

Dominican Republic
Canterbury High School
Service and Travel Opportunity
May 23 - May 30, 2020

What is happening?

Canterbury is sponsoring an international service trip to Los Alcarrizos and Villa Altigracia, two of the poorest suburbs of the Dominican Republic's capital city, Santo Domingo. Students will be working as a team to begin building a medical clinic. Students will also take part in fundraising efforts for the clinic.

Why a service trip?

Many students have had a chance to travel abroad, but some have not had the opportunity to experience just how fortunate we are in the United States. Serving in a third world environment will help them gain a better understanding of the world and the tremendous need that so many face each day.

Who can go?

The trip is open to any high school student in 9th-12th grade.

When is this trip happening, and how much does it cost?

We plan to depart Fort Wayne on Saturday, May 23, 2020 and plan to return on Saturday, May 30. Students will arrive back in Fort Wayne in time to attend all graduation week events. The cost of the trip is \$1,850.

When do I need to decide by?

****We will accept signed behavior contracts and a \$500 first deposit beginning Thursday, October 24. Take your payment and contract directly to Mr. Walda. Final deadline Friday, November 1, or when the trip is full. (28 student capacity).***

It's happening during May Term - what impact does that have?

All students who choose to participate in the trip will not be able to enroll in any of Canterbury's regularly-offered May Term courses. (Including the Stratford trip) Instead, the students will be asked to spend a portion of the non-travelling May Term days serving the Fort Wayne community. Mr. Walda and Mrs. Walda are the faculty chaperones.

Seniors who are about to graduate are encouraged to participate. Seniors must meet all graduation requirements (including completion of the senior internship, submission of internship journal, meeting with advisor, confirmation of completion with college counseling) prior to departure.

Does this meet my community service requirement?

The 40 service hours you earn on the trip will cover $\frac{2}{3}$ of your High School service requirement.

How do I get more information before making a decision?

You are welcome to read the student blog that has been kept on previous trips. Find it at: chsdominican.wordpress.com We also have a Facebook page: [CHS Dominican Service Trip](#)

Canterbury teachers, Melissa & Dave Walda (mwalda@canterburyschool.org, dwalda@canterburyschool.org) will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the trip.

How will we raise money for the building project?

All students who go on the trip are expected to be involved with fundraising. Fundraising does not defray the cost of the trip for individuals, but rather goes to fund the building project we complete while there. Last year, students raised over \$16,000 in order to help build a water purification plant.

Payment Schedule

Checks made payable to Canterbury School should be submitted to the business office.

1st payment - \$500 non-refundable deposit due ASAP

This payment is your commitment to being part of the trip and covers the deposit on your flights. It should be submitted to Mr. Walda with your behavior contract.

2nd payment - \$500 non-refundable payment due Friday, January 17

This payment covers the remainder of the flight costs, transport in country, local translators, and chaperone fees based on the number of student commitments.

3rd payment - \$850 refundable payment due Friday, March 13

This is the final trip payment and will cover food, lodging, tourist day, and the remainder of trip fees.