

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

2020-2021

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. At Baptism, we 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 be 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.

Jesus once said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." In this spirit, our school theme came to fruition, "Love Grows Here". The St. Edward Catholic School community embodies this theme in our everyday interactions with each other. There is no greater need than to initiate love in the form of service for others as we start this school year during a pandemic. This is the call we share in our school community. In this spirit, students are required to give a certain number of outreach hours of service.

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."

Attached is a list of possible suggestions for outreach opportunities based on the Seven Catholic Social Principles. This year due to distance learning outreach projects on the last page are pre-approved, if you choose something different, please email the homeroom teacher for approval 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.

Grade	Hours per Trimester	Total Number of Outreach Hours	Deadline for Approval	Completion Dates for each Trimester
K-8	1	3	October 30, 2020** February 4, 2021** May 7, 2021**	November 5, 2020 February 18, 2021 May 14, 2021
<p><i>**The teacher must approve any service hours not listed below at least one week before the due date of each trimester, or the service will be considered late.</i></p> <p><i>**A different service hour activity must be done each trimester.</i></p>				

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that outreach opportunities this year may be limited. We have provided a list of pre-approved outreach projects on the last page. If you choose something different, please email the homeroom teacher for approval before the student does the service to ensure that they meet the criteria.

Each student only needs to complete 1 hour of service or 1 outreach activity each trimester this year. Any outreach not completed within the trimester will be reflected in the student's Life Skills grade. In addition, in a TK-5th Grade standards-based report card, a student will receive a grade of "1" and in 6th-8th Grade, a student will lose 10% of their overall grade for that trimester.

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

We 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, 09/04/20. Thank You!

Student Outreach Suggestions

All grades		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect food, clothing from your home and delivering it to a local shelter • Sidewalk art on your driveway or sidewalk sharing positive messages to the community (take photographs) • Posters or messages put on trees outside your home. (take photographs) • Painted rocks or cards delivered on your neighborhood's doorsteps. (take photographs) • Making face masks for free and donating them or putting them somewhere so people who need them can have access. (take photographs) • Send cards or letters to nursing homes or hospitals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending cards to nursing homes or children's hospitals (cards, Christmas carols, holiday crafts) • 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 by creating or selling items and contribute money to a worthy cause • Create cards and send them to the Dominican Mother House (writing cards for older sisters) • Do some gardening for a neighbor • Create a song or dance for a particular cause or group. • Walk a homebound neighbor's dog (with adult supervision) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact politicians and express concerns regarding social issues and offer suggestions • Earn money to adopt a child in another country • Deliver groceries or run errands for a homebound neighbor (with adult supervision)

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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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REPORT OF OUTREACH

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.

A student who embraces prayer by

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

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