

January 30, 2018

Dear HHS freshman student and parent,

The 9th Grade History teachers along with counselors and principals would like to share an exciting project we have planned for the freshman class.

We are planning a "Freshman Serve Day" for February 21, 2018. All freshmen will be out of school on this date due to the ACT WorkKeys testing. Normally students not testing would have an e-learning assignment or project, but we have chosen to require each freshman to give 3 hours of service to others and our community. All freshmen will have the entire month of February to complete the 3 hours of community service. This project is being coordinated through the 9th Grade World History classes. We know that many of our students are already connected to serving through church or other community groups. Students are able to complete the project on their own time during the month of February. A culminating assignment will be completed for a grade (details to come later) in World History.

For those students not connected to a church or community group, HHS will be taking "1st time servers" on field trips to several local agencies on February 21, 2018. We are so excited to help students learn the value of serving others and for our own staff to serve alongside them.

Through our CREW time at school, students have participated in a Community Service Fair and an introductory lesson on the importance of serving others. Please consider your student's schedule and possible activities that your student could participate in to earn these service hours. Some ideas are listed below:

*Community Service is any work done to help another person/group of persons without pay.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping an elderly neighbor rake leaves • Babysitting for single parent • Making meals and delivering to hungry/homeless • Making cards for military service men/women • Keeping the nursery at church • Most church discipleship weekends have a community service component and are held in February. Check with local churches. 	<p>Organizations that accept volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey Creek • Red Mountain Park • Community Food Bank of Central Alabama • Hoover Senior Center • Humane Society • Habitat for Humanity <p>Search handsonbirmingham.org for additional volunteer organizations.</p>

If you have questions or need help determining what activity is best for you/your student, please speak with his/her World History teacher or the freshman counselor, Mrs. Stephens.

Please complete the commitment form below by Monday, February 5, 2018 and return to your students World History teacher.

Student Name: _____ **Wld Hy Teacher:** _____

I commit to three hours of service to:	Date of service	Verified by whom?

(Name of activity or organization)

(Name and contact phone number)

-OR-

Check here if you have never participated in a community service activity and would like to attend the school provided field trip for community service.

Parent Signature