

Silver Cord of Service

A new initiative for LHS Graduation "Silver Cord of Service"

Dear Students/Parents:

The LHS staff leaders have been meeting over the last year to devise a means to recognize LHS students for their service to the school and to the community. With that in mind, we created the "**Silver Cord of Service**" for those individual students who keep track of their experiences over the course of their time at LHS each year. Each student who meets the minimum amount of school involvement and the minimum amount of community service for each year they are enrolled at LHS will be given a Silver Cord to wear for their graduation ceremony and will have their name identified in the graduation program.

Numbers of Years at LHS	School Activities	Service Activities
4	12/24	80/40
3	9/18	60/30
2	6/12	40/20
1	3/6	20/10

Any given school year a student should have at least 3 school activities with 20 hours of community service activities or 6 school activities with 10 hours of community service. Summer activities may be included for underclassmen, but not for graduates. Summer activities would begin the summer prior to the freshman year of high school.

We have two different ways that students can keep track of their information: a paper duplicate form or a shared document to copy and save. Paper copies of the Silver Cord Service Logs and Community Service Verification Tickets are available at the high school office.

At the end of each year, while in high school, a student should turn in a final, hard copy of their completed **Silver Cord of Service Individual Student Log** to the LHS Office before Spring Semester Exams begin. Students should turn in the Community Service Verification Tickets in at that time, but may also turn those in as the school year progresses (but must remember to also record the event on their log). Logs and verification for each school year cannot be updated after the end of that school year.

Graduating Seniors will need to turn in their Logs and Verification tickets in at the established due date, typically the first week of May [four weeks prior to graduation].

The purpose of this endeavor is multi-fold: recognize and encourage students for their involvement in school activities, to recognize and encourage involvement in community and service events, and to create a record or portfolio of a student's activities for college/scholarship applications.

Please direct your questions and/or concerns to the High School Counseling office or one of the LHS staff steering committee members: Mrs. Arentz, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Woodward, and Mrs. Ricketson.

Respectfully,

LHS Staff