



One of the many service opportunities we offer at Prince of Peace Catholic School is National Junior Beta Club. This organization is offered to all our 6th-8th gr. students and is a steppingstone in becoming future leaders of high school and beyond.

National Junior Beta Club offers students another way to demonstrate their dedication to academic excellence, character building, leadership development and of course service involvement. This is a nationally recognized organization that requires a **one-time fee of \$24** that will be billed through FACTS and **FIRST TIME MEMBERS** will receive a certificate and pin at the end of the year. Certificates and pins will not be given out yearly to returning members. Please read through the information carefully and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out! I hope your students take full advantage of this wonderful service opportunity!

IMPACT OF SERVICE


Our student volunteers have made a huge impact on so many lives. It is very powerful to see what 1 student can do, let alone 250 students! Being a part of NJBC is another step to show leadership and that the student is to be regarded in a higher standard. Here are just a few of the agencies we have worked with in the past.

- Operation Kindness
- Storehouse of Collin County - St. Andrews Methodist Church (Plano)
 - Seven Loaves Pantry
 - Hope's Door
 - Joseph's Closet
- Rainbow Days
- Feed My Starving Children
- Minnie's Food Pantry
- North Texas Food Bank
- Village Creek @ Cariad (Near Prince of Peace)

Most if not all agencies are allowing volunteers into their facilities. Some may be in decreased numbers, so please plan ahead for your students to volunteer. Before arriving at an agency, please read the volunteer page of their website to familiarize yourself with the policies and guidelines. The POP website has endless resources on sites to volunteer at, so be sure to check it out. There are numerous opportunities available!

Please read the important information below that pertains to Beta Club. It will be sent to the Beta Club students after the new school year begins.

- Each student that is a member of Beta Club should pursue service opportunities on their own and will be responsible for documenting hours performed. Prince of Peace will be moving towards a mobile app to log service hours for the 2024-2025 school year. Detailed information will be forthcoming in September 2024.
- All Beta Club service hours are eligible from **August 2024 - May 2025**.
- **A MINIMUM of 10 hours is required for the current school year.** Students are encouraged to serve 10+ hours! Please see the details below relating to hours that are accepted.
- **RAK experiences DO NOT count towards Beta Club Service hours. RAK & Beta Club are two separate organizations and cannot be combined.**

 **8th Grade Families – Confirmation service events that are required for Confirmation DO NOT count towards Beta Club.**


 **All Beta Club students are required to volunteer at a minimum of 3 philanthropies/agencies for a cumulative total of 10 hours.**

 **All Beta Club students can attend a scheduled Serviam Night @ POP and record 2 hours of service. Serviam nights are scheduled 1 per quarter and students are allowed to record ONE Serviam Night for the school year.**

 **Virtual hours will not be accepted. All agencies and sites are open and welcoming volunteers.**

WHAT COUNTS AS SERVICE?

Beta Club students are encouraged to serve in a manner that fosters a relationship with Christ through encounters with the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized in our surrounding communities. This does include animals. **Please go over the examples below with your students on what qualifies for service hours. It is very important that all students and parents understand this before submitting hours. If there are hours submitted that do not qualify, the student and parent will be notified, and those hours will need to be made up.**

 **Accepted Service:** (These are just examples and not limited to. Questions regarding acceptable service hours, please email Mrs. Tamara Bayo at tbayo@popschool.net.)


- Volunteering at an animal shelter
- Serving with senior citizens
- Volunteering at agencies that serve the homeless
- Volunteering at food pantries
- Serving meals at Soup Kitchens
- Preparing meals for the hungry
- Assisting with agencies that clothe the homeless or needy

✨ **Service NOT accepted:** (These are just examples and not limited to. Questions regarding non-acceptable service hours please email Mrs. Tamara Bayo at tbayo@popschool.net.)

- Baby-sitting siblings or in nursery at POP Church
- Helping with household chores
- Assisting with a sports team
- Tutoring
- Jr. Acolytes at Prince of Peace Catholic Community
- Ushering at Prince of Peace Catholic Community
- Cleaning or Picking up Trash
- Helping teachers with activities at POP
- Painting or coloring
- Passing out flyers at mass
- Completing a training for an organization
- Purchasing and delivering items to donate
- Collecting old items from home to donate
- Helping with POP concessions
- National Charity League service

👉 All off-campus events are NOT considered school events, and a parent must assume all responsibility for student drop off, pick up and behavior. As a representative of Price of Peace Catholic School our student volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the high standards set in our student handbook.

👉 Special opportunities that come across my desk will be sent to the students and parents, otherwise the students are expected to conceptualize where there is a need and how they can assist with that need. The POP website has a [Community Service Tab](#) with helpful information on where to serve.

 If your student has **NOT** been a member of NJBC and is interested in participating, please reach out with any questions you may have. **Registration for Beta Club is a one-time registration. Students do not have to re-register after the first year of signing up.**

Thank you and I hope to work with you and your student through POP Beta Club!

Sincerely,
Tamara Bayo