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Re: Community Involvement Activity – Graduation Requirement

Dear Parents:

Students entering high school are **required to complete 40 hours** of community involvement in order to receive their graduation diplomas from the St. James - Assiniboia School Division. The 40 hours are to be completed during the student's four years of high school. We are hoping that all of our parents and students are knowledgeable of this graduation requirement and that students are currently working toward reaching this commitment.

Volunteerism is a very important component in the life and strength of any community. All of us witnessed its vital role during the many sporting events hosted in Winnipeg; the Christmas Cheer Board campaign each year and the work of Winnipeg Harvest. These and many other activities would have been impossible to stage without the unconditional support of thousands of Manitoba volunteers.

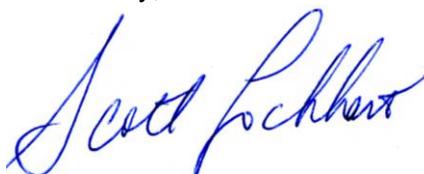
It is this spirit of volunteerism that our trustees in St. James Assiniboia School Division are trying to foster in the next generation of Manitobans. With your help, the young people of today will have the same spirit of commitment as their parents and will continue to keep Winnipeg the Volunteer Capital of North America.

The intent of this letter is to remind parents and students of the above requirement and to help clarify the process that we at John Taylor Collegiate are using to credit students when they have completed service hours. As students complete service hours, they should be logged on the appropriate "LOG FORM" and signed by the supervisor and parent. This log form should be turned in to the office as the student completes their proposed activity. The Log form is available from the school's website (<http://johntaylor.sjsd.net>) or from the office.

Although, by divisional policy, students do not have to turn their completed 40 hour log in to the school before they actually complete all 40 hours, we are advising that students should hand it in to the office after they have completed each subsequent 10 hours of volunteer community involvement service. The tabulated community service hours will be posted during the year for students to check.

We hope that this information is helpful and timely. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Yours truly,



Scott Lockhart
Principal