

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited for the opportunity to teach your sons and daughters in our Freshmen Religion classes. Over the next four years they will have the distinctive experience of putting faith into action by serving others.

The Christian Brothers Service-Learning program is a teaching method that integrates learning, direct service, and reflection to strengthen community and build on the Christian Brothers Lasallian Core Principles. Service-Learning is integrated into the students structured academic studies with time to research, study, reflect, discuss and connect their experiences to their understanding of the Catholic Social Teachings and the Lasallian mission. Service-Learning enables the students to apply problem solving and critical thinking skills to social needs in real world environments.

Each freshmen Religious Studies class will participate in Service-Learning. Students will serve at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) working at the Clothes Closet outlet. Each class will walk together from Christian Brothers to the SFBFS. **Participation is mandatory.**

In order to make this service-learning project as uncomplicated as possible students and parents will need to do the following:

- Sign and submit a CB field trip permission slips to their teacher
- Make sure Appryse documentation has been filled out online
- Wear tennis shoes (toes need to be covered when working at the SFBFS)
- Students must be in dress code and wear their class spirit shirts
- Participants pack a bag lunch
- Fill out an SFBFS volunteer form

Because students will be missing a half a day of classes it is imperative that students follow up with the course work they will miss. **This is the student's responsibility.**

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to come and participate with your son or daughter during this service experience. Your presence will help the tour of Oak Park go smoothly. You may also learn things about Oak Park you didn't know. Shared experiences like these are a great educational tool for fostering communication and contribute to a larger understanding of the Oak Park neighborhood. *If you would like to participate you will need to be fingerprinted and fill out a SFBFS volunteer form as well.*

We look forward to teaching your child and meeting you as well. If you have any questions please email Jennifer Lystrup at [jlystrup@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:jlystrup@cbhs-sacramento.org) 916-733-3653

Be well,

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