

# The Leadership Project

**The Leadership Project** is an exciting opportunity that helps students develop non-academic skills such as innovation, empathy, ethics, and creativity. We also want to focus on the Core Values of a Silver Knight in a way that matters to our students.

**Core values are:**

**Service**  
**Integrity,**  
**Loyalty,**  
**Valor,**  
**Excellence**  
**Respect**

The **Leadership Project** is entirely student driven and will be integrated into class work by teachers whenever possible. For example, if there was a research paper assigned and the Leadership Project could be used to provide the content for the research paper, that student could integrate that, with teacher permission. Teachers will be there to assist students with their choice, but students are not required to participate. It is not a graduation requirement or something students “do” for a grade. We hope students choose to help others and we will look for ways to support them in their work via video presentations, business cards, volunteering at their community event, etc. During their junior year, students will share their projects with first-year students to showcase their leadership projects and, it is hoped, to connect with a ninth-grade student who shares the same passion and can continue to help others.

All SHS students will be encouraged to think about a Leadership Project based on their individual passions and interests, in or out of school, and on their desired impact on the world. We want students to consider what they might want to provide support or raise awareness for something, or someone, they care about. We want students to develop leadership and advocacy skills while raising their awareness and support for someone or something they care about in our community. We want students to act on their passions for helping others and provide an opportunity for them to “pay it forward” during their time at SHS.

**Some examples of projects could be:**

Providing assistance and support for a local food bank

Periodically provided arts and crafts time for senior citizens in the area

Planning, coordinating and facilitating a Veteran’s Day ceremony at SHS

Volunteering at a community center

Planning, coordinating and facilitating a summer book program for students in the area.

Promoting awareness of unrepresented students in a class, program or organization.

Creating a youth sports opportunity at the high school for our students to coach and volunteer.

What is something you want to bring awareness to or raise the level of support for at SHS???