

Aiden Rapien – Our Lady of the Visitation– Elder High School

My teachers have always told me that I am kind, and a good person. I see this in the notes every quarter on my report card as well. My classmates call me nice and helpful. As the son of an Eagle Scout, I have always been taught to live according to the Scout Law, and I do my best to follow those guidelines. I know I have been given a lot and I want to make sure that I give back so much more. I hope to leave the world a better place, and that that must begin with me.

Currently, I try to use my talents for my school. One of my gifts is singing. I have been a part of Visitation's Children Choir since 3rd grade. I often cantor for all-school and Sunday masses. For the past few years, I have volunteered at Elder's home football games to help them raise money for Glee Club. I look forward to volunteering and sharing my gift of music when I get to high school as well.

Boy Scouts is a huge part of my life. My fellow Scouts and Scout Master elected me as our Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). I was the youngest in our troop when I was elected. As SPL, I organize meetings and help other scouts to learn skills and advance in ranks. At Sunday meetings, we discuss meal plans for our next campout, talk about how we can live the Scout Oath and Law, and plan ways we can serve our community. A few of the ways we give back are by assembling and delivering fruit baskets, distributing mulch, collecting for St. Leo's Toy Drive, and building bridges at local parks. These experiences have made me excited to be a part of Elder's Christmas Toy and Food Drive and Elder's Community Service Program. I am on track to become an Eagle Scout before entering Elder and look to programs like these as a foundation for my Eagle Project this Spring.

For the past six years, my family has housed NET Ministries evangelists while they give retreats around Cincinnati. My family prepares, cooks, then distributes meals to those fighting cancer. We also cooked and delivered dinner for The Women's House in Kentucky. I help my teachers by cleaning the school, delivering milk to the preschoolers, and taking out the trash.

If I am awarded or not, I plan to use every minute at Elder to become a better version of myself, a servant to my community and family, and will try to live a humble life. Thank you for all you do. Your foundation is a blessing to many.