

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL
STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAM
2019-2020

Following in the footsteps of St. Dominic and St. Edward, students at St. Edward School strive to be active Christians who demonstrate a spirit of service. All of us by our Baptism are called to spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, who reached out to the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need. Such a spirit of giving is integral to being a follower of Jesus. This is the spirit and call of Mother Pia, the foundress of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, and Saint Edward, our parish patron saint.

Our school theme this year is **“Go Make a Difference.”** Prayer has many faces and provides meaning and purpose to our activities. Prayer reflects our living of the Gospel and our commitment to serve others. Our dedication to prayer and to following Jesus’ example flows from the love God generously gives us daily. This is the call we share together in our school community. In this spirit, students are required to give a certain number of outreach hours of

Grade	Hours per Trimester	Total Number of Outreach Hours	Deadline for Approval	Completion Dates for each Trimester
K-2	1	3	October 29, 2019** February 19, 2020** May 8, 2020**	November 5, 2019 February 26, 2020 May 15, 2020
3-4	2	6	same	same
5	3	9	same	same
6	4	12	same	same
7-8	5	15	same	same

***The teacher must approve the service at least one week before the due date of each trimester or the service will be considered late.*

At St. Edward Parish School our Vision states that the educational program “empowers students to deepen their faith, meet academic challenges and grow in commitment to service” Because we believe service is integral to Christian living we strive to help students nurture community and “demonstrate a spirit of service”, embrace prayer by integrating “Catholic Social Principles into their lives”, and preach the gospel by proclaiming “ the Gospel values through daily actions.”

Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of outreach; therefore all students must be involved in a different activity at a different location each trimester. Outreach hours must be

done for people or organizations outside your family. If serving the St. Edward community, it may only be done in one trimester for one kind of service. The students, along with the help of their parents, are responsible for making arrangements for outreach opportunities.

All outreach projects must be approved by the homeroom teacher *before* the student does the service to ensure that they meet the criteria. The classroom teacher's approval of the service must be given at least one week before the service is due. *If the service is completed without the teacher's approval, the service will be considered a day late.* The students are to complete a "Report of Outreach" signed by an adult at the service site. The report is to be given to the student's homeroom teacher. The outreach component counts as 10% of the religion grade each trimester.

All hours must be completed each trimester. Any remaining hours will carry over to the next trimester's requirements. All outreach hours for grades K-8 must be completed and the reports given to the homeroom teacher two weeks prior to the end of each trimester. *If there are any outstanding hours at the end of each trimester, the student will be excluded from attending future field trips or special events (upon discretion of the teacher).*

Attached is a list of possible suggestions for outreach opportunities based on the Seven Catholic Social Principles. Students and their families are invited to pursue additional opportunities for service and some families have joined together to participate in service activities together.

Please sign the acknowledgment below and return it to the homeroom teacher. Each student must sign, so parents you may need to sign more than one acknowledgment.

It is our hope that by their participation in the St. Edward Student Outreach Program our students will integrate Catholic Christian service into their lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Staff at St. Edward School

PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the guidelines of the St. Edward Student Outreach Program.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Grade

Please return to your homeroom teacher no later than Friday, 09/06/19. Thank You!

Student Outreach Suggestions

K-4	All grades	5-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Collect food, clothing from your home and delivering it to a local shelter · Make and distribute sandwiches to a local homeless shelter · Participate in children's choir at Sunday liturgies · Collect bathroom supplies for Viola Blythe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visit nursing homes or children's hospitals(cards, Christmas carols, holiday crafts) · Work in community outreach facilities such as LOV Newark, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, local soup kitchens and homeless shelters · Collect supplies, write letters to military men and women (Operation Gratitude) · Arrange w/ police/fire dept. or postal service to make posters to support community awareness · Earn money mowing lawns, baby-sitting...and contribute money to a worthy cause · Visit the Dominican Mother House (writing cards/making Christmas gifts for older sisters) · Participate in a community park, beach, city clean-up project · Wrap gifts for the Giving Tree Project · Assist with activities sponsored by the Blue Star Moms – mothers of soldiers in Iraq 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Contact politicians and express concerns regarding social issues and offer suggestions · Work with people who are handicapped · Earn money to adopt a child in another country · Contact local library and get involved in tutoring program · Assist teachers in the Faith Formation program · Altar serve at Sunday liturgies · Serve breakfast at the Elks Club · Help to build a playground through People to People

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REPORT OF OUTREACH

I, _____, strive to be

A student who preaches the Dominican Tradition by

- Sharing gifts, talents, and knowledge with the community through service
- Practicing the Catholic Social Teachings
- Living the Gospel values daily

A student who nurtures community by

- Understanding the community as local and global
- Valuing friendships and caring for all.
- Solving problems peacefully.

A student who embraces prayer by

- Becoming thoughtful and reflective .
- Growing in friendship with God.

Teacher Approval _____

Place of Outreach _____ **Date** _____

Description of Outreach _____

Site Supervisor's Signature _____ **# of Hours** _____

Supervisor's Comments _____

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I, _____, strive to be

A student who preaches the Dominican Tradition by

- Helps others.

A student who nurtures community by

- Understanding that community is local and global.
- Valuing friendships and caring for all.
- Solving problems peacefully.

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