

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL CODE OF CHRISTIAN CONDUCT COVERING STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The students' interest in receiving a quality, morally-based education can be served if students, parents, and school officials work together. Normally, differences between these individuals can be resolved. In some rare instances, however, the school administration may find it necessary, at its discretion, to require parents/guardians to withdraw their child(ren).

It shall be an express condition of enrollment that the student behaves in a manner, both on and off campus, that is consistent with the Christian principles of the school as determined by the school. These principles include, but are not limited to, any policies, principles, or procedures set forth in any student/parent handbook of the school. The principal reserves