



Monsignor John Pereyma CSS Community Service Hours

Name: _____

Student #: _____

Contact #: _____

“As members of Catholic faith communities, we are called to serve.”

In 1999, the Ontario Ministry of Education mandated that every Ontario secondary student must complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate. This expectation is consistent with our belief that through involvement with their community, students build empathy and social awareness, grow in faith, boost self esteem, and develop civic responsibility.

Christian Community Service activities

- Promote Catholic faith teachings and gospel values;
- Are designed to benefit the community;
- Support a non-profit agency;
- Promote tutoring, mentoring or coaching;
- Foster stewardship of the environment and global world;
- Involve an association that seeks to make a positive contribution in the community

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Student Role

- Talk to your parent/guardian about Christian Community Service.
- Read the list of eligible and non-eligible activities.
- Select an activity.
- When you complete each activity, have the supervisor sign the Christian Community Service Record to verify the date, number of hours, and the nature of the activity. You can download additional copies of the form at the board website: www.dcdsb.ca.
- Keep the documentation in a safe place. In the fall, your high school guidance office will provide instructions for submitting the record of service.
- Your 40 hours of Christian Community Service should be complete by the spring of grade 12. The sooner you begin, the more rewarding the experience will be.

Parent/Guardian Role

- Assist your child in selecting appropriate, safe and eligible community service activities.
- Monitor the completion and hours and safety of your child. Indicate your approval on the student passport.
- Be prepared to communicate with the community sponsor about questions or concerns.

Community Sponsor Role

- Provide an experience in serving the community and gaining new skills.
- Arrange necessary training, equipment and health/safety preparation.
- Ensure that appropriate adult supervision is provided.
- Sign the "Completion of Community Service Form" to verify dates and times served.
- Consider writing a letter of reference.

According to the Ministry of Education,

an activity is ineligible if it is

- Required as part of a school course
- Taking place as part of your instructional day
- An activity that replaces a paid worker
- An activity where you would usually be paid (e.g., babysitting)
- A duty performed in the home (e.g., daily chores) or personal recreational activities
- Requiring the knowledge of a provincially regulated tradesperson
- Playing on a sports team
- A Court ordered program involving a community service expectation
- Involving operating a vehicle, power tools or scaffolding
- Administering medication or a medical procedure, or involves handling "designated substances" as classified by the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Involving banking, securities or other valuables. • If under 16, a logging environment
- If under 15, a factory environment
- If under 14, any workplace besides health and residential care, unless accompanied by an adult

Insurance

Students are protected by the Board's liability insurance while they perform their 40 hours of volunteer community service. Community sponsors are also protected by the Board's liability insurance for claims that arise out of students' volunteer activities. Boards expect that all community sponsors will provide students with appropriate instructions and safety precautions, and will train and supervise student volunteers. The board's insurance does not cover sponsors for lawsuits that arise from their negligence or for student injuries in the workplace. Students and parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance, available through the schools.