



## New Course Offering at Heatly

Students at **Heatly** have been involved in **Community Service and Volunteer** activities through their involvement in classes, clubs and their families. Beginning in September 2008, Heatly will be offering a Credit-Bearing Course on Community Service/Volunteerism. Information about various Community Service activities will be posted at school, and on the Heatly website at: [www.greenisland.org](http://www.greenisland.org). Students/parents who are interested in receiving more information, please contact Anita Brown at [abrown9@nycap.rr.com](mailto:abrown9@nycap.rr.com).

By becoming more involved in what students are personally interested in, students will find themselves becoming stronger community members. Students can participate in a variety of activities which could include: Habitat for Humanity, working in a Soup Kitchen, participating in Food Drives, organizing a Blood Drive, involvement in the Senior Center, becoming a Literacy Volunteer or a tutor for another student in need, to name a few.

Community Service teaches people:

- **Responsibility** ~ learn what it means to make and keep a commitment, pride in their work, being the best person they can be. It also teaches people that we are all responsible for our communities, regions and environment.
- **That they can make a difference** ~ a fulfilling feeling knowing that they helped someone out, that they made a difference to someone else.
- **Sacrifice** ~ whether it is giving something materially, or more importantly, your time. While financial support is always appreciated, students can learn more about their communities, and themselves, when they give of their time.
- **Understanding** ~ when you become involved in community service, often people are in touch with individuals of different backgrounds, abilities, ages, etc.
- **Job Skills** ~ Community service can help people find their “niche” in life as well. They can explore volunteer opportunities in the medical fields, politics, education or environment. The skills that they learn while assisting their cause can be invaluable to them as they map out their future.

**“When the story of these times gets written, we want it to say that we did all we could, and it was more than anyone could have imagined.”**

-- *Bono*

## **Colleges**

Competition for college acceptances is becoming harder in each passing year. When faced with only a select number of “spots” in accepting a Freshman student body, Admissions Counselors are finding themselves looking at the “whole student” beyond what their grades and scores are. In addition, many of the colleges support and promote Community Service and Volunteerism within their own student body.

## **Participating in Community Service**

Students in Grades 9 – 12, completing 30 hours of Community Service/Volunteerism each year (which includes summer activities) will receive .25 credit on their transcript.

In order to receive credit, students participating in the activities must:

- Have the activity approved by the Coordinator of the “Class”. They must describe what they will be doing, the amount of time that will be involved, etc.
- Complete an Activities Form.
- Activity sheets must include the details about the project/activity and signed by a Coordinating adult organizing/chaperoning the project or activity. Accompanying photos are also welcome (but cannot replace the Activity Sheet).
- *Students cannot leave school participate in an activity.*

**Heatly High School**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE PRE-APPROVAL FORM**  
*(to be submitted in advance by a student)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be overseeing/verifying your CS project:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where will it be performed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your proposed community service project:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***FOR APPROVAL USE ONLY:***

Date Reviewed: _____	Approved: _____
Initial: _____	Denied: _____
	Questioned: _____

**Heatly High School**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM**

*(to be submitted in advance by a student)*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the nature of your community service: what did you do, where was it done, etc.?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what you have learned from this experience.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact person/service supervisor's signature confirming the amount of service:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature verifying that all information submitted is accurate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Once this form is completed, please make a copy for yourself.***

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