

Dear Parents,

The St. Aloysius Spirit of Service (SOS) organization is a service club for 5th-8th grade students at St. Aloysius School. Our purpose is to perform various services for the school, church, and community. Our aim is to provide your child with the opportunity to work with others, develop an awareness of community needs, and assist with the many activities at school, church, and in our community.

Included in this information are the requirements for participating in SOS, a consent form for participation in the SOS Club this year, and a point form to submit for claiming points.

Several parent volunteers will coordinate SOS Club this year along with the supervision of Stephanie Coxe (7th/8th) and Amanda Register (5th/6th). As with any organization, minimum membership requirements must be achieved. Failure to do so will result in a loss of membership in SOS.

Fifth and Sixth grade students are required to accumulate a total of 8 points for a school year. Points may be earned for volunteer activities completed between August 4, 2016 and May 1, 2017 and **should be submitted in a timely manner** (preferably as soon as the service is performed).

All activities will earn 1 service point for each hour served and the maximum points awarded for any single type of activity will be 2 points in a year. If a student would like to serve beyond the initial 2 hours/ 2 points in an activity, the additional time served is appreciated and welcomed but no additional SOS points would be awarded. Students are required to complete 2 school hours, 3 church hours and 3 community hours. Please note that community hours should be completed at Non-Profit organizations in the community (i.e. Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, Friends of the Animals, etc.).

Typically, SOS volunteers earn one point for each hour worked in an **approved** service activity with strict pre-set maximums for each activity (which encourages students to be active in several activities over time.) To get approval for activities not signed up for through SignUp Genius or posted at school, please contact Ms. Register via email.

More specific information, sign up link, point forms and a copy of this letter can be found on the SAS Website under the SOS link.

Students are required to deposit their point sheets in an SOS folder in Mrs. Granier's classroom for 5th grade and Ms. Michael's classroom for 6th grade. Point sheets require the signature of an adult who can confirm the activity was performed – usually the leader of the activity. Make sure you have a point form with you when you participate in the service activity so that the leader can sign upon completion.

End-of-the-year activities will be celebrated for those meeting their point requirements.

A variety of service activities are available to the students, including some group activities which will be announced to the students periodically throughout the year. Students are also encouraged to pursue their own ideas for service activities. To determine the point value for any activity, simply email Amanda Register at aregister@alloysius.org.

If your student would like to participate in SOS this year, please complete and submit the Consent Form to Ms. Register. I look forward to working with your children this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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