

SERVICE HOURS SIGN PROGRAM 7th & 8th Grades

“SERVICE IN GOD’S NAME” (SIGN) is a community service program required for middle school students 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 community projects.

SIGN is a mandatory program which must be completed by the deadline of May 1, 2019 for a grade. Each student is required to complete 6 service hours which will account for 60 points in Religion class during the 4th quarter. The due date is Wednesday, May 1, 2019. In accordance with school policy, a 10% deduction will be taken each day after the due date.

Community projects: Any work done for a **nonprofit organization** in your community. We suggest organizations provided from the list below. The only for profit organizations allowed will be nursing homes and hospitals. Students **may not** get service hours from a student’s family owned business. A maximum of 3 hours credit is allowed for helping the St. George office staff and teachers.

Once all hours are completed, the student is to bring the verification of the hours and journal questions stapled together to their religion teacher. 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 of the supervisor. **Students must obtain the supervisor’s signature on the form within one month of the service.**

Please contact Mrs. Blanchard (lynn.blanchard@sgschoolbr.org) if you have any questions.

God bless you and your family,

Mrs. Blanchard
Religion Coordinator

Mrs. Gautreaux
Catechist

Mrs. Duke
Catechist

Below are some possible agencies that you can contact for information on volunteering. Please be advised some agencies will not allow students to volunteer without parental supervision. Please contact the agencies directly for details.

Alzheimer Association – GBR Chapter
American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
Arthritis Foundation
Baton Rouge Food Bank
Battered Women’s Program
Bishop Stanley Ott Shelter
Bishop’s Run
Boy Scouts of America (**earn the Eagle Scout award**)
Boys Hope/Girls Hope
BREC
Campfire Boys & Girls
Cancer Service of GBR
Capital Area United Way
Catholic Community Services
Cerebral Palsy Association
Children’s Miracle Network
Church Parish Fairs
Church Parish Nursery
Church Parish Vacation Bible Schools
Council on Aging “Meal on Wheels”
Crime Stoppers, Inc.
DARE
Family Health Center

Fire Departments
Friends for Life-AIDS Resource Center Friends
of the BREC Baton Rouge Zoo
Girl Scouts: (**earn the Silver Award or higher**)
Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
Habitat for Humanity
Hospitals
Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful
Leukemia society
MADD Louisiana March of Dimes
Miracle League @ Cypress Mounds - Charlene Lauman (Contact)
Multiple Sclerosis Society
MDA Muscular Dystrophy Association
Myriam’s House
Nursing Home/Elderly Care
Public Library
Ronald McDonald House
SADD
St. Vincent de Paul Stores or Toy Drive
Salvation Army
Senior Olympics Special Olympics
St. Jude Walk – 9/15/18 (or prior to) - Charlene Lauman (Contact)
Volunteers of America
Volunteer TEENS
YMCA

**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?

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?

You may use a sheet of loose-leaf paper if more space is needed.