



Atlantic Shores

Christian School

Gratis Form 2016 – 2017

All students in grade 7-12 are required to perform Gratis in order to fully develop the Christian character trait of servanthood and the practical nature of a Christ-centered worldview based on the example set by Jesus Christ. In Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus teaches His disciples that to be great in the kingdom of God, One must be a servant. Philippians 2:5-8 tells us to have the mind of Christ and that this mind includes the humility of a servant.

The objective of the Gratis program is to meet the following goals:

- *For students to exemplify the Great Commission by meeting the spiritual and physical needs in our community.*
- *To teach student the importance of modeling the Gospel and showing the love of Christ to those in need.*
- *To be a body of believers that strongly values service to others.*

The number of hours required varies by grade and are as follows:

7th-8th 10 hours per year

9th-10th 15 hours per year

11th-12th 25 hours per year

Unapproved Activities:

- Remuneration may not be received in any form- monetary, merchandise or material gain, personal, class, or organizational. Offers of hospitality (food and drink) may be accepted.
- Activities that may be requires for a course grade will not be approved. For example, choir, ensemble or band concerts and appearances, yearbook assignments, etc... for which a course grade may be received are not defined as "service" and are not included. Also, participation in the school play, Homecoming, Spirit Week, and Chapel worship are not approved.
- Expected behaviors and service as a result of discipline will not be approved. For ex ample, lunchroom duty and detention activities do not qualify as Christian service.
- Transportation of any kind as a project activity will not be approved under any circumstances or condition.
- Activities which are primarily social rather than service oriented.
- Monetary gifts may not be given in lieu of performing service projects.
- Any service during the normal school hours, except volunteer tutoring.
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REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Students need to submit and complete the attached form along with a reflection paper to their Bible teacher to receive credit.**
- ✓ **Community service must be completed by Friday, May 26th, 2017.**
- ✓ **Gratis Form and service should be completed and turned in by Friday, May 26th. If the form and service is not turned in, five points will be deducted off your Bible semester grade.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ GRADE _____ YEAR _____

Service Date	Service Location	Supervisor Name and Phone Number	Supervisor Signature	Number of Hours
How did you serve and what was rewarding about this experience?				
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			TOTAL GRATIS HOURS	

After completing your required community service hours, students must write a short reflection paper answering the following:

1. Identify your place of service and describe what you did. If you worked at more than one place, choose the one that was most significant to you. What did you like the most? Least? What skills were required of you?
2. What has your service experience taught you about yourself? What did you learn about others? Did you have any preconceived notions of the people you served? How will what you learned help you in the future?
3. Describe the results of your service. Explain your reasons for feeling that you successfully or unsuccessfully fulfilled your service privilege.
4. Convince someone that service is a part of the normal Christian life. Use the following passages to support your opinion: Galatians 5:13-14; Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:1-11; James 2:14-26; I Peter 4:1-11; Matthew 25:31-46.