

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

As part of their Confirmation formation, each student is expected to perform at least **35 hours** of Community service. Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) graders will complete a maximum of **15 hours** for next year's Confirmation. They will complete another **20 hours or more** (if required) during their eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade year as an extension of their full initiation into the Catholic Church through Confirmation.

Since the total required is 35 hours, if 15 hours are not completed in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the difference must be made up during 8<sup>th</sup> grade. However, any hours in excess of 15 hours in 7<sup>th</sup> grade cannot be carried over to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

A maximum of 5 hours is allowed per activity per school year. This results in a minimum of 3 activities in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 4 activities in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities are not allowed to be personal/familial activities. For example, no free babysitting or grass cutting. All activities must be performed at either the parish or in the community. Some examples include soup kitchens, the humane society, and nursing homes. If there are any questions whether the activity will be accepted, please contact Adam Weber, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR teacher, at 314-330-0599 (call or text) or email: awpsrstjohn@aol.com

A "school year" for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is considered September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

A "school year" for 8<sup>th</sup> grade is considered June 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Including the summer between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade year will allow the student to accrue hours for activities that may not usually be accessible in the fall and spring.

A form is to be signed at the completion of each activity indicating the date, a description of the activity, the number of hours completed, and signed by a person in charge of the activity. A paper copy can be provided. Or, electronic copies are available on the website: <http://stjohnngildehauspsr.weebly.com> under "Teachers", "8<sup>th</sup> grade", "PSR Service Hours.pdf". Or, a copy can be emailed. Send an email to Adam Weber at: awpsrstjohn@aol.com and he will reply to your email with an electronic copy attached.

Many students will complete more than 35 hours of service and that is a wonderful testament to their Faith. Your encouragement and involvement with this process will serve as a prime motivator for them.

Remember...Confirmation and service hours are not the end of PSR, but the beginning of being a fully initiated member in the Church sharing their life and faith with all.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you and God Bless,

Adam Weber