NEW ORLEANS/BELIZE/HAITI SERVICE TRIP ONLY

BISHOP KELLY HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR SERVICE LEARNING HANDBOOK
NEW ORLEANS SERVICE TRIP ONLY
2017-2018
Dear Parents and Students,

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, Bishop Kelly students have an opportunity through the Service Learning Program to participate in direct, personal contact with the less fortunate of our community. The Service Learning Program sets us apart from other schools in the area by making it an integral component of student life.

Our school’s mission as a Catholic, Christian educational community is to develop the entire person – mind, body and spirit, with particular emphasis placed on ensuring that this faith dimension becomes living, conscious, and active. Our Service Learning component takes that faith development and offers each student an understanding of how to utilize their many gift and talents to benefit the community in which they live.

If you have this packet, you have been accepted to take part in the NOLA Senior Service Trip. This packet contains the final reflection and other requirements for project completion. The components of your project (journal and final essay) are placed in a permanent file and are required for graduation. These requirements are adapted for those who participated on the Service Trip. They are not the same as students who are on a school year/regular summer contract.

Service Learning is left to the individual student to complete. Projects must be approved by Mrs. Nygard before they begin. Students will receive 1 credit for their completed Senior Service Project. It will be pass or fail; however, students need to complete the project by the final deadline (April 11th 2018) in order to graduate from Bishop Kelly. Transcripts will also not be sent to schools of choice until the project is completed. Students will not walk during graduation (since they will not have a diploma) if they do not complete their senior service project by April 11th 2018.

Since you are on a summer service contract, your entire project will be due on AUGUST DATE!!!!, this is one week after the start of the school year. It would be wise of you to complete your essay in the days and weeks following your trip to New Orleans instead of waiting until that first week of school.

In 2016-2017 the students of Bishop Kelly High School served the Treasure Valley with over 20,000 hours of service. Many agencies have commented on the high standards, commitment to service, and true concern for the well-being of their community, exemplified by Bishop Kelly students. Please let me know how I can be of assistance to you as you take on this important task!

Sincerely,

Your Service Learning Coordinator
servicelearningcoordinator@bk.org (e-mail)
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Service Learning Guidelines

*Help me to see Jesus in others and to have others see Jesus in me.* —BK prayer

Service Learning is a volunteer ministry that each student arranges and completes. The service requirement for seniors is 30 hours with a single agency or pre-approved service trip. Each student must have a contract signed by the agency and have a signed hour log for each ten hour increment.

As a senior on a Senior Service Trip to NOLA, Haiti or Belize, you are responsible for...

__Sharing the handbook with your parents, making sure they understand the expectations, and have them sign your agency placement form. (Students who have not completed their hours of service by the end of the third quarter can expect parents to be contacted).__

___Filling out the parent/student agreement by **Wednesday MAY 10**th, 2017

___Handing in your completed journal from the Service Trip (This will be distributed at the start of your trip and will be collected at the conclusion. As long as you complete this journal while on the trip, you will have fulfilled this requirement.)

___Writing the final reflection essay included in this packet and handing it in by **August 27**th, 2016

*If you lose this handbook, please print another one at [www.bk.org](http://www.bk.org). From the faith/spirit drop down menu – choose ‘service learning’. New Orleans Senior Service Handbook 2017-2018 is about half way down the page.*

Service Learning Discussion Questions and Hour Log: FINAL DEADLINE

**August 27**th, 2017

**Post Service Questions:** Please answer the following questions in a 3 page essay. If your essay does not meet the length requirements, it will be returned. The essay must be in MLA format (Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, double spaced). This essay will be kept in a permanent file and are due on or before August 27, 2017. Please make sure your name is on the essay. The more you put into this essay, the more meaningful it will be. Take the time! Consider this part of your service! You should not retype these questions in your essay.

- **What did you learn about yourself during this experience? Looking back, would you do anything differently?**
- **What did you learn about others? Give an example.**
- **What did you learn about what it means to serve?**
- **Share a story about your experience. What was your most memorable/significant memory?**
- **How will service be a part of your future? Be Honest!**
- **What advice would you give to the incoming senior class regarding their senior service projects?**
- **What advice would you give to the incoming senior class about the New Orleans trip specifically?**
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Service Trip Parent/Student Agreement
Due Wednesday May, 10th 2017

NAME: ______________________________________________________________

Which trip will you attend this summer? (circle one) NOLA BELIZE HAITI

STUDENT

1. I understand my 30 hours and pre/post discussion questions must be completed by August 26th, 2016 to receive credit for the project and to fulfill my graduation ‘service’ requirement. I understand that if I do not complete this contract before May 10th, 2017 I will have an F on my first progress report in the fall. I understand that I am responsible for my service project and will be held accountable. I understand that the Senior Service Trip counts for the 30 hour requirement.

Student signature: ________________________________________________________

PARENT

2. I understand that my son/daughter will complete their 30 hour service requirement by participating in the Senior Service Trip to New Orleans. I understand that this is a 1 credit requirement for graduation. I understand that my student will not walk at graduation, receive transcripts or a diploma if this project is not complete before August 27th, 2017. I understand that if my student fails to meet any of the deadlines listed above, they will receive an “F” on their progress report which will prohibit them from participating in extracurricular activities. I have read the explanation of my students’ responsibilities above. I understand that my student must write a 3 page essay to receive credit.

___________________________________________________________ Date_______________
Parent/guardian signature Official Use only. Date Received: _______________________
