

Community Service Project

So far this year we have focused on the questions “What does it mean to be American?” and “What is my personal philosophy?” For this assignment, you will consider the social needs of northern Sonoma County by asking the question “What can I do to make the world a better place?” Using the larger community as your classroom, you will identify a specific social need, and perform community service actively addressing that need.

Your first step is to select a community service organization to which you wish to volunteer your time and energy. While you are free to choose any viable social service organization in the Healdsburg-Windsor-Santa Rosa area, you must observe the following additional requirements:

1. Community service will be performed during 1st and 2nd Blocks on scheduled community service days.
2. Students will return to the WHS campus by the beginning of 3rd Block.
3. Students may only serve at a placement where at least one other student is also placed.
4. Students must write a brief *letter of introduction* to the placement organization and an *explanatory letter* to parents.
5. All paperwork must be completed and signed before students may begin community service.
6. In order to receive credit for attendance *time cards* must be accurately completed and signed by the designated placement supervisor.
7. In the event of an excused absence, students must complete make-up assignments for each block of community service time missed.
8. Students must keep a *journal* of their experiences, writing one (1) full handwritten page for each community service day.
9. At the conclusion of the project, students will assemble a *portfolio* containing journal entries and a two (2) page paper reflecting on their experiences.

The first day of community service is scheduled for Thursday, January 30th.

We agree to abide by the guidelines listed above and will complete all required paperwork as described in items #4 through #9 above.

Student _____ Parent _____

Signature _____ Signature _____