



MISSION

South Bay Junior Academy believes that a loving, friendly and safe environment are central to a life-long friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, to positive self-esteem, and to productive citizenship.



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South Bay Junior Academy strives to be a school that produces:

Spiritual seekers who

- demonstrate Christian values with love and compassion
- accept their earthly roles as children of God

Body-honoring individuals who

- practice good health habits
- exhibit physical fitness and endurance

Justice-embracing citizens who

- maintain healthy relationships with peers and adults
- act as advocates for others

Academic life-long learners

who

- communicate effectively
- problem-solve with positive results



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Dear

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am excited to share with you a great opportunity that my school is offering me. Next March, the seventh and eighth grades at South Bay Junior Academy are going on a service and history trip to Washington, D.C. I'm excited by the prospect of learning outside of books and the four walls of a classroom, of intentionally being the hands and feet of Christ in serving the "least of these," and of making an impact on someone else's life and letting them do the same to mine.

We believe that mission trips are more about changing our perspective on the world than about immediately reversing poverty with \$1750 and a week's time. It is we who are changed in the way that we see the world, and when we begin to see need and humanity in the "other," we begin to change the root of poverty and conflict. As we explore poverty while being surrounded by the world's most powerful city, we pray that we will see the good news of the gospel in a new light, that we will be consumed with a desire to fulfill Christ's commission to become servants of all, and that this will grow a passion within us to love even the least of these.

For the first week of the trip, we will be working with the Center for Student Mission to serve the homeless and poor of our nation's capital. The mission of CSM is to provide an effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences churches and communities, and honors Christ. Working with CSM, we will live in the downtrodden areas of Washington D.C., working with and supporting inner-city ministries that are already in place. The last four days of the trip will focus on the historical, political, and glamorous aspects of the Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas.

To make this trip a reality, I need to raise \$1750. All of us at SBJA (and our parents) are working hard to make this adventure happen. We're raising the needed funds by doing bake sales, garage sales, dinners, serving in our community, and writing letters.

Your gift will bring me one step closer to reaching my goal. Checks may be made out to "South Bay Junior Academy," and donations are tax deductible. Whether you are able or unable to give, all of us at SBJA would appreciate your prayers as this trip continues to develop.

Thank You!