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Dear Middle School Parents of 2009-10,

As you are planning your calendars for summer, we wanted to inform you about the Middle School Serviam Program that we will continue next year. Your child has the opportunity to begin their service this summer for the upcoming school year.

As a Catholic School, it is important to remember that Jesus taught us to love and serve one another. We attempt to live Christ's teachings by implementing service hours that will connect each student to the obligation of good works into our religion class.

Hours can be filled by participation in the activities listed in the "Pre-Approved Organizations" packet found on the Middle School websites. Qualifying activities are all outside of your home, outside of things we do during our school day, and are also outside of our St. Francis of Assisi Church community. (Eighth graders will have an opportunity to serve our church through their Confirmation classes.) Students are now allowed to complete 2 of their hours on St. Francis School grounds. These must take place outside of the normal school hours and must be pre-approved by Miss Farner or Ms. Nennig. (Please note: working at a concession stand will not fulfill service hours and will not be pre-approved.) Also, students are *not* allowed to fulfill service hours at Dowling Catholic High School.

Any listed activity in the "Pre-Approved Organizations" packet online will not need pre-approval. If your child wishes to obtain service hours through participation in an activity this is not listed, a pre-approval request must be emailed to either Miss Farner (6th) or Ms. Nennig (7th, 8th) before the activity is completed. (Please note: service within your own home or family or within our church will not receive approval.) The object is to get the students involved in serving our greater community and world. Remember, service can include service to your environment, service to God's creatures and service through civic opportunities as well.

By the time the students leave for Christmas break they will need to have half of their required hours completed. If a student does not complete required hours by the first week in May of 2010, their Religion grade will be reduced one letter grade. In addition, students will risk their involvement in the end-of-the year festivities.

6th Grade: 6 hours per year

7th Grade: 8 hours per year

8th Grade: 10 hours per year (these are in addition to service hours required for Confirmation.)

The documents and forms to help your child successfully complete their service experiences can be found on the Middle School websites. Students must get the service log signed at the time of service and must bring the signed forms into school in August.

Please email Miss Farner or Ms. Nennig if you have any questions regarding this program.

Thank you!

Susie Farner
6th Grade Religion Teacher

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7th & 8th Grade Religion Teacher

