

MEMO

To: Seton Keough Students, Parents, and Faculty

From: The Guidance and Campus Ministry Departments

Date: September 11, 2008

Re: NEW Service Learning Policy and Procedures for 08-09

Students, Parents, and Faculty,

The administration at Seton Keough has recently updated its Service Learning Policy. While this update is not currently reflected in the 2008-2009 handbook, the changes will be effective beginning September 15th, 2008.

Previously, service learning was housed in the Guidance department. We have recently decided to transition this responsibility to the Campus Ministry department. Our motivation stemmed from a desire to emphasize the Christian values associated with volunteering. Because Seton Keough does not require a large number of hours (45 must be turned in by the end of junior year), we want to ensure that students have a quality learning experience.

We are delighted to announce that Fr. Gerry Kasule, our Campus Chaplain, will be working with the students to approve appropriate project ideas and to help students evaluate their experience. He will be available to meet with students in the Campus ministry office on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday.

Students may choose to work at a pre-approved agency (see the list on the Campus Ministry Service Learning page. Students need to fill out a "Service Learning Approval" form when they are done. (Only one form per agency per year is necessary.) Students wanting to get approval for an alternate agency should have top half of the Service Learning Approval form filled out before they make their request to Fr. Gerry. These forms are available in the Campus Ministry office as well as the Seton Keough website.

Another change to our service learning requirement is the addition of a feedback component. This will allow students to evaluate and appreciate the relationship between faith and one's commitment to social responsibility. (Service hours already completed before September 15th do not fall into this category, and may be completed according to our standard for 2007-08: prior approval and service learning form only.)

Enclosed you will find a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have additional questions, please contact Fr. Gerry at gkasule@setonkeough.com or 410-646-4444 x1263.

Sincerely,

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