



Service Hour Requirement Waived

Dear Students and Families,

One of the longest and important traditions we have at Trinity Catholic High School is our school's commitment to service at the many wonderful organizations in the Stamford community. However, this tradition has become jeopardized by the unprecedented closures due to the global pandemic of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Last week, we took the step of suspending all service hour requirements in order to ensure the safety of our students, their families, and the organizations that we have partnered with.

Since then, we have seen that school closures have extended into the foreseeable future. As such, we can not guarantee when we will be back at school, nor can we guarantee that the many service opportunities we offer will be safe to do before the end of the school year. Because of this, we have made the decision to waive all service hour requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a decision we did not come to lightly. We know that at need communities rely on the generous and necessary volunteer work of our students to aid some of the most vulnerable members of our community. However, our first priority must be to do everything we can to keep our students healthy and safe.

What this means for students:

- Completing 25 hours of service is no longer a graduation requirement for seniors
- Underclassmen who do not meet their service requirements will **NOT** receive a failing grade
- All service hours already completed will still be stored in X2VOL and students may still access their service transcript for college applications, scholarship applications, or whatever else they are needed
- We **STRONGLY** advise students to not continue their service opportunities and to abide by the directives from the State of Connecticut and the City of Stamford to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

Sincerely,

Christopher Woodside
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