



Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School

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Bishop Grimes Service Hours

Bishop Grimes Mission Statement

Bishop Grimes shares in the evangelizing mission of the Roman Catholic Church, a mission that has been handed on by Christ and his apostles and received by generations of believers. Therefore, we seek to help students take part, with the current generation of believers, in receiving and handing on their Catholic faith by coming to know it, live it, and share it. We accomplish this mission by providing a high quality and rigorous Catholic education that prepares students in mind, body, and spirit to encounter Christ, live their faith in the context of His Church, and serve others in His name, particularly the poor and those who are in need.

Service refers to tasks that a person performs for the benefit of his or her local community. Service often means stepping outside of one's familiar environments and expanding new horizons. A Bishop Grimes student should discern, plan, implement, and reflect on his/her community service in order to attain the highest quality and meaning of service learning. Service hours must be done in a way and for an organization or event that does not contradict Catholic teaching.

Students are required to complete service hours each school year as follows:

7th Grade: 16 hours

9th Grade: 20 hours

11th Grade: 28 hours

8th Grade: 16 hours

10th Grade: 20 hours

12th Grade: 28 hours

Service hours may be completed from June 1, 2019 through May 29, 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student will be required to complete a small written reflection after completing their service. A minimum of one-fourth of the required service hours, records of service hours, and written reflections are due each marking period as follows:

1st Marking Period due by **October 30, 2019**

3rd Marking Period due by **March 27, 2020**

2nd Marking Period due by **January 17, 2019**

4th Marking Period due by **May 29, 2020**

The heart of the Gospel, "*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,*" serves as the guiding principle of the school's service requirement. The program's goal centers on expanding each student's perspective of the world, those in it, and connecting students with those in true need, as well as those who seek to help others attain a better quality of life.



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Accepted types of service hours include, but are not limited to:

- Work/tasks performed within own Parish (i.e. Choir/Cantor, Lector, Altar Serving, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Catechist/Youth Group Leader)
- Volunteering at Parish Events (i.e. Festivals, Fish Dinners, Spaghetti Dinners, Auctions, Fundraisers, etc.)
- Working the school concession stand
- Serving as Coby for school events
- Participating in a walk/run that raises money for a charity
- Volunteering at a local organization such as Emmaus Ministry, Francis House, Samaritan Center, Joseph's House, Purpose Farm, Clear Path for Veterans, SPCA, etc.
- Altar serving at school-wide Masses
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at school-wide Masses
- Setting up for school-wide Masses (i.e. Early Morning Set-Up Crew)
- Setting up for school events (i.e. Dinner and Auction, Adventure in the Arts, Graduation, etc.)
- Volunteering to help other athletic players/teams (i.e. a varsity player helping at a modified team practice)
- Service hour opportunities that are shared with students throughout the year by BG Administration or the Theology Department

Unaccepted types of service hours include, but are not limited to:

- Tasks required for classes/sports/performing arts and/or receiving a grade for the task
- Team related events (i.e. pancake breakfasts, keeping book for own team)
- Babysitting, lawn care, washing the car, raking leaves, shoveling snow, or other tasks/chores performed for family or friends
- Tasks in which students receive payment
- Athletic/performing arts competitions and practices
- Reading at school-wide Masses (participation grade given in Theology class)
- Singing/playing instruments at school-wide Masses (participation grade given in Chorus/Band class)
- Confirmation Retreats

*The Theology Department reserves the right to determine if service hours meet the required criteria and Catholic teachings. Students are advised to check with their Theology teacher prior to performing the service if they are unsure whether the service will "count" and meets the requirements.



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Bishop Grimes Record of Service Hours

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Students are to return completed Record of Service Hours forms to their Theology teachers upon completion.

Student’s Name: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Place of Service: _____ Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____ # of Hours Served: _____

An Adult Supervisor must write a brief description of service(s) rendered and comment on the student’s performance of service. The Adult Supervisor must then sign at the bottom of the page. Please note that parents/guardians cannot sign for their student.

Adult Supervisor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please initial that this was a service rendered in which the student was not paid: Initials: _____

Adult Supervisor’s Telephone Number: _____

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Theology Teacher’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Attests that this service meets the Bishop Grimes Service Hour requirements)