

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

This is going to be an amazing year at St. John Paul II Catholic School! Our theme, "Speak Life," is inspired by Pope Leo XIV's words: "Peace is within the heart and from the heart...by carefully choosing our words." We'll encourage our 8th graders to live this out by building one another up, leading with kindness, and setting a positive example for our school.

As the oldest students, our 8th graders will also grow in service by living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. In the past, they've served through Easter baskets, food and clothing drives, and helping the homeless. This year, each student will have the opportunity to complete **one individual service project**.

Here's what you need to know:

- Each 8th grader will sign up for **one project this semester**.
- A **Sign-Up Genius link** will be sent so your child can choose.
- Some projects will need a **parent driver and supervision**, others may just need **drop-off/pick-up**.
- Projects will **count toward service hours** for graduation (extra hours are welcome too).
- Watch the **Saints Weekly** for upcoming opportunities.
- Mrs. Yohr will be present at each project to supervise.

Thank you for supporting your child as they live out their faith in service!

In His Service,

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