Community Service Presentation December 2025

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Research has found that children's participation in community service programs, *especially* when combined with *reflection* about the importance of serving others, can make important contributions to their character development.

Volunteering helps students grow as a person...

-connect with the school/community

-make a difference

-opportunity to practice and develop social skills

-provides a sense of accomplishment

-learn about empathy

-discover new interests/talents

-builds responsibility

Community Service "Requirements"

National Honor Society-20 hrs. per school year (service must be in a minimum of 2 school or non-profit community organizations).

National Junior Honor Society- 20 hrs. completed during 7th grade, summer leading into 8th grade and up to application due date. If a current 8th grade student is eligible, they have until March 4, 2026 to complete the hours.

Other Honor Societies- typically there is a service component tied to being a member that is directly related to the type of society.

Religious Instruction- Confirmation requirement at some churches.

Individual Teachers- may require it for their class (Mr. Pesca)

College Applications



- No official requirement for college admission.
- However… **“meaningful”** community service involvement can enhance a college application.
- You can write about your community service participation for college essays.
- Meaningful service should be something started in 8th or 9th grade, is ongoing and continues throughout 12th grade.

“Meaningful volunteering” happens when you volunteer because you want to and not because you have to...



-diving deeper into a volunteer opportunity

-not just a one time experience, you make a continued commitment

-giving back by volunteering in something related to what you enjoy doing

-feeling passionate about an issue and creating/participating in something that addresses it

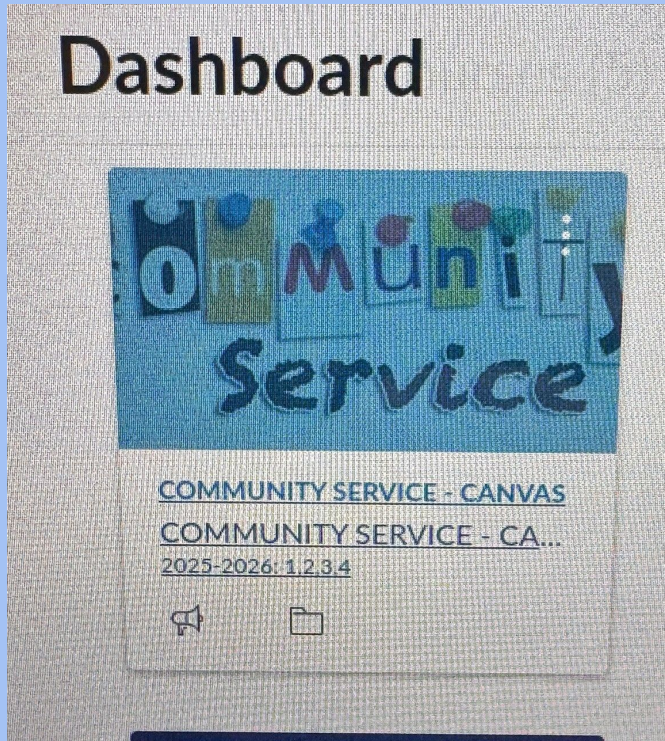
Where can students find out about community service opportunities?

-Community Service Bulletin Board (located outside the high school main office)

-Community Service Canvas Page

(all students 7-12th are enrolled and a link is also located on the high school guidance page)

https://cshk12.instructure.com/courses/10568



Examples of school clubs that offer community service

Knitting for the Needy (Mr. Natale)

Those who join and actively attend receive up to 45 minutes per meeting, and then when they go to the city to donate the knitted products, they can receive additional hours.

Recycling (Ms. Oshan)

Students can earn weekly community service hours by helping with classroom recycling.

Animal Rescue Club (Ms. Monck-Rowley/Ms. Wilkens)

Works with Jake's Rescue Ranch (Mrs. Monaco)

Continued:

Mr. Conklin (school librarian) frequently has work in the library. Students who help out can get community service hours. Students can stop off at the high school library to speak with Mr. Conkin.

Key Club- the club is all about community service projects. See Mr. Sneider to join.

Amnesty International (Mrs. Uhl-Smith) sponsors community service events and collections throughout the school year.

Locks for Love (Mrs. McArdle/Ms. G) this club sponsors fundraisers and supports individuals with alopecia.

*****See the club brochure booklet for more club information**

Examples of local community service opportunities...

-North Shore Holiday House https://www.nshh.org/

-Tri CYA https://tricya.org/about-us

-Long Island Cares, Harry Chapin Food Bank
https://www.licares.org/how-to-help/volunteer/

-SAVE the Children Local Chapter (Mr. and Mrs. Homer)

- The Caumsett Foundation
https://www.caumsettfoundation.org/environmental-volunteering-opportunities

-Helping Hand Rescue Mission https://www.helpinghandsrescuemission.org/volunteer

-Oyster Gardening/Shellfish Restoration
https://www.oysterbaycoldspringharbor.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={8E5BFD5A-F37B-48EF-8BF0-FE6053367B99}

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-Challenger Athletics https://www.challengerathletics.org/programs

-Foster Their Future https://fostertheirfuture.org/

-Northwell Huntington Hospital https://huntington.northwell.edu/get-involved

-Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium http://cshfishhatchery.org/contact-us/

The Cold Spring Harbor Library

-Offers TONS of volunteer opportunities

-Students must complete an orientation class before they can start volunteering at the library

AFTER-SCHOOL & EVENING VOLUNTEERING Help librarians with a variety of general tasks, including organizing collections and preparing crafts. Register on select dates online.

-CSH Library website
https://www.cshlibrary.org/teenandtween/volunteer-opportunities/

“Logging” Community Service Hours

- **Students** are responsible for keeping track of their own community service hours.
- Students can obtain community service forms on Canvas or copies are on the Community Service bulletin board located outside the high school main office.
- Students should ask for letters/forms from the organizations they volunteer for.

****Start a folder at home to keep this information****

When you decide to volunteer…

1. Understand that you are making a **commitment**!
2. Do not sign up to volunteer unless you can **100%** do so.
3. Make sure you dress appropriately for the event.
4. Arrive at the event **ON-TIME** and sign in!
5. Make sure you are **actively engaged** at the event. This means **taking initiative** and not fooling around. You are there to work at the event, not hang out.
6. Do not leave the event until it is over and the person in charge of the event says you are done with your service.
7. Thank the person in charge of the event and get any service paperwork signed. Don't forget to sign out.

Any Questions?

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