



## **Christian Studies 15 – Service Hours Requirement Update**

Given the unique setting of being the first class in the first year of a school, some further thought needed to go into the service hours requirement. CoVid 19 protocol also changes the nature of what we are able to do.

Firstly, in an effort to remain consistent with the mission of the school – we will move forward with the service hours requirement. Getting students to not only shine their light, but to build a community of grace requires and effort to get involved in helping others. “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2: 10).

The other thought is that in unique times with the CoVid quarantine – there may be people in more need of help and not less. Finally as a way of building our school culture – we want students to see helping others not as a burden, but as a way of being.

Given this, we will maintain our service hours requirement set up in the following manner:

All TCHS students are required to complete 15 service hours as partial requirement for the Christian studies 15 course.

The breakdown of those hours is as follows:

- A. Helping family and friends (5 hours). In many ways, students may already be engaging in this type of help. This requirement is to not only acknowledge but encourage this.
  
- B. Helping the school (5 hours). Students will not be asked to take over the work of a staff member, as staff have their commitments and responsibilities to our school as well. Instead students are to come to the instructor with a proposal about how they could help improve/build the life of the school on top of what is already done. (Ex. Help with a school fundraiser, help with a school program like chapels or intramurals etc.)

C. Helping in the broader community (5 hours) - Passion projects. Students are to think of something they love to do and find a way to bless, help or teach others. Examples could be teaching a class to younger students, helping with community based organizations or advocating for others through Voice of the Martyrs, the Micah project etc.

For service in categories B and C – students are asked to get the instructors approval beforehand. For service in category A, the student is asked to get a form signed by an adult family member, verifying the work that was done.

For the hours to count towards this course, students cannot receive money for the work. Also the volunteer work completed, should be done outside of school hours.

For more information or if you have questions – please ask Mr. Visser



