

**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 and involved in their community. The community-at-large offers students a variety of placements 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 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. Students must choose only from the list below. **No exceptions will be made.**

Once all hours and required paperwork are completed, the student is to bring the verification of service hours and the reflection questions **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, 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 Mrs. Blanchard at [lynn.blanchard@sgschoolbr.org](mailto:lynn.blanchard@sgschoolbr.org) if you have any questions.

May God bless you and your family in this endeavor.

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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.

<p>American Cancer Society          American Heart Association          American Red Cross          Animal shelters          Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Association          Battered Women's program          Bishop Stanley Ott Shelter for men or for women          BREC          Cancer Services of GBR          Catholic Community Services          Children's Miracle Network          Church Parish fairs          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 <b>weekend</b> altar          serving          Fire departments          Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank          Habitat for Humanity          Keep Baton Rouge/Tiger Town Beautiful</p>	<p>Miracle League at Cypress Mounds - contact          Charlene Lauman          Missionaries of Charity at Saint Agnes          Muscular Dystrophy Association          Nursing homes/assisted living facilities          Public libraries          SGS Athletic Association - includes concessions,          cleaning before and after games, set up, and take          down. <b>Max of 2 hours.</b>          SGS Used Uniform Sale. <b>Max of 2 hours.</b>          Assisting SGS teachers or staff. <b>Max of 2 hours.</b>          SGS academic camps          St Vincent de Paul ministries          Salvation Army          St Jude Walk - contact Charlene Lauman          The Purple Cow          Volunteers of America          YMCA</p>
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**Service In God's Name**  
**(Required Project Sheet)**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization I served: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours served: \_\_\_\_\_

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 was the project?

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2.) Why did I choose this project?

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3.) How did this project help someone else?

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

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