



CATHOLIC MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Campus Ministry

Dear Parents and Students,

June 2020

The hallmark of a Catholic Memorial education is both that our boys are prepared for life beyond CM with a strong academic foundation, and that they are guided by an eagerness to love God and serve others in all that they do. Responding to Jesus' call to love God and love neighbor and inspired by the educational mission of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers, the mission of the CM Service Program is to foster in our students an enthusiasm to share their God-given gifts and talents with their communities, and a passion to live their lives in service of others. Since the introduction of our service program four years ago, our students lived this mission and have generously shared over 60,000 hours of their time, talent, and energy within their local communities.

We remind all students who still have hours from the 2019-2020 amended service requirement to complete these. We look forward to the way in which CM Knights will impact their communities and enrich the lives of those in-need during the summer months. The deadline to meet this requirement is August 31, 2020. As a reminder, though many students completed this during the academic year, we have waived the 5 hour stewardship requirement for service to the CM community. Please note that should a student fail to complete their hours by this date they will be added to the 2020-2021 school year at a penalty of 2x the amount of incomplete hours.

2019-2020 OUTSIDE SERVICE REQUIREMENT

	Amended Requirement	Old Requirement
9 th Grade	6	10
10 th Grade	10	15
11 th Grade	14	20

The overall requirements of the CM service program remain unchanged for the 2020-2021 academic year. Refer to the Campus Ministry Service Program section of the Catholic Memorial website for more info, and for access to the x2vol tracking system that students must use to log their service hours.

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Please review the following requirements of the 2020-2021 CM Service Program:

Freshman Class of 2024: 15 required hours

- 10 hours in service of the outside community
- 5 stewardship hours in service of the Catholic Memorial School community

Sophomore Class of 2023: 20 required hours

- 15 hours in service of the outside community
- 5 stewardship hours in service of the Catholic Memorial School community

Junior Class of 2022: 25 required hours

- 20 hours in service of a community marginalized by poverty or injustice
- 5 stewardship hours in service of the Catholic Memorial School community

Senior Class of 2021:

- Capstone Service Project (60-hour immersive service experience)
- 5 stewardship hours in service of the Catholic Memorial School community

Sophomore Class of 2023

Students entering Grade 10 may complete a maximum of half of their required 15 outside service hours during the summer vacation. A student must have completed their 2019-2020 amended requirement first. If a student chooses to do this, he can complete a **maximum** 7.5 hours of service during the summer vacation, and **at least** 7.5 hours must be completed during the 2020-2021 academic school year. Hours completed in the summer above half of the requirement will not count towards a student's 2020-2021 service requirement. Please note that all 5 Stewardship hours to the CM community must be completed during the academic year.

Junior Class of 2022

Students entering Grade 11 may complete a maximum of half of their required 20 outside service hours during the summer vacation. Junior hours are required to be in service of communities that are marginalized by poverty or injustice. Social organizations that serve communities marginalized by poverty and injustice include, but are not limited to homeless shelters, food pantries/soup kitchens, and hospitals. Hours that are not served in a community marginalized by poverty and injustice **WILL NOT BE APPROVED.**

Juniors may complete a **maximum** 10 hours of service to communities marginalized by poverty and injustice during the summer vacation, and **at least** 10 hours must be completed during the 2020-2021 academic school year. A student must have completed



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their 2019-2020 amended requirement first. Please note that all 5 Stewardship hours to the CM community must be completed during the academic year.

Important: *any student in grades 9-11 who fails to complete the yearly requirements of the CM service program by the conclusion of the academic year will receive an incomplete grade in his theology course. Furthermore, students will be required to finish any incomplete service or stewardship hours over the summer with a 2x penalty. For example, a student who has 4 incomplete hours after the 2020-21 school year will be required to complete those 4 plus an additional 4 during the summer of 2021. Once the hours are completed, students will be promoted to the next grade.*

Senior Class of 2021

Rising seniors in the class of 2021 will complete all aspects of the senior service project during the 2020-2021 academic year. In other words, senior service projects may be researched, but not started or completed during the summer vacation. Guided by their theology teacher, all seniors will research, identify, and propose a senior service project during the first quarter. During the first quarter, seniors will complete all necessary arrangements with their service project site supervisor, and coordinate a work schedule to complete their project during the year. Please note that all 5 Stewardship hours to the CM community must be completed during the academic year.

All students will receive a presentation with all relevant and necessary information about the CM Service Program during Theology classes. During the year, students will work closely with their theology teachers and the Campus Ministry team to brainstorm and discern ways to engage in service in their community. We encourage students to participate in Campus Ministry sponsored service events and opportunities throughout the school year.

We are excited for our students to have the opportunity to fully embrace the purpose of their Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education, and their call by God to serve others and make our world a more just and loving place. *Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever!*

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