



BISHOP WARD

HIGH SCHOOL

LEGACY Hours Catholic Community Outreach Service Program

*The young man said, "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus told him to keep the commandments. The young man responded he had done all this and asked Jesus what he still lacked. Jesus responded "If you wish to be perfect... Give to {the} poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."
Mt. 19:16-17*

Beginning with the class of 2009, students will be required to complete 60 LEGACY hours during their four years at Bishop Ward, with at *least 20 hours* being **direct service** to those in true need. The remaining **indirect hours** may be completed in a broader range of helping areas, such as school functions, coaching CYO, parish activities, or other community events.



Each semester there will be suggested hours to complete in order to make adequate progress towards the 60 hour requirement. Students who meet or exceed those benchmarks each semester will receive an incentive, such as a dress-down coupon. **Any student who has not met the benchmark stated at the end of Junior year will not be allowed to participate in certain school activities, including (but not limited to) dances, Homecoming, Sweetheart or Prom royalty, dress-down days, retreats, and field trips.** All service requirements must be fulfilled by the end of 1st semester senior year. LEGACY hours are a requirement for graduation, and students may not receive their diplomas until the obligation is fulfilled.

Requirements

Freshmen: 10 hours indirect or direct service
Sophomores: 20 hours indirect or direct service
Juniors: 20 hours, at least 10 being direct service to the needy
Seniors: 10 hours by the end of 1st semester, must be direct service to the needy.

The primary responsibility for LEGACY hours lies with each student. We strongly encourage families to get involved together in community outreach and service. In order to help provide some guidance and direction, Campus Ministry will provide a listing of approved LEGACY hour

opportunities from which the students may choose. This list is available on the school website. If you are not sure whether a particular activity qualifies for hours or direct service, please check with Ms. Tompkins.



All LEGACY hours must be verified in writing by an adult from the organization where the service is performed. It must include the name and phone number of the organization or supervisor. It is the student's responsibility to provide this written verification to Campus Ministry in order to receive credit. Students may get blank service forms from the Campus Ministry Office (Room 203), their Theology teachers, or the link on the school website.

Guidelines for LEGACY hours

Examples of **direct service**:

- Hospital or nursing home volunteer
- Service to the homeless (such as UpLift)
- Tutor young children
- Charitable organizations such as El Centro, Catholic Charities, Red Cross, March of Dimes, or camps for those with disabilities
- Food kitchen volunteer (such as St. Mary Food Kitchen)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Harvesters food bank volunteer
- Working with those developmentally disabled (Special Olympics, KEEN, REACH)

Examples of **indirect service**:

- Service to non-profit organizations in the community (library, museum, scouts, CABA, Polski Day)
- Service to parishes, schools, or religious education programs – parish festivals, pancake breakfast, fish fry, children's liturgy volunteer, babysitting for parish activities
- Animal shelter volunteer
- Volunteer coach for CYO or grade school sports, or summer camps
- Neighborhood clean-up or volunteering for the environment
- Phone-a-thon volunteer, school auction set-up, clean up of school grounds/fields

Examples of things which **do not qualify** as community service:

- Any work done for relatives (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins)
- Babysitting, caring for pets
- Volunteering at a place of business, unless that business is a charity or non-profit
- Managing a sports team, or things related to school activities (drama, NHS, AOF)
- ANY work done during regular school hours!

As we phase in this new policy, the students in the Class of 2008 have an option. They may choose to accrue **80 hours of total service (*direct or indirect*) by the end of the 1st semester) Alternately, they may choose to complete **70 hours** total, but they must complete at least **10 hours of direct service** by the end of first semester.



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Volunteer Opportunities

United Way of Wyandotte County: The Volunteer center of the United Way of WYCO is your link to a wide variety of opportunities to serve available in Wyandotte County. The Volunteer Center can help find a volunteer opportunity that suits your desires, availability, and interests. Call 913.371.3674 www.unitedway-wyco.com

Youth Volunteer Corps of KC: This group has a number of Saturday projects. To sign up for any of the projects listed, or if you need more information, contact them by e-mail yvc_kc@yvca.org or phone 913.432.9822. www.geocities.com/yvc_kc

El Centro: After-school programs can use high-school volunteers for tutoring and supervising activities in their Migrant Education & Students as Teachers programs. The programs operate on weekday afternoons and evenings. 913.281.1186 or Lisa Castro at 913.287.8888

American Red Cross: 913.321.6314 Jason Williby

Children's Museum: Help maintain exhibits, contact Lisa 913.287.8888

Redemptorist Social Services Center: Diana Kennedy Diana@kcsocialservices.org
Activity Aging Coordinator Carol Perryman 816.931.9942

Catholic Charities: Mary Kay Dress 913.621.5255, Director of Volunteers

Turnstyles: Thrift store always needing volunteers to sort donations. Contact Doug: 913-909-2735 Located off of 87th St.

