July 17, 2019

Dear Sussex Academy Student and Parents:

Part of Sussex Academy's mission is to foster social responsibility and service to others. One key element of this mission is community service. For this reason, **each Sussex Academy middle school student is required to participate in at least ten hours of community service each school year**. This is an independent assignment. Students may choose the activity(ies) they would like to do, but need to perform their hours on a <u>voluntary basis</u> for individuals and/or groups <u>beyond the immediate family</u>. Students may assist in environmental clean-up/protection, help those in need such as the elderly or injured, or work with <u>non-profit</u> organizations such as community groups, schools, libraries, recreational sports (not travel or select teams) or other public groups. Various opportunities will be shared through the year.

Each middle school student must complete at least ten hours of community service by April 20, 2020. Community service hours for the 2019-20 school year must be performed between July 1, 2019 and April 19, 2020. <u>Service hours performed outside of that time period will not be recognized</u>. The log on the reverse side of this letter must be maintained and submitted no later than Monday, April 20, 2020. Some form of evidence must accompany the log. Acceptable forms of evidence include photographs, journal entries and/or verification letters. Additionally, all service activities must be pre-approved by parents/guardians and should have adult supervision.

Students will complete a reflection about and share their community service experiences with the other Sussex Academy students during the weeks after spring break. Students will earn grades for the various parts and objectives of this assignment.

Please contact your child's social studies teacher if there are any questions or concerns about this project at 856.3636.

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