**A CHRISTMAS CAROL PROJECT**  
Due Date:  

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens (Summer Reading for Seniors)  

*Directions*: Choose ONE of the following projects.  
Pick a project that you will **have fun doing** and will **show your best work**.  
Be sure to read each project description CAREFULLY and include all parts in your final project.  

1. **SKETCH & WRITE**: Carefully review Dickens’ descriptions of Marley and the three ghosts. **Sketch colorful portraits of each (4 total) on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.** Label your sketches and write 1 paragraph (4 total) explaining the purpose of each ghost and how it affected Scrooge using DETAILS. Indicate which spirit seemed to affect Scrooge the most and why. **Your final project should include 4 sketches with 4 different paragraphs explaining the effect of each ghost on Scrooge.**  

2. **NEWSPAPER**: Pretend you are a reporter from a London newspaper and interview Scrooge. In your news article answer the following questions. Layout your final project to look like a page in a newspaper (include titles, headings, pictures, etc.).  
   - *Mr. Scrooge, you were once known as “a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!” How would you describe yourself now? What would you say caused this change?*  
   - *What was most important to you in the past? What is important to you now?*  
   - *What is your deepest regret about the past? Why is that such a cause of regret?*  
   - *Since you have changed, which deed are you proudest of and why?*  
   - *How has becoming a philanthropist affected the way you feel about others? How has it changed you?*  
   - *What advice would you give others, based on your own experience?*  
   - *How would you like to be remembered? In fact, how would you like your epitaph to read?*  

3. **POSTER INTERVIEW**: Scrooge buys a huge turkey for the Cratchits’ Christmas dinner. Explain what organizations in your community do to help bring cheer to others over the holidays. **Interview members of at least three community organizations** to find out what they do. (Have your questions approved ahead of time. Contact me at jrock@ccc-hs.org). You may telephone the organization or go there in person. **Make a poster that includes their names, phone numbers and an explanation of the opportunities for service.** Don’t forget to notice what your own school is doing. **Your final project should include the visually appealing poster and a neat copy of the questions and answers from the interviews. You must also write one paragraph on why it is important for these organizations to serve their communities.** If possible, actually get involved by serving.  

4. **SCRAPBOOK**: Collect at least ten newspaper/magazine/online articles that give opportunities to do philanthropy. Neatly organize them into a scrapbook or three-pronged folder. **Write a paragraph on each article specifically explaining how they**
relate to philanthropy. Final project should include scrapbook complete with 10 articles and 10 paragraphs on how they relate to philanthropy.

5. VOLUNTEER ESSAY: Participate in a community-related philanthropy project. Write a one- and-a-half to two-page essay about your experience and include answers to the following below. FINAL PAPER should be TYPED in 12-point font.

- Who did you help?
- What did you do?
- Where did you go?
- When did you do the philanthropic activity?
- Why was it important for you to help out in this way?
- How did you benefit from this experience?

- How did others benefit?
- How did you make a difference?
- How will this make a lasting impact?