



St. John Neumann Academy Community Service Requirement

St. James tells us in one of his letters that we are to be “doers of the Word” not just “sayers.” This means that if we are true followers of Jesus, we must be people of action. As part of the academic, religious, and character formation activities at SJNA, our students are called to become “doers of the World” by performing service hours and giving of their time to others.

Service hours are considered to be those Christ-like actions performed out of love for God and our neighbors, not for money or other reward. Service hours are also considered to be an act of being a good citizen of the United States. Students may choose to do any action that they believe is of service to someone, a cause, their parish or church, or an organization such as a local food or clothing bank, humane society, etc. Community service activities where student volunteers on a regular basis such as altar serving, etc. may certainly count towards this community service requirement.

We are encouraging each student to reach “above and beyond” and truly give back to the community; however, there is always work to be completed at school as well. We welcome the help of our Neumann Knights. Please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities in the SJNA electronic newsletter, *The Tuesday Herald*.

Students are required to maintain a record of service hours by using the *Verification of Community Service* form. This form is available on the school’s website. The form must be completed by the student (not parents) and signed by the community service supervising adult for each community service activity. Parent signatures are not permitted in lieu of a supervising adult.

After completing the required hours of service, students must write a 3-paragraph essay describing (1) the importance of community service, (2) the overall experience, and (3) the personal impact of the project. The essay should be typed (double spaced, 1” margins, 12-point *Times New Roman* font). Be sure to use paragraph form, correct sentence structure, and proper punctuation. It should be one page in length and is due to me, along with the verification form(s), no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions about the project, do not hesitate to contact me. God bless you as you help others by giving of your time and talents. You CAN make a difference in the world!

Sincerely,
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