

Christian Community Service at KCHS

As announced at the beginning of the school year, Kennedy Catholic is introducing changes and improvements to the Christian Community Service program. Below you will find a description of the new program. We are working on creating a webpage which will be the home of the Christian Community Service. On this page there will be a list of approved service opportunities with the contact information for the supervisor for those projects. The Community Service Committee will be continually working to expand this list and keep the information for opportunities up to date and adding contact information for these resources. There will also be a form on how to propose a service project to receive approval.

For all students: Any hours falling under the old parameters which are submitted to the Dean of Men/Women before the end of the first semester, January 27, 2017, will be accepted.

For Seniors: In order to accommodate those seniors who are preparing for graduation and who have been operating under the program which has been in place throughout their time here, the decision has been made to allow them to continue under the old parameters.

For Juniors: Any junior student who completes hours under the old parameters by the end of the 2016-2017 school year will receive credit for those hours accordingly. Whatever hours they have still to complete during the 2017-2018 school year must be completed following the new parameters. **All current Juniors will be required to complete 30 hours under the new criteria during their Senior year (2017-2018).**

Criteria for Christian Community Service Hours

The Christian Community Service Program is modeled after the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Though not all hours are required to be apostolic in nature, this type of service is strongly encouraged.

- Hours which are submitted for the program must take place outside of the normal school day.
- Students cannot receive compensation for work done/service provided.
 - Familial obligations, while laudable and true acts of service, may not be submitted for credit as part of the Christian Community Service Program.
- Service hours should be pre-approved either:
 - 1) by being on the list of approved community service projects which appears on the Christian Community Service Website (www.kennedycatholic.org/christian-service) or
 - 2) submitting a project for approval to the Office of Campus Ministry through the fields on the CCSP website.
- Students are encouraged to complete 30 hours/year, so that service truly becomes a part of their life and helps them to grow in generosity and the spirit of serving Christ in others.
- Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, students will be required to complete a minimum of 60 hours by the end of sophomore year and an additional minimum of 60 hours during the course of Junior and Senior year for a total of 120+ hours during their high school career.
- Students are encouraged to complete more than the minimum amount of hours
- Service options should also serve the KCHS community as well as the greater community in which they live.

Once hours have been completed, they should be logged on the Christian Community Service Form and submitted to the Dean of Men or Dean of Women accordingly. They will confirm that the hours have been approved and log them in the student's file.