

Saint Thomas Aquinas Religious Service (S.T.A.R.S.)

Purpose: The STARS program is to encourage voluntary service towards one's neighbor found in the Church, school, or community. The service is intended to build the faith through reaching out to others in need, by genuine Christian charity. The program is intended to acknowledge service beyond the student's immediate family and friends because this is expected behavior.

1. Service hours will comprise 10% of each student's quarter grade in Religion. This is a reward for the great effort.
2. Hours will be accepted for service for the Church, school, community or building the faith.
3. The student is responsible for filling out service sheets indicating the hours of service and the kind of work done or event attended.
4. Service sheets must be signed by the adult for whom the service was performed or by your parents.
5. At mid-quarter, a grade will be put in gradebook for STARS points so you have an indication of where you are in the requirement. This mid-quarter grade will be changed at the end of the quarter if you've done any STARS after the mid-quarter.
6. After mid-quarter, those who have not done 3 hours of service will have an opportunity to hand in STARS by the end of the quarter.
Final grade will be given at the end of the quarter.
7. Hours may NOT be transferred to the next quarter.
8. Each quarter, the grade will be calculated as follows:
1 service hour = 50%
2 service hours = 75%
3 service hours = 100%
9. Participation in designated events may earn service hours as well. These events will be announced to the students (Ex. Walk for Life, Service projects in community, etc.)
10. The hours canNOT be earned during the school day: Doing a task for the teacher during the day will NOT count, but if you are here after school, you could get a ½ hour or 1 hour for helping a teacher. The smallest fraction of an hour that can be recorded is ½ hour; no 15 minutes here and there. If you work for 1hour 45 minutes, you get 1 ½ hours of service. You needed to do 15 more minutes to get 2 hours.
11. Questions about what activities qualify for service hours should be cleared with Miss Fiala. Miss Fiala will record the hours and contact you with questions, etc. Talk to Miss Fiala if you have any questions about your service hours recorded, etc.