



## **Community Service Program**

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*Eight hours of documented Community Service each year are required for graduation from the Upper School.*

### **Upper School Community Service**

Community Service at Saint George's is an important part of the school philosophy.

“In addition to the skills and knowledge it imparts, the School seeks to foster certain values in its students. These include respecting others, understanding the privilege of serving and belonging to a community, and obligation to serve it, ...”

“Students must strive to possess the analytical and creative skills necessary to cope with life in the changing and challenging world, to develop self-confidence through preparation in the classroom and participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, and to retain a life-long enthusiasm for learning and the world.”

### **Saint George's Statement of School Philosophy**

With this philosophy as our guide, the Community Service Program seeks to provide a wide range of opportunities for students to learn about and give back to the communities to which they belong. We strive for this by fostering student driven events and experiences with the assistance of a full time administrator.

Upper School Community Service requirements are:

- Each student will be personally responsible for completing a minimum of eight (8) hours of community service each academic year.
- Of these eight (8) hours each year, half of the hours may be served as service within the Saint George's community or as service to our greater community in general.

- All service projects must meet the prior approval of the Community Service coordinator and adhere to the guidelines outlined and presented at the beginning of the school year.
- Each student is personally responsible for acquiring a service form from the coordinator and submitting the expected information before completing a service project. The student is also personally responsible for submitting the completed form after the service project.
- The Community Service program will work directly with the US Community Service club to provide more opportunities for service projects throughout the academic year beyond the requirement.

Students not meeting these criteria will face one of two possible outcomes. One: if the student is returning to Saint George's the following year, the Community Service time not completed will be doubled and added to his/her requirements the next academic year. Two: graduating students must complete required hours before a diploma will be granted.

In addition to the requirement in Upper School, the Community Service club has long standing tradition of student driven Community Service events and projects which have and still do occur with the motivation of the Community Service requirement. This club has weekly meetings and encourages all Upper School students to participate.

### **Middle School Community Service**

The Dragon Slayers' Program is the model from which the Middle School Community Service program flows, since this is an appropriate age to expand the service beyond the school environment. The Head of the Middle School and its faculty oversees this program.

### **Lower School Community Service**

Community Service at Saint George's School begins in the Lower School. Its focus is on respect for others and the campus and is overseen by the Head of the Lower School and its faculty.