

Dear Rising Junior Parents,

The Mission and Ministry Department is excited to announce that we have restructured the Christian service hour requirements and programming.

Starting the 2024–25 school year, juniors will be required to serve 25 hours.

Twenty (20) of your student’s hours must be direct service to the poor, marginalized, sick, elderly, or persons with disabilities, as related to their junior year religion curriculum, “Morality.” Direct service means that your student is working directly with the people the organization seeks to serve.

We are introducing **SJC Flex Hours**. This will be the remaining 5 of the 25 required hours. The flex hours are simply that—flexible. Student feedback indicates that students would like to build community with their peers in service to others. This means that students will be able to complete their flex hours either at their curricular service site **OR** with or at St. John’s. While we know there will be several questions about what counts as flex hours, we promise to explain in full detail at the beginning of the school year. Our plan is to make obtaining these hours at St. John’s as feasible as possible.

Shortly, your student will receive this message and their Summer Christian Service Agreement to start their service hours and/or complete them over the summer. We always encourage students to utilize the summer to complete their service requirement.

Finally, for the 2024–25 school year, we look forward to partnering with MobileServe, an online platform that “makes tracking and verifying service hours easy, so no more paper check-ins, trying to remember dates and hours, or compiling group information—which means you have more time, better records, and less frustration.” This platform will not be ready for summer service hours.

The Mission and Ministry team looks forward to working with you and your child as, together, we bring the face of Christ to the local DMV area as inspired by our Lasallian Catholic values!

Year	Curricular Requirement	SJC Flex Hours	Total Hours
Juniors	20 hours direct service with and/or for the poor, marginalized, sick, elderly, or persons with disabilities	Complete 5 additional hours at curricular service site OR complete at/or with St. John’s	25

SJC Flex Hours: More information about Flex Hours will come out at the beginning of the 2024–25 academic year. These flex hours will provide more opportunities to serve with and for our Cadet community!

St. John’s sponsored Christian service immersion trips: Applications for these trips are required and are available before Christmas break. These trips are counted as 40 hours.

Extracurricular Hours: These are hours that are “extra” in one of two ways:

- If the number of hours exceed the hours assigned for the year and/or
- Any service done outside of the curricular requirement or SJC Flex Hours, such as working with animals

Students must complete an Extracurricular Service Form and submit it to Mission and Ministry. These hours are unlimited. They will appear on their transcript.