

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY 2018

Community Service Day will be **Wednesday, November 14th**. This is a day designated for our entire Elementary school to help the less fortunate in our community through various service projects. Our Middle School students will be traveling off campus, while our Pre-K through 4th grade students will stay on campus. The lower division will spend the day learning about the overwhelming needs in our community and how they can help through service projects, speakers, video presentations, and classroom activities.

Middle School Families will receive more information regarding the service organizations, and sign-ups for students to select their preferred organizations to serve on that day.

This year some of the service projects that our Pre-K through 4th grade students will complete on campus include:

1. Packing food bags for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry** and assembling bagged lunches and snack packs for local soup kitchens (**Faith Café and Trinity Café**) to distribute to the homeless in our area.
2. Packaging pajamas and books for the **Pajama Program**, which collects and distributes pajamas and books to children entering the foster care program.
3. Making and stuffing teddy bears (aka Safety Bears) to be distributed to **children in crisis**.
4. Making blankets for patients in **Hospice** and children in **foster care**.
5. Assembling race bags for **X out Cancer**, a nonprofit organization run by our own High School students, that raises money to fund pediatric cancer research.
6. Making activity bags to be delivered to the local **children's hospitals**.
7. Making Christmas decorations for residents at various **nursing care facilities** and/or the **VA Hospital**.
8. Making beautiful one-of-a-kind Rosaries to give to our **Missionary Students**, and local **Catholic Hospitals**.
9. Decorating and packing bags of food items and cooking utensils for **Where Love Grows**, a program that teaches children how to prepare meals at home when they are home alone, and distributes food items as well as the utensils needed to make the meals.

The success of many of these projects greatly depends on the generous donations of our families. Attached is a list of various items we are asking you to consider donating. Additionally, as part of the educational process, we encourage you to have your children help in collecting these supplies and to discuss with them the various groups they will be helping.

THANK YOU in advance for all of your contributions. Without your donations, this day would not be possible! Not only will we be helping those less fortunate than ourselves, but we will be providing our children with a lesson in the importance of serving others, which we hope will last a lifetime. To assist with the collection of your donations, we will have stations to collect your donations on all four sides of the building during morning drop-off on **October 12th, October 19th, October 26th, and November 2nd and November 9th**. Thank you for your support of this wonderful day!!

Sincerely,
Jana Bridge, and Oliva Ruiz-Carus
Community Service Day Chair Persons

Sr. Mary Patricia and Katie Holland
Campus Ministry Department

Community Service Day Donations

If each child would bring in one or more of EACH of the following food items identified for their respective grade (please avoid glass containers):

Specific Needs per Grade

PreK/K:

- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Tuna
- Box of individual packages cheese crackers
- Dry pasta
- Jelly

1st/2nd:

- Canned vegetables
- Mac-n-Cheese
- Canned beans
- Pancake Mix
- Box of bars (granola/cereal/ protein)
- Pasta Sauce (in plastic jar or cans, ONLY)

3rd/4th:

- Chef Boyardee
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Package of individual Applesauce/ Fruit Pouches
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup

ALL GRADES (Middle school families are Welcome to Participate)

Please bring in one of EACH of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit and/or Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer (travel size) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Pajamas (any size/fasten separates) | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes (Adult size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap (travel size) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (travel size) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant (travel size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gently Used Books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combs/brushes (travel size) | <input type="checkbox"/> small playdoh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Supplies (whisks, spatulas, measuring cups, and colanders) | |

****Please note that all of the items on this list except for Pajamas are available for purchase at most Dollar Store locations!!**

ALL GRADES:

Additionally, we will collect any unused diapers for St. Vincent DePaul. There is no need to purchase these items, just donate if you have them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!