Christian Service Hours Update:

We wanted to make you aware of some changes to Christian Service this year. Hours completed after June of 2019 will be eligible to roll over. Any hours prior to this will NOT roll over. Since the senior class will not benefit from this, we are allowing them to do all 30 of their hours this year at any approved agency. This year's current seniors ONLY will not have to worry about categories such as Place of Worship, etc. as in the past.

Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors need to complete a minimum number of hours in each of the areas, and remaining hours can be served in any category. We are hoping that these practices will create a positive feeling toward service and create a desire to continue serving after they graduate from NDP.

The minimum number of hours required for each grade level are as follows::

Juniors	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>Freshman</u>
Place of Worship: 2	Place of Worship: 3	Place of Worship: 4
Notre Dame Preparatory: 2	Notre Dame Preparatory: 3	Notre Dame Preparatory: 4
Community: 5	Community: 7	Community: 10
Poor and Marginalized: 15	Poor and Marginalized: 22	Poor and Marginalized: 30

Each semester, a minimum number of hours must be submitted in order for students to receive a passing grade. For first semester, on or before December 2nd, 2019, students are required to have the following minimum hours submitted (Note: if a student is signed up for and has paid the down payment for a Mission Trip during the Spring/2nd Semester, he or she will not be required to have the minimum for 1st Semester):

Seniors/Juniors: 15 Hours Sophomores: 10 Hours Freshman: 8 Hours

During second semester, on or before May 4^{th,} 2019, students are required to have the following minimum hours submitted:

Seniors/Juniors: 30 Hours Sophomores: 25 Hours Freshman: 15 Hours

In summary, extra hours completed during June 2019 and beyond are eligible to be rolled over to fulfill requirements for the following school year. Students must complete **120 total hours** by graduation, but the rollover policy will give students and families more flexibility when their hours are served. We hope that this increased flexibility in the service policy will add to the positive experience of Christian Service, and that NDP students will make a decision to continue serving after they graduate.

All of our mission trips are on the NDP website under the Faith Tab and then go to The Service Trip Experience. In addition to our mission trips we offer a summer school class called the Urban Plunge where students get class credit and all of their hours completed for the semester.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Dinges at <u>sdinges@ndpsaints.org</u>