



## St. Aloysius Spirit of Service (SOS)

2017-2018

### SOS

*Our purpose is to provide assistance to the school, church, and community by encouraging service opportunities for our student members promoting their duty to be responsible, caring and participating members of society.*

Dear Parents,

The St. Aloysius Spirit of Service (SOS) organization is a service club for 5th-8th grade students at St. Aloysius School. Our commitment to providing assistance to the school, church and community encourages our members to engage in meaningful activities that help others and builds long lasting relationships.

The SOS club will have meetings every 9 weeks and an end-of-the year pizza party for all members who served their minimum required hours.

Included in this information packet are the requirements for participating in SOS and a Pledge/Parent Permission form for the 2017-2018 year.

Please find some requirement questions that you might have:

- ✓ How many service points are required to participate in SOS for the year (June 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018)? Minimum of 8 points or 8 hours of service (1 hour equals 1 point)
- ✓ What areas of volunteer services will my child be required to perform, and will they be informed of available services? The areas of service are for the school, church and community; Sign up opportunities will be on Sign-up Genius through SAS Activities, SOS page. Notifications of service opportunities will also be on SOS bulletin boards.
- ✓ Are there minimum of service hours/points for required areas of service? School - 2 hours/points; Church - 3 hours/points; Community (Non-profit Organizations) - 3 hours/points.

- ✓ What happens if a student has more service hours than required in one or more category? If student has met the required service hours by category, then they are eligible to compete for certificate awards for the most service hours performed. An overall service award will also be given.
- ✓ How do I know if a service fits into a category? Sign-up opportunities will have the category listed on the sign-up sheet or Sign-up Genie. Sometimes service opportunities may fit in more than one category.
- ✓ Is there a maximum number of points received for a single activity? 2 hours are the maximum hours per service opportunity but additional time served is appreciated and welcomed and will count toward the end of year certificates. Example: Earl worked 4 hours at foodbank on one day = Earl earns two hours toward requirement for community service, the additional two hours will count toward total hours served for end of the year certificates.

SOS bulletin boards are located in the hall way downstairs in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade building, hall way downstairs in 5<sup>th</sup> grade building, and hall way downstairs in 6<sup>th</sup> grade building near media center. These boards will have a folder with SOS point forms and information about upcoming service opportunities.

The SOS page is on the St. Aloysius School website ( [www.aloysius.org](http://www.aloysius.org) ) under the Activities link. Please refer to the webpage for sign-up opportunities. The Sign-up Genie will also be unitized when possible.

The Pledge/Parent permission and sign-up sheet is due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. A letter with the list of SOS Club members will be sent home with your children the week following the sign-up deadline. Students can turn their permission sheets into their homeroom teachers.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year filled with faithful service and fellowship. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [mlefeve@alloysius.org](mailto:mlefeve@alloysius.org).

Blessings,  
Marla Lefevé  
SOS Middle School Facilitator

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Saint Mother Theresa*

