

“““““““*Golden Touch* is a community volunteer program developed at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall for our students which will help them meet the **minimum 40 hours** of community service required for a high school diploma. This program is designed to reflect gospel values according to the traditions and teachings of our Catholic church and to encourage students to develop awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and of the role they can play in supporting and strengthening their communities. This requirement will benefit communities, but its primary purpose is to contribute to students' development. It will provide opportunities for students to learn about the contributions they can make to the community.

Students, in collaboration with their parents, will decide how they will complete the community involvement requirement. It is important for the parents to be involved in this process in order to ensure that this graduation requirement is met. The student may use their annual education plan to identify possible activities they might undertake. It is NOT the responsibility of the school to find volunteer opportunities for the students, however, volunteer opportunities brought to the school's attention will be posted on a regular basis on announcements. Students are encouraged to listen daily for any new opportunities. Fall Food Drive is the first in-school volunteer opportunity and the students can acquire 4 hrs for each food drive.

Community involvement activities may take place in a variety of settings, including businesses (see limitations below), **not-for-profit organizations**, public sector institutions (including hospitals), and informal settings.

Students may NOT fulfil the requirement through activities that are:

- counted towards a credit (cooperative education and work experience, for example)
- through paid work or by assuming duties normally performed by a paid employee. This includes businesses owned by family, friends etc... **(Cannot be done for a regular business, it must be a not-for profit business or a fundraiser for a regular business.)**
- By assisting with day to day family responsibilities (shovel driveway for mom or dad, watching little brother/sister etc...) You **could get hours** for helping shovel your grandmother's/grandfather's driveway.
- part of the expectations of being a member of any extra-curricular activity at school. (ie: attending meetings, practices, performances etc...)

For a full list of the ineligible activities, please see www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/124a.htm.

The requirement is to be completed outside the students' normal instructional hours (8:50 am to 3:00 pm.) This means that activities are to take place in students' designated lunch hours, after school, on weekends, or during school holidays.

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Students should fill out a "*Planned Community Service Activities*" form at the start of each school year. Throughout the year, the student will maintain and provide a record of their completed community involvement activities. **Regular submission of the "Completed Community Service" Golden Touch forms to Student Services will allow for an accurate and up-to date record of the hours completed.** Completion of the required 40 hours must be confirmed by the organizations or persons supervising the activities. Documentation for each activity must include:

- the name of the person or organization receiving the service
- the activity performed
- the dates and hours
- the signatures of the student and his or her parents
- a signed acknowledgment by the person (or a representative of the organization involved)

The principal (Golden Touch Coordinator) will decide whether the student has met the requirements of both the ministry and the board for these activities.

**A copy of both of these forms can be found at the end of this package.

Suggested Places to Volunteer

ASSOCIATIONS

Al Anon	FJ Dellandrea Place
Alzheimer Society of North Bay & District	Heritage Festival
Amelia Rising	Kidney Foundation
Arthritis Society	Mattawa & Area Food Bank
Big Sisters	Mattawa Conservation Association
Birthright	Metis Centre
Canadian Cancer Society	Multiple Sclerosis Society
Canadian Diabetes Association	North Bay Crisis Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association	North Bay & District Association for Community Living
Canadian National Institute for the Blind	North Bay Food Bank
Canadian Red Cross Society	North Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Centre For the Disabled	North Bay Literacy Council
Children's Aid Society	Powassan & District Food Bank
Davedi Club	Salvation Army
East Parry Sound Literacy Council	St. John's Ambulance
Easter Seal Society	
YMCA	

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HOSPITALS

North Bay General Hospital
North Bay Psychiatric Hospital
Mattawa General Hospital
Sturgeon Falls General Hospital

RETIREMENT HOMES

Algonquin Nursing Home
Barclay House
Cassellhome For the Aged
Empire Living Centre
Golden Age Centre
Lady Isabelle Nursing Home
Leisure World
South Wind Retirement Home
St. Joseph Motherhouse

SCHOOLS

In school - Tutoring - Assisting students or staff
- Orientation Guide
- other volunteer activities- scorekeeping, food collection etc.
Elementary Schools (sports programs etc.)

OTHER

Apollo Gymnastics Club
Churches
Cogeco Cable TV
Meals on Wheels
Neighbour - shoveling snow, cutting grass, babysitting etc.
North Bay Capitol Centre
North Bay Humane Society
North Bay Library
North Bay Sports Organizations - (e.g. soccer coach, hockey manager)
Youth Centres & Organizations

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Suggested Activities

1. Assisting, helping, organizing, or participating in a parish or church activity
2. Helping with Food Drives-any aspect of the collection, organizing or delivery to the food bank
3. Coaching, assisting or organizing others in a sport or leisure activity in or out of school
4. Assisting, organizing and overseeing activities for elementary schools
5. Providing company, help or recreation for the elderly or sick
6. Performing clean -up activities to any not-for-profit institution, educational or otherwise
7. Canvassing for registered charities
8. Managing or helping with Scouting or Guiding activities
9. Tutoring/Peer Helping
10. Providing assistance to any volunteer group which has helping others as its mandate
11. Any other activity which does not meet the criteria stated above but has received the principal's approval

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