

Did you miss this headline in the paper?

ST. MICHAEL'S 8TH GRADERS FEED OVER 1000 PEOPLE !!!

Well, it really wasn't in the paper but it could have been. Each year the 8th grade forms eight teams of kids, they work with parent volunteers, and participate in each of the following four functions - it comes out to about one function every other month.

- **Prepare and serve a dinner meal (the 3rd Saturday of each month) at Primavera men's shelter.** This entails planning the meal, buying the food (this usually runs close to \$185.00 but the good news is that there will be a 'fee dress day' monthly to help fund this meal), preparing the meal, transporting the food to Primavera, and serving it. There are usually about 100 homeless men who are very grateful for the food provided. I will also provide a shopping list and recipes if you would like.
- **Work with volunteers here at St. Michael's on a Friday night making sandwiches for Casa Maria.** (You know those eggs you have been sending in over the years, well we will help put them to good use.) This usually is an hour and a half commitment starting at 5:00 and ending shortly after 6:30.
- **Go to the Casa Maria soup kitchen (on the 3rd Tuesday of most months) during school hours and help distribute sandwiches and soup to the needy.** The parent coordinator usually transports the kids to the soup kitchen. They leave campus at 8:30 A.M. and leave the Casa Maria at 11.
- **Prepare and serve a dinner meal (on either the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month) at Five Points.** Five Points is a group of apartments that house transitional families. There is a common dining room and usually about 30 people eat dinner there. Again the team would be responsible for planning, purchasing the food, cooking, transporting, and serving the meal.

We require each 8th grader to be on a team so please look carefully at the schedule below and the required dates for each team. Then choose the team that has a schedule that best fits your commitments. You are to choose one TEAM only and as a member of that team you do all the duties with that team. . Don't put this off because if I do not have a sign-up sheet from a student, I will arbitrarily assign that child to a team that is not full and those dates may be inconvenient for your family.

Team #/dates	Primavera (3 rd Sat)	Casa Maria - prep (Friday)	Casa Maria - serve (3 rd Tues)	Five Points (3 rd Mon)
Team I	Sept. 16	March 2	April 24	Jan. 22
Team II	Oct. 21	Sept. 15 (w/team V)	Dec. 19	March 19
Team III	Nov. 18	Dec. 8	Oct. 17	April 23
Team IV	Dec. 16	Feb. 2	Jan. 23	Sept. 18
Team V	Jan. 20	Sept. 15 (w/team II)	March 20	Oct. 23
Team VI	May 19	April 27	Sept. 19	Dec. 18

The attached sign-up form should be returned to the office by August 17, 2017. Note that there is room for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team choices.

A list of teams and adult leaders will be formulated during the first couple weeks of school - well ahead of the first event. I would like to ask you to seriously consider being a parent volunteer. The task involves organizing the kids prior to each event and supervising them while they do their community service. It is a very rewarding experience and I urge you to try it - you might like it.

Thanks in advance for all you do here at St. Michael's. We sincerely feel that with our combined efforts we produce a great end product - your graduating 8th grader.

Judi

8th Grade Community Service Sign-up Sheet

Please return this form to school office by Aug. 17, 2017

Month/activity	Primavera 3 rd Sat. of month	Casa Maria - prep Each 4 th Friday	Casa Maria - serve 2 nd Tues of month	Five Points 3 rd Mon of month
September	Team I - Sept. 16	Team II Sept. 15 Team V - Sept 15	Team VI - Sept. 19	Team IV - Sept. 18
October	II - Oct. 21	****	III- Oct 17	V - Oct. 23
November	III - Nov. 18	****	****	****
December	IV - Dec. 16	III - Dec. 6	II - Dec. 19	VI - Dec. 18
January	V - Jan. 20	****	IV - Jan 23	I - Jan. 22
February	****	IV - Feb. 2	****	****
March	****	I - March 2	V - March 20	II - March 19
April	****	VI- April 27	I - April 24	III - April 23
May	VI - May 19	****	****	****

(student's name) would like to sign up for Community Service -
 Please note that you sign up to be on a team (each team is highlighted in a different color so you can see the dates of the commitment for that team) not for specific dates. When you are on a team, you do all activities with that same team on the assigned dates. **PLEASE DO NOT LIST INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - SIGN UP FOR A TEAM**

First Choice ----- Team _____

Second Choice----- Team _____

Third Choice----- Team _____

Signature of parent _____

Signature of student _____

I _____ (name of parent) would like to be the adult coordinator for my child's team. (Leave blank if not interested)