Kansas City Wildlands: www.kcwildlands.org Linda Lehrbaum 816.561.1061
Working on ecological preservation in collaboration with...

Bridging the Gap: Laura O'Brien 816.561.1090 or volunteer@bridgingthegap.org Visit their website bridgingthegap.org to learn more about different programs and opportunities related to caring for the environment. Recycling and cleaning parks.

Reach Out and READ KC: After school reading to children in hospital waiting rooms. Turner on Tuesdays from 4-6. Volunteer application required. Contact Susan Mong 913.588.2793
www.reachoutandreadkc.org

Strawberry Hill Museum: Work on moving boxes for seasons, museum greeters are needed on the weekends. Contact Adrienne Nastav 913.634.7925

Heartland Habitat for Humanity: Build a Home! www.heartlandhabitat.org Contact Kate Fields 913.342.3047 kate@heartlandhabitat.org Also a Habitat store needing volunteers to staff on Saturdays.

Harvestors: Volunteers help sorting food and household good collected in food drives and donated by the food industry. Food drive coordinator, Kelly Roy kroy@harvestors.org
www.harvestors.org

Mission Warehouse of the Sisters of St. Francis: International mission work, volunteers needed on various occasions. Mary Pat 252-1673

Special Olympics: Many ongoing events for athletes with developmental disabilities, contact Susan 913.236.9290 e-mail kso@kssso.org www.kssso.org November 16-17, 2007 event weekend

Operation Breakthrough: After-school tutoring Contact Ally Letsky, Literacy coordinator at: 816.329.5241 ally@operationbreakthrough.org

Girl Scouts: Martha Gonzalez Membership Manager for Hispanic Initiative, young girls can join ages 5-17 for leadership training and education on healthy lifestyle. 17 and older can volunteer with a troop. marthagonzalez@girlscoutsksmo.org 816.358.8750 ext. 3113

YouthFriends: YouthFriends is looking for volunteers to mentor students. Through YouthFriends, volunteers are linked with students ages 5-18 with shared interests like a special hobby, music, sports, reading or computers. Volunteers can participate in a school near their home or work. For more information or to volunteer contact April at 816-842-7082 or by email ragland@youthfriends.org.

Spofford Home: Volunteers need to be over 15 and can assist with reading with children or helping out with projects of upkeep in the home. Contact: Paige Wickwire at 816-508-3408 Paige.Wickwire@spoffordhome.org

Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corp.: is in need of volunteers to assist teachers in the Early Childcare programs. Under the direction of the Program Director and Teachers, volunteers will assist teachers and or administration in general duties or activities. Must be 16 years of age or older, *bilingual preferred*. Contact Argie at 913-621-4111 or by email awallace@mtcarmelrc.org.

Villa St. Francis Nursing Home: Visit those residents in assisted living. Hours available after school and weekends. Contact Tina Higgins @ 913-747-0283 thiggins@villasf.org (Facility off of I-35 in Olathe)

Shalom House: Serve food and volunteer to meet the needs of people who are homeless in the community. 913.321.2206 (Located at 13th & Parallel)



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Student Reflection

This side is to be completed thoroughly by students and turned into campus ministry.

Campus Ministry requests that each student complete 60 hours of community service by graduation. 20 of these hours are required to be direct service to those in true need. **Indirect service hours** include a broader range of helping areas, such as school functions, coaching, parish activities, or other community events. **Direct service** is helping those in real need such as the homeless, hungry, sick, or disabled.

Remember, community service must be done for non-profit organizations, or groups of individuals who lack the resources to do the work you do. Work done for family members is not accepted as community service, that is part of being family. Likewise, work done for a business, or babysitting, even though it is done for no pay, does not count toward your service hour requirement.

All community service must be verified in writing by an adult from the organization where the service is performed. It is the student's responsibility to provide this written verification to the Campus Ministry office in order to receive credit.

Student's name _____ Graduation Year _____

Volunteer Site: _____ Hours given: _____

1. Describe your service experience. What type of work did you do?

3. How was this experience rewarding to you? How was it helpful to others?

4. What was challenging about this service?

5. How was God and your faith involved in this service?

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