LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Loyola Mothers’ Guild & Fathers’ Club – Service Activities – 2018 - 2019

OVERVIEW

Cubs in the Community: Christ-Inspired, Compassionate, Competent and Committed! The Community Service program is an essential part of the Loyola High School educational experience. Rooted in the 450-year-old Ignatian Catholic tradition of being men for and with others, service with marginalized and disenfranchised persons of society is an essential part of a rich and integrated educational tradition that includes academics, activities, the arts and spirituality.

VISION

To build a dynamic, inclusive and socially conscious service and justice program that prepares students to lead in their communities in the spirit of Ignatius of Loyola.

MISSION

To form dynamic, transformative, young men through service experiences that help foster compassion and a spirit of generosity to view the world with open hearts and minds—challenging them to become “Men for and with Others.”

Information for Parents / Guardians to Support their Son’s Service Experience

- How parents can support their sons in service and justice education.
  - Loyola recognizes the major influences for justice attitudes and service habits are the student’s parents. We are deeply grateful for all that has been done at home to prepare for the life expanding and changing opportunities available through the Loyola High School Community Service Program. The school wants to encourage and strengthen these relationships through our various service activities. Accordingly, we encourage and support of the parent, grandparents, siblings and extended family to stay involved or get involved with family and friends and to do so through the service program. Visit regularly the LHS website and Community Service pages for project and program updates. Look under Student Activities and then under Community Service. Stay in touch with LHS monthly Principal’s Newsletter, the Loyola Daily Bulletin and the Loyola Community Service webpage.

- Service Opportunities for parents with their sons:
  - President’s Volunteer Service Award Program (PVSA). The PVSA recognizes citizens of all ages who have reached out to the community through service. Recipients of the award are recognized at the national level and by the office of the
President of the United States. Loyola encourages students to go out in to the community to serve, whether it be to fulfill their community service requirements and/or because they are inspired to volunteer and provide service to others. To earn a PVSA, students must create a PVSA account, link the account to Loyola High School (see Mrs. Moran to obtain the key code), record their completed service hours, and make certain to also record these service hours in their x2VOL account. For detailed information on how create a PVSA account, students can refer to their Community Service Canvas page.

- Service Immersion Exposition and Information Evening
  - Wednesday evening, 10/24 in Xavier Center. For parents and students to learn the details of the planned programs for 2019. Service, culture and language experiences. Time frames – 8 – 10 days, two weeks or five weeks: January Inter-Semester Vacation, Easter/April Vacation and June and July, 2019. Destinations Argentina/Uruguay, Quito – Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Mexico City/Puebla, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Taos – New Mexico, Billings – Montana, Detroit – Michigan and Costa Rica. Possibly in North & South Carolina as part of the post Florence hurricane relief and repair program. Contact Tom Zeko for program updates. tzeko@loyolahs.edu

- High School Placement Test Preparation Project for 8th Graders (HSPT-8)
  - Now in its 18th year, engages student and parent’s volunteers as tutors and managers of classrooms and the campus for 600 8th grade boys and girls. Loyola parents who are Virtus Certified needed on campus for six select Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for check in, and then until 1 p.m. for classroom management. HSPT-8 starts 10/6. Other dates are 10/20, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1. Contact Angela Moran to sign up. amoran@loyolahs.edu Virtus training and certification programs are available through parishes and schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Go to their website for details and to register.

- Los Angeles Urban Plunge
  - Two Fall plunges are scheduled for the weekends of 10/19 – 10/21 and 11/30 – 12/2. A weekend service immersion on the streets of Downtown, East LA and Hollywood serving and staying in shelters and centers that serve the homeless. Each plunge consists of 12 – 14 students and two adult chaperones from the LHS faculty and staff. Contact Mr. John Ahearn, program coordinator for details and to register. jahearn@loyolahs.edu Two plunges will be offered in the Spring, 2019. Dates to be set.

- Kino Border Initiative
  - Alternative Thanksgiving. During Thanksgiving vacation (11/21 – 11/25) in Nogales, AZ and Sonora, Mexico. Providing humanitarian support to the recently deported immigrants on both sides of the US/MX border. Residing in the guest house of the local Jesuit residence on the US side of the border. Listening to stories of migrants trying to get in to the US and who have been deported from the US. Attempting to understand the US Immigration system, deportation process and way to serve as advocates for humane immigration reform. Limited to eight students.
Contact Dr. Rodriguez for details and to register.  jrodriguez@loyolahs.edu  https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org

- Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice – WDC.
  - Five day teach in and advocacy training program. 11/2 – 11/6. Largest social justice education and advocacy training and application program in the US for students, staff and adults of Jesuit universities and high schools.  Contact Andrew Mazur or Jesse Rodriguez to register.  jrodriguez@loyolahs.edu  amazur@loyolahs.edu  www.ignatiansolidarity.net

- Family Holiday Service Saturday:
  - Continuing the established tradition during each December, 300 parents and students will gather to assist at service agencies and centers in the neighborhoods around the Loyola campus. Activities consist of preparing food, cleaning, painting & minor construction projects. Both skilled & unskilled can serve. Register on line via LHS website and Formstack. Dates include 12/8/2018. Contact Angela Moran or Jim Rutkowski.  amoran@loyolahs.edu  or  jrutkowski44@gmail.com

- Homeboy Christmas Party:
  - Friday, December 21, 2018. Father and son teams to staff festival games and award prizes for the children of Homeboy clients. LHS alumnus Jim Oswald is the leader for this project.  Contact Mr. James Oswald, program coordinator for details and to register to serve at jasoswald@aol.com

- Baja House Build:
  - This service and justice immersion program is sponsored by the Father’s Club. Working in collaboration with Baja Christian Ministries, this program is designed to build homes in the region of Tecate, Mexico for designated families.
  - Contact Mrs. Moran for more information at amoran@loyolahs.edu
  - Dates: December 27-28 and 28-29, 2018 (Alternative Christmas Immersion). Participants will travel by car / van to Tecate, Mexico. A second Baja Build is also scheduled for the spring (dates TBD).
  - Open to: Grades 10, 11, 12

- Loyola High School Citywide Springtime Service Day:
  - April - TBD Continuing a new tradition established during the Sesquicentennial Anniversary Year for Loyola, during April a citywide service day is conducted that will engage Loyola students, parents, alumni and friends in dozens of service projects all over metro LA. Each project will somehow be reflective of one or more works of mercy: feeding, clothing, sheltering, teaching, counseling and consoling. Registration through the LHS website via Formstack.

Please Contact Community Service at 213-381-5121 for any questions
Community Service Center, 504. Next to Cub Corner.
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