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

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<th>Completion Dates for each Trimester</th>
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**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

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<td>• Collect food, clothing from your home and delivering it to a local shelter</td>
<td>• Visit nursing homes or children’s hospitals(cards, Christmas carols, holiday crafts)</td>
<td>• Contact politicians and express concerns regarding social issues and offer suggestions</td>
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<td>• Make and distribute sandwiches to a local homeless shelter</td>
<td>• Work in community outreach facilities such as LOV Newark, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, local soup kitchens and homeless shelters</td>
<td>• Work with people who are handicapped</td>
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<td>• Participate in children’s choir at Sunday liturgies</td>
<td>• Collect supplies, write letters to military men and women (Operation Gratitude)</td>
<td>• Earn money to adopt a child in another country</td>
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<td>• Collect bathroom supplies for Viola Blythe</td>
<td>• Arrange w/ police/fire dept. or postal service to make posters to support community awareness</td>
<td>• Contact local library and get involved in tutoring program</td>
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<td>• Earn money mowing lawns, baby-sitting…and contribute money to a worthy cause</td>
<td>• Assist teachers in the Faith Formation program</td>
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<td>• Visit the Dominican Mother House (writing cards/making Christmas gifts for older sisters)</td>
<td>• Altar serve at Sunday liturgies</td>
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<td>• Participate in a community park, beach, city clean-up project</td>
<td>• Serve breakfast at the Elks Club</td>
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<td>• Wrap gifts for the Giving Tree Project</td>
<td>• Help to build a playground through People to People</td>
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<td>• Assist with activities sponsored by the Blue Star Moms – mothers of soldiers in Iraq</td>
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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 ______________________________________________________

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Site Supervisor’s Signature _____________________________ # of Hours _______

Supervisor’s Comments _______________________________________________________

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Student Reflection:
Type a paragraph in response to each of the following questions:
1. Describe in detail how you came to be involved in this activity.
2. Describe specifically what you did and how it was helpful to the community.
3. How did you feel serving the community and what did you learn from this experience?
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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.

Teacher Approval________

Place of Outreach _______________________________ Date ________________

Description of Outreach________________________________________________________
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Site Supervisor’s Signature _____________________________ # of Hours________

Supervisor’s Comments _________________________________________________________
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Student Reflection:
Students in Grade K and 1 will draw a detailed picture and write a sentence to respond to the questions.
Students in Grade 2 and 3 will write a short paragraph to answer the questions.

1. Describe how you came to be involved in this activity.
2. Describe your outreach and how it was helpful to the community.
3. How did you feel as you served your community?

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Student Signature____________________________________