

THE JESUIT COMMITMENT for FRESHMEN

Meetings: Students are responsible for checking their Jesuit email on a regular basis and listening for announcements about meetings and events. Your mentor will email you the location of your meetings. You must attend four scheduled meetings. Dates are listed on the school calendar and on the front of this sheet.

Service: Learning to be of service to others is vital to a Jesuit education. There are many ways to be of service to your place of worship or to your neighborhood. Help serve coffee and donuts after Mass. Ask your priest or minister if there are other ways you can be of service. Is there an elderly person in your neighborhood who could use your help or a young family who would benefit from some free babysitting? Spend 2 hours being of service to others. Please remember, this is not part of your Christian Service requirement.

Campus Ministry - Chapter One, Ushering, Liturgy Band: Chapter One is a special gathering for freshmen to learn from older students. Meetings are held on Sunday evenings. Dates and times are listed on the school calendar. Freshmen serve as ushers at our Friday Mass. You do not need to be Catholic to usher or to be part of the Liturgy Band. You do not need to play an instrument – all you need to do is sing! (Requirement: you only need to be an active member of one group, but you can join more!)

Co-curriculars – Green Team, Mock Trial, Robotics, Service Club, Art Club, Drama Club, Language Club and Athletic Teams: A Jesuit education is more than what occurs in the classroom. Co-curriculars are an excellent way to meet other students and to quickly become part of the Jesuit community. There is a complete list of clubs on the Jesuit website. Talk with the Activities Director about the clubs at Jesuit. Or become a member of an athletic team. (Requirement: all you need to do is be an active member of a club or team).

Brown Bag Luncheons: Periodically throughout the year, Brown Bag Luncheons inform students about special topics. Luncheons are held in the Black Box or the choir room and are advertised throughout the school. They are excellent opportunities to hear guest speakers and to learn about the world outside of Jesuit. Bring your lunch and join us at the next Brown Bag. (Requirement: attend one Brown Bag during the year.)

School Spirit: To meet others and become an integral part of the Jesuit community, it is important to attend evening campus events. Attend a game, concert, Coffeehouse, or a play – just remember it must be as a spectator and not as a participant. This is a time for you to cheer your classmates on and encourage them. (Four evening events are required during the year.)

Intellectual Growth - Read a Book from the Freshman Commitment List: After you read one of the books, write a reflection on it. Make sure your name, date, and title of the book are on the paper. Papers must be typed, 12-point font, double-spaced, and at least two pages in length. Include the following in your reflection:

- Context: What is the time period and setting for the book? What other major events were occurring in the world at this time?
- Experience: Who was your favorite character and why? Describe your favorite part of the book.
- Reflection: As you reflect on the book, what touched you the most? What changed your thoughts or feelings?
- Action: How will you incorporate what you have learned from this book?
- When your paper is completed, staple a copy to this form. You may choose from the following list:

Boy in the Striped Pajamas – John Boyne

Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah

Copper Sun – Susan Draper

In the Time of Butterflies – Julia Alvarez

Kaffir Boy – Mark Mathabane

The Weight of All Things – Sandra Benitez

Under a War Torn Sky - L. M. Elliott

Under the Sun – Arthur Dorr