



Dear Parents,

May 2017

As a Boylan community, we are constantly amazed by the generosity and selfless dedication shown by our students each year as they spent thousands of hours making a difference in our community.

The purpose of this letter is to present you with the graduation requirements for the Boylan Christian Service Program and the Boylan Retreat Program for the 2017-2018 school year, as well as to remind you of Boylan's spiritual opportunities.

2017-2018 Boylan Catholic High School Christian Service Program Requirements

1. All students are required to complete 25 hours of approved service per year.
2. Service hours to Boylan may not exceed 25 hours in 4 years.
3. All students are required to choose from an approved agency list. Alternate service agencies may be considered, but **must be submitted for pre-approval each year by March 30th**.
4. Agencies must complete and sign an evaluation form for each service project completed.
5. The service year runs from May 2, 2017 through May 2, 2018.
6. All students are required to complete a reflection paper due May 2, 2018. (Senior reflection papers are due April 16, 2018.) The reflection paper will count as a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter chapter test grade.
7. All agency **evaluations** and **all 25 hours** must be turned in with the **reflection paper** on the due date or the student will receive a "0" for that test grade.

Information, including the approved agency list and required forms and pre-approval procedure may be found on the Theology department page of the [www.boyland.org](http://www.boyland.org) website.

2017-2018 Boylan Retreat Requirements

The Boylan retreat program remains an essential element in the formation of our young people. The Freshman Class retreat is focused on class unity, the Sophomore Class retreat (boys and girls separate) is focused on the Universal Call to Holiness, the Junior Class retreat (boys and girls separate) is focused on Christian womanhood/manhood, and the Senior Class can choose between either a one-day retreat or Kairos, which is a three day intensive retreat.

We would like to highly encourage the parents of senior students to send student(s) on Kairos. This retreat is a life changing experience that will benefit your son/daughter in countless ways. It is our hope and prayer that all of our seniors choose the Kairos retreat. If you have any questions about the retreat program, please call Fr. Finn at Boylan (815-877-0531) or e-mail: [frfinn@boyland.org](mailto:frfinn@boyland.org).

We will continue to offer daily Mass at school as well as daily confession, First Friday Adoration, and many other spiritual opportunities throughout the school year.

Our mission at Boylan is to educate the whole person. As a Catholic high school, it is essential to have our entire student body in attendance at our monthly all school Mass. **Please make every effort to ensure your student is present at our required community Masses. It is not the time to make out of school appointments.**

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to strive for excellence in helping our students become "Saints".

Yours in Christ,

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