

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

This is going to be an amazing year at St. John Paul II Catholic School! Our theme, "Be Greater," is inspired by St. John Paul II's words: "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives."

I'm especially excited for our 8th graders, who will lead the school in becoming more service-oriented. It's vital they engage in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, reflecting our Catholic faith. In the past, they've participated in service projects like making Easter baskets, donating food and clothes to the homeless, and contributing to those in need.

As our 8th graders prepare for high school, we want to encourage them to undertake an "individual" service project. I've arranged several opportunities for them throughout the year. I'm asking for your help—some projects will require you to drive and stay with your child, while others may just need you to drop them off or pick them up.

I'll send out a Sign-Up Genius link where your child can choose and commit to one project this year. I know they're busy with activities outside of school, so please review your schedules to find a project that fits well for your family. If your child still needs service hours to graduate, these will count. Even if they've already completed their hours, they're welcome to participate.

Please check the Saints Weekly for upcoming service projects, and remember to sign up for just one to start this way it will give everyone a chance to get involved. I will be present at each project to supervise.

Thank you for helping your child, help others by doing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy! God bless!

In His Service,

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