



Dear Sophomore Class Families,

One component of our Core values is **Community Oriented**. This component reminds us that God, surrounded by others to care for and to share Christ's love through actions, places us all in a community. Students may arrange their own service work or sophomores will be partnered with the Senior Center in West Seattle and/or one of our association churches to share their talents and gifts working with people in our community. Notification of opportunities will be by email from the SLHS Parent Association. These are opportunities for our young adults to begin preparing their hearts for giving time and effort to others. Our community is a place to start this process and understand that others who live close need our help and care.

This year every sophomore will choose from the arranged opportunities to serve others. Opportunities are sent out via email from Sophomore PA Class Contacts. Each sophomore will complete his/her 25 hours of service in this process and submit an essay to his/her English teacher. Specifics of the essay are below.

Sophomores are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours of service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

A final community service essay is due in your English course by the last school day in May. The final essay is worth 100 points.

- The essay is to follow proper MLA formatting, typed, 12-point font, double spaced, with 1 inch margins, and should be 2 -3 pages long.
- Include your name, date, and "Community Service Essay" as the title.
- Your essay should include but is not limited to the following:
 1. What was the purpose of your service work?
 2. Explain your goals for your volunteer work.
 3. What did you learn?
 4. How have you benefited from volunteering?
 5. How have others benefited from your volunteer work?