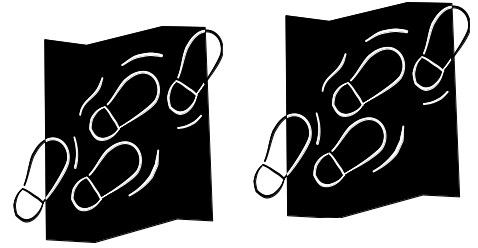


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Mount Alvernia High School



Dear Parents,

Here at Mt. Alvernia we gather to worship God as a Christian community once a month. Our next school liturgy on February 24 will be for Lent, a time when we Christians examine our lives to try to better follow Jesus Christ, who spent his life reaching out to people in need to try to relieve their burdens.

Along with your daughter's second report card is a sticker giving an update on the community service she has completed to date. If she has done little so far, please look through this newsletter to find some ideas to help her complete this requirement and also make Lent a more meaningful time of the year for her. May God bless you and your family as you strive make this world a better place by putting your love into action..

Sincerely,

Coordinator of Community Service

TeenLifeBoston

Community Service Fair

Sunday, Feb. 7, 12-4 PM, The Mall at Chestnut Hill

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend the third annual **TeenLife Boston Community Service Fair** on **Sunday, February 7th from 12-4pm at the Mall at Chestnut Hill** in Newton, MA. This free event features 40 non-profits willing to engage teens as volunteers and 35 sponsors and supporting exhibitors. Many students have found meaningful service opportunities at this annual event, and this year, each one will receive a free *Guide to Community Service* listing 150 non-profits willing to engage teens, not just those exhibiting at the fair.

Special attractions this year include a competition among ten local public and private high school a cappella groups, and a display of The MIT Solar Car.

Be sure to PRE-REGISTER to receive important pre- and post-event details, a printed community service guide, and a gift bag at check in. Attendance and parking is free! For more information, go to www.teenlife.com.

If you have any questions, please call me at 617-868-5848. or contact me via email. ahurd@teenlife.com

Date to remember: February 24

Students should have 15 hours of community service completed and paper work turned in by the end of the February vacation. Vacations are a great time to do some volunteering! Be sure to notice the special programs for children during school vacations, described in this newsletter.

CityYear for Kids Vacation Program

Students (15 or older) who enjoy working with children, might consider volunteering at City Year for Kids Vacation Program, which provides Boston's 1st - 5th grade students with a safe, fun, and educational environment during the February (Feb 15-19) vacation. Please call 617-927-2410 or email cdunn09@cityyear.org for more information. (Note: Nicole Kfoury, one of our alums who now works for CityYear, will visit MAHS to give more information.)

February Vacation Week Program at South Norfolk County ARC, (SNCARC) at 789 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood

Volunteers are needed to help out at the vacation week program. Pick one day or all three, whatever you can do. The programs are for children ages 6-12 served through the Family Support Program and the Family Autism Center who have a Developmental Disability. Dates and times when help is needed are:

- Monday February 15th 9:45am-2pm
- Wednesday February 17th 10:15am-2:30pm
- Friday February 19th 10:15am-2:30pm

For more information call Nancy Borr at 781-762-4001, x 412 or Nborr@sncarc.org

Ladders Program, Charles River ARC in Needham.

Volunteers (16 or older) are needed Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 to provide child care for children with special needs while their parents attend a program. Dates when help is needed: February 24, March 17, April 21. For more information call 781-860-1726 or e-mail jobrien20@partners.org