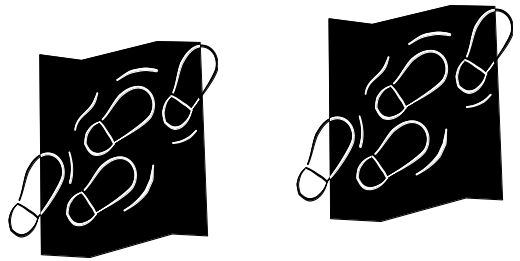


Franciscan Footsteps

Mount Alvernia High School



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Mid-term exams remind us that we are half way through this academic year. I hope by now your daughter has begun her community service requirement or at least knows what she'll be doing for community service. If she's still undecided, what is she interested in? As she looks for a place, practical issues such as age requirement and location are important considerations. I would encourage her to begin looking at her church bulletin to see if there are any possibilities for involvement there. Another place to look is her elementary school, especially on half days or days when they have school and we don't. I also hope this newsletter will offer some ideas. Finally, I strongly recommend that she consider attending the TeenLifeBoston Service Fair on February 7. (see information below). If I can further assist you or your daughter, please don't hesitate to contact me at X 15.

May God bless you and your family throughout 2010!

Sincerely,

S. Julie Franchi

Coordinator of Community Service

TeenLifeBoston Community Service Fair

On Sunday, February 7, 12-4 PM at the Mall at Chestnut Hill, TeenLifeBoston will conduct a Community Service Fair. The event is free for students, parents and teachers, and it is a wonderful way for students to connect with many non-profit organizations which welcome their involvement. Your daughter could plan to attend and find a community service outreach project she'll really enjoy doing.

To pre-register see the website: www.teenlifeboston.com All pre-registered attendees will receive a goody bag with special offers. Please feel free to contact Annie Hurd at ahurd@teenlifeboston.com or 617-868-5848 if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Community Service Dates

January 5: Seniors should have completed and turned in evaluations for 15 hours of service.

February 23:

Students (grades 8-11) should have completed and turned in evaluations for 15 hours of service.

Race Up Boston Place,

Participate in this event on Saturday, February 6, 2010 and Earn Money to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. The American Lung Association of Massachusetts invites you to join the 5th annual Race Up Boston Place stair climb event. Climb up 82 flights of stairs (41 floors) at the Mellon Financial Center at One Boston Place on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 am. Participate for a challenge, in honor of or in memory of someone with lung disease. Raise money for a good cause, exercise, have fun and earn community service hours all at once. There is a \$35.00 registration fee and \$100.00 fundraising minimum requirement. If you have any questions regarding the Race Up Boston Place or would like additional information, please contact

T: (781) 890-4262 or E-mail: info@lungne.org

Vernon Hall nursing home in Cambridge.

Welcomes student volunteers in the activities department. For more information contact David Lopes at 617.864.4267 or Artist-Davy1@aol.com or speak with Mrs. Loparo who has volunteered there.