

Dear Fourth Graders, Middle School Students, and Parents:

Summer is here, and it's a great time to get a jump on your service hours for the 2008-09 school year. For the past year our middle school students participated in a wide variety of service projects that helped out many people. Their help made a positive difference in their lives and the lives of the people they helped. You may begin to earn service hours now and continue to the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Please note: parents may not sign the service hour sheet for their child/children outside of home hours, serving mass or participating in a charity run/walk. If they are in choir, Mrs. Polkus or Ms. Basten signs it. If the sheet has only parent's signatures on it, the service hours will not be counted. Service sheets should be signed by the qualified adult in charge of the activity, event or job.

Categories of service for 5th grade are home/community combined and church/school combined. 5th grade students need a total of 10 home/community hours (not 10 home and 10 community – 10 hours total in that combined area) and 10 church/school hours (not 10 church and 10 school – 10 hours total in that combined area).

Categories for 6th, 7th and 8th grades are home, church/school combined, and community. These are the guidelines for service hours for each grade level:

5 th Grade: (a total of 20 Hours)	6 th Grade: (a total of 24 Hours)
Home/Community--10 hours	Home- -6 hours
Church/School—10 hours	Church/School --12 hours
	Community—6 hours

7 th Grade: (a total of 28 Hours)	8 th Grade: (a total of 32 Hours)
Home--6 hours	Home-6 hours
Community—8 hours	Community—10 hours
Church/School—14 hours	Church/School—16hours

Below are some examples of service ideas, but students can come up with more ideas.

At Home:

- unpaid babysitting
- cleaning the garage or basement

At School:

- study buddy
- helping teachers or office staff

Community:

- Raking leaves, shoveling, or walking the dog for a neighbor
- Stocking shelves at a food pantry or Salvation Army,
- Participating in a benefit run or walk
- Nursing home helper

Church Community:

- serving mass
- baby-sit at daycare during Mass
- helping at festivals or other events
- translating letters from Peru
- helping Christian Formation
- helping with music

If you have any questions about service possibilities, ask a middle school teacher or Mrs. Heinle.

Many service hours will be completed during the school year, but a great amount of their hours must be completed on their own initiative. Many of our Middle School students plan to complete the majority of their service hours during the summer months. We look forward to a year full of exciting learning opportunities next year at St. Anthony's.

Sincerely,

Ms. Arndt

Mrs. Anderson

Ms. DeBuhr

Mrs. Mullen