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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 often means stepping outside of one's familiar environments and expanding one's horizons. However, during our current situation due to the COVID19 pandemic, service performed for family is deemed needed and necessary more so than usual. Therefore, students are encouraged to perform service for family members in need. Bishop Grimes students are called to discern, plan, implement, and reflect on their community and/ or family service in order to attain the highest quality and meaning of service learning. The aim of the service hour requirement is to expand a 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. 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:

*Please note the normal service hour requirements have been altered due to the restrictions put in place with the current state of emergency and governor's orders.*

7th Grade: ~~16 hours~~ 8 hours

10th Grade: ~~20 hours~~ 10 hours

8th Grade: ~~16 hours~~ 8 hours

11th Grade: ~~28 hours~~ 14 hours

9th Grade: ~~20 hours~~ 10 hours

12th Grade: ~~28 hours~~ 14 hours

Service hours may be completed from June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021, for the 2020-2021 school year. A minimum of one-fourth of the required service hours and records of service hours are due each marking period as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period: November 6, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period: April 9, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period: January 22, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period: May 31, 2021

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 for family members during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Homemade cards/art work /letters for elderly, homebound, or essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
- 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)
- ● 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.



# Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School

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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)