



SERVICE HOUR OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-5-6-7-8

Student Service Hour Requirement

In keeping with the mission of St. Helen Catholic School: "to provide a well- rounded education emphasizing Catholic ideals of academic excellence, personal integrity, Christian service and enduring faith," the guidelines below must be followed:

- * 6th-8th graders must complete **10 hours of service** within the school or community. Of these 10 hours, at least 5 of them must be performed outside of the school.
- * 5th graders must complete **8 hours of service** within the school or community (at least 4 hours must be in the community).
- * 4th graders must complete **6 hours of service** within the school or community (at least 3 hours must be in the community).

School Service Examples (outside of the school day):

- **Helping a teacher:**
 - Organize and clean
 - Check/grade papers
 - Supervision of younger students in extended day
 - Helping younger students with homework in extended day
- **Helping with set-up/clean-up of school gala or other functions**

Community Service Examples (outside of the school day):

- **Animal Shelter**
- **Homeless Shelter**
- **Home for the Elderly**
- **Altar serving/choir (Not choir practice! Service must be outside of the school day and not during school masses. Funeral service may count, but students must not receive a stipend for serving.)**
- **Helping with Church bazaar or Family Day**
- **Helping with Vacation Bible School**
- **Helping as an aide in CCE classes**
- **Fundraising for a cause, including 5K events, etc.**
- **Helping neighbors (No pay received! Cleaning, running errands, babysitting, helping with elderly)**
- **Keep Pearland Beautiful or any other community clean-up campaign**
- **Food Bank service (collecting food, sorting, distributing, etc.)**

NOTE: Community Service must be done for others and NOT for your family or family business. It should be on a voluntary basis and FREE (no form of payment should be received).