



November 3, 2009

Dear Ninth Grade Parents,

We are excited to announce that on **Thursday, November 19, 2009** we will hold our fifth annual **Ninth Grade Community Service Day**, an experience where all ninth graders will provide much-needed assistance at various local non-profit organizations. The goal is to expose students to people whose backgrounds, abilities, and life circumstances differ from their own in settings with which they are unfamiliar. Many students will continue serving these organizations throughout their high school years. Every participant will receive three community service hours towards the ten hour requirement for ninth grade.

On November 19th, students will travel with their advisory group by bus to their assigned locations. They will leave campus at 8:00 and return by 12:00 for lunch and afternoon classes.

**ALL NINTH GRADE CLASSES ARE CANCELED THAT MORNING
SO THERE WILL BE NO WORK TO MAKE UP!**

In order to participate in any field trip, students must have the following forms on file with the school:

- Copy of medical insurance card
- Authorization for medication/treatment (stamped and signed by doctor)
- Emergency consent/health services form
- University School release form (attached)
- Organization release form (if applicable- will be distributed with the assignments)

Our students will serve the following organizations:

Kids in Distress	Wildlife Care Center	Irma Wesley Child Development Center
Ronald McDonald House	Jubilee Center of South Broward	
Salvation Army	Susan B. Anthony Center	Broward Outreach Center
The Baudhuin School	Cooperative Feeding Program	and more!
Ann Storck Center	Once Upon a Time Childcare	

Please be advised that if your son/daughter chooses not to participate in the event and is absent from school, the absence is a chargeable absence. Should they report to school and choose not to participate, an activity will be provided to them.

Please return the attached form to the attendance office by **Friday, November 13th**. Assignments and any additional release forms will be distributed on Friday, November 6th. Feel free to contact me at 954-262-4476 or sofy@nova.edu with any questions.

Sincerely,

Isaac Sofy
Student Activities Coordinator

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University School Release Form- Ninth Grade Community Service Day
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

For and in consideration of my child being allowed to participate in Ninth Grade Community Service Day on Thursday, November 19, 2009 and in full recognition and appreciation of the hazards and risks involved in such activities, I, as parent and/or legal guardian, do hereby release and forever discharge Nova Southeastern University, Inc. (the "University"), its trustees, officers, agents, and employees (collectively the "Releases") from any liability or responsibility for death or injury to my child that he/she may sustain or suffer resulting from or in any manner connected with his/her participation in Ninth Grade Community Service Day. Possible volunteer sites include Kids in Distress, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, The Baudhuin School, Wildlife Care Center, Jubilee Center of South Broward, Irma Wesley Child Development Center, Cooperative Feeding Program, Once Upon a Time Childcare, Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Broward Outreach Center, and Susan B. Anthony Center.

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University, and its trustees, officers, employees, and agents, from any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, that may incur due to my child's participation in such activity, whether caused by the negligence of my child or otherwise.

If any provision of this document shall be held illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then I agree that the validity of all remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby to the maximum extent permitted by law.

I acknowledge that my child's participation in this activity is purely voluntary and is in no way mandated by the University.

PERMISSION TO TREAT:

I/We grant permission for the school nurse and/or principal designee to administer first aid and/or nursing intervention based on the assessed needs of my child.

I/We authorize and give my/our consent to any licensed health professional to perform upon or administer to my son/daughter any reasonable, necessary medical treatment.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND INTEND IT TO BE COMPLETE, UNCONDITIONAL, AND BINDING RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Print Student's Name

Signature of Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Print Name of Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Date

**Due by Friday, November 13th to the attendance office
or fax to 954-262-3971**