keep Baton Rouge/Tiger Town Beautiful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miracle League at Cypress Mounds - contact Charlene Lauman - Missionaries of Charity at Saint Agnes - Muscular Dystrophy Association - National Charity League charity work - Nursing homes/assisted living facilities. - Visiting your own relatives DOES NOT count as service. - SGS Athletic Association - includes concessions, cleaning before and after games, set up, and take down. Max of 2 hours. - SGS Used Uniform Sale. Max of 2 hours. – - Assisting SGS teachers or staff (non-family members only). Max of 2 hours. - St Vincent de Paul ministries - Salvation Army - St Jude Walk - contact Charlene Lauman - The Purple Cow - Volunteers of America - The Wounded Warrior Foundation - Team of Dreams in Ascension Parish - Events benefiting area charities held at the YMCA
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Service In God's Name
(Required Project Sheet)

Student's Name: _____

Grade/Section: _____

Date(s) of service: _____

Organization I served: _____

Number of hours served: _____

Printed Name **and** Signature of supervisor/Date: _____

(Signature must be obtained within 1 month of the service)

Phone # of Supervisor: _____

*****Student answers the following questions **in complete sentences**:

1.) What service did you perform for this organization?

2.) Why did I choose this project?

3.) How did this project help someone else?

4.) What was God's message to me in completing this project?
