



## *Espirito Santo Parochial School*

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### **Christian Community Service (CCS)**

#### **What is Christian Community Service (CCS)?**

Christian Community Service (CCS) is any helpful activity that meets the needs of others. CCS is to be done during students' free time and with a spirit of willingness in following Christ's example. The service card is to be used to record service opportunities that you have sought throughout the semester.

#### **What is the requirement for CCS?**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>In-School (hours)</b>	<b>Out of School (hours)</b>	<b>Total (hours per trimester)</b>	<b>Total (hours for the year)</b>
<b>6</b>	5	0	5	15
<b>7</b>	8	2	10	30
<b>8</b>	10	5	15	45

Most students will be able to fulfill their service hours at school, and at different school activities throughout the year. It is the student's responsibility to be sure the required hours are completed. All out of school service **must be pre-approved by Mr. Raposo. Any outside service without pre-approval will not be counted, if to be used to fulfill CCS.**

#### **What isn't CCS?**

Babysitting, yard work, household chores, etc. for one's family/friends will not be credited as service. Being a relative or friend means generously assisting as part of the family relationship or friendship.

#### **What is the goal of CCS?**

CCS is designed to foster the practice of Christian Service, and is the students' responsibility. Students are reminded to be responsible for their individual service cards. It is in the best interest of the student to submit their service card as soon as the hour requirement is met. You may turn in the card to Ms. Katelyn, who will coordinate the program. Students and parents should note that each trimester the service requirement is included on the report card. Students who have not completed and properly documented a minimum of hours of CCS on the

report card or fail to submit a properly documented service card by the due dates will earn a “fail” on the report card until these hours are completed. Parents and students are reminded that the CCS hours must be fulfilled each trimester.

To accommodate the busy lifestyles of our students and their families, students are allowed to complete some of their service hours outside of school (with pre-approval). Students who have fulfilled trimester and/or year requirements are encouraged to continue to give generously of their time and talents to service the needs of others (students who have school service assignments are expected to honor this commitment the entire year, students may not quit after required hours are earned).

The service card is to be signed within one week of the time the service is performed. Service cards must be turned in on the due date, and **will not be accepted without signature of a parent**. There will be no extension with the exception of legitimate absence in which case the card must be accompanied by a note from a parent. (If you give extra hours of time, please request a second card.) Please remember that CCS includes documentation of service on the service card and the policies listed above.

**What are some examples of service?**

<b>In-School</b>	<b>Out of School</b>
School Sponsored Event Support	Parish Sponsored Event Support
Assist Teachers w/ Classroom Duties & Bulletin Boards	Working at the Parish Feast
Classroom Clean-Up & Setup	Organized Neighborhood Cleanups
Tutoring Younger Students	Altar Serving for Mass (either school masses, or your own parish)
School Choir	Volunteering at a community center/organization
Help in the office (mail, supplies, etc)	Faith Formation support
Design your own!	Soup Kitchen w/ your family

**How do you sign-up?**

In order to complete CCS hours, you must make an appointment with the teacher. If you are to complete CCS hours in after-care, you **must sign up ahead of time, to avoid too many students at once**. You may sign-up with Ms. Katelyn in Room 8.

**I have read and understand the requirements of the Espirito Santo CCS as explained above.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_