



# BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) of Ninth Grade Students:

April 11, 2018

On Friday, April 20, 2018, the Ninth Grade Program at the Hopkins Building will be holding Project Freshman F.I.R.S.T., the 10<sup>th</sup> annual 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service Day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Every ninth grade student at the high school will have the opportunity to be involved in a community service project either on or off the high school campus. Mr. Keith Lex, project coordinator, has arranged for the students to share their energy and time in one of 20 different activities. Some of the activities include:

- Assisting teachers at B. Bernice Young and Fountain Woods and Springside Middle Schools
- Park and church clean ups
- Socializing with retirement home residents
- Packaging meals for disaster relief with Rise Against Hunger
- Plus several more activities that will engage the students in a meaningful and exciting manner.

All of these activities are designed to provide the students an opportunity to instill in themselves the importance of civic responsibility. As Mr. Lex states, ***"This day's experience should be an exciting and fun-filled day, dedicated to giving back to the community."***

Permission slips for all activities were given to students and should be completed and returned as soon as possible to the Hopkins Main Office. Students will be eating lunch on site this year. They will have the opportunity to buy a bag lunch from the cafeteria or bring their own lunch. Prices for bag lunch will be the same as the regular lunch and are listed on the permission slips. Students should select the type of sandwich they want if they decide to purchase a bag lunch and indicate that on the permission slip where noted.

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 7:20 – Arrive and report to Block 1/2
- 8:35 – Report to Project Location classroom for attendance, prepare to leave for project
  - Students will go through lunch line to pick up pre-ordered bag lunch
- 9:00am – 1:00pm – Participate in selected activity
  - Student will be given a Philly Pretzel as a snack during this time & eat lunch on site
- 1:00pm – Return to Hopkins
- 1:30 – Complete Activity Evaluation and have snack

Proper attire should be worn based on the activity each student signed up for. If they are working outside, gardening, they should be prepared to get dirty. If they are working indoors at a school or nursing home, they should dress appropriately, remembering they are representing Burlington Township.

For more information or questions, please contact Keith Lex at [klex@burtpshh.org](mailto:klex@burtpshh.org) or Chris Ilconich at [cilconich@burtpsch.org](mailto:cilconich@burtpsch.org).

Sincerely,

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Chris Ilconich  
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*THE MORE OUR SPIRITS RISE, THE HIGHER OUR FALCON FLIES*