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Welcome back to our students, and a special welcome to all of our new families!

As part of our religion curriculum, students in grades 4-8 are required to participate in Service Learning each quarter of the school year. Service Learning is composed of three parts, and the student will be graded on each of the three parts:

- **FIRST**, each student will set a goal, not for any certain number of hours, but for an act or type of service that he or she would like to accomplish.
- **SECOND**, each grade has a different requirement as to the number of hours and types of service that students need to engage in reaching out to others. There are three categories that the required hours must fall into:

Family/home: service around the house, yard or for family members (*above and beyond normal*)

School/parish: service on school or church grounds, sports or special events (*wherever you attend*)

Community: service for neighbors, municipal organizations, social service agencies, parks, etc.

The service and category/type requirements for grades 4-8 are as follows:

Grade 4	4 hours per quarter	Family, school, AND/OR community
Grade 5	5 hours per quarter	Family, school, AND/OR community
Grade 6	6 hours per quarter	Family, school, AND/OR community

Grades 7-8 8 hours per quarter *service must be performed in at least two of the three categories. Although all service hours may be listed and count in the total number of hours, no more than 4 hours will count towards the required 8 hours in any one category. For instance, a student can complete 20 hours of service in the community, but must still complete 4 other hours in either family/home or school/parish. Their TOTAL hours would then reflect 24. This is to encourage students to spread their wings, going out of their comfort zone in service to others.*

- **THIRD**, at the end of each quarter, students will choose one item of service and write a reflection about how that service met their service goal.

All students are given a service sheet with which to record the descriptions, dates and number of hours for each item of service, and each must be signed off on by the recipient of the service work or the adult in charge. Parents are to sign each service sheet at the end of each quarter.

Service sheets are due:

First Quarter: October 14;

Second Quarter: January 6;

Third Quarter: March 9;

Fourth Quarter: May 19

Thank you in advance for supporting your child as he or she learns to make a difference by being a living example of Christ in our community. If you have questions, please

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