2020-2021 Community Service Requirements & Ideas

Community Service is the act of helping others in a time of need. The situation in which we find ourselves provides us with an opportunity to show how we respond in the LSA Way: A creative, rigorous, authentic community of learners. If you have not met your community service requirement to participate in our graduation ceremony, it will take rigor (putting in the effort), authenticity (realizing this is a time where community service is as crucial as ever) and creativity (the easy routes are not currently available).

We have come up with projects you can undertake for your service. We have reduced everyone's community service hours requirement by 3 hours for the 2019/2020 school year. 2020/2021 community service hours have not been reduced. See the Student Handbook for more information. Counselors are available to consult with seniors who need hours individually on how to plan their project and how many hours their project(s) will cover.

Here are some examples for you to consider:

1) Encouraging emails or videos (playing music, singing, dancing, etc) to local people or professionals who are affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. You cannot simply use the same message over and over and not personalize it. Students will document the amount of time spent researching and contacting the agency and preparing/sending the messages. Researching and making contact with the agency will take time. You'll need to make personal contact by phone and provide Mrs. Winters' contact information to verify this is a school project. Examples of agencies to consider:

Nursing Home, Senior Living Community, Hospital Departments (Patients, Staff), Police and Fire Departments, Other Emergency Agencies such as the Red Cross.

If the agency has a protocol in place for receiving paper copies of letters, notes or pictures, this may earn more time.

2) Adopting an elementary or middle school class and supporting the teacher by reading to the class, tutoring or other teacher requests.

3) Hosting a virtual food drive or other campaign to promote a need in the community and promoting it daily via social media and other means. For example, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina already has a page where you can start a team and create a page.

4) Complete yard work, painting or other outdoor projects for neighbors or family in need. Our typical policy is that community service must be completed through a non-profit organization. However, these are not typical times. People are facing different challenges. We are not encouraging students going into crowds or groups of any kind. But, you may call or email a neighbor or family member and ask what projects you can do for them. A picture is required for documentation.

5) Make Face Masks to Donate - be sure you follow guidelines How to Make and Donate Face Masks and here's a list of places to Donate Masks

6) Make Blankets to donate to hospitals, nursing homes or shelters or make socks for shelters. Contact an organization first to determine what they generally need.

7) Visit people via video chat in Nursing Homes, Senior Centers or who live alone. Ask them to tell you about their lives and what the Pandemic reminds them of. Ask them about their families and friends. The staff are probably getting adept at using these tools.

8) For the same groups, offer to organize and host a Bingo Night, TikTok party or other fun activity with them virtually.

9) Research and plan a community project (you don't have to implement it, but it should be something that could be implemented and is needed). For instance, a community garden, a butterfly garden, a Honey Bee project, etc. Contact your local town agency to find out about needs in your area.

10) Come up with your own idea and submit it to your counselor. Here's a list of examples that might help you come up with your own idea that you can create from home: Community Service Projects

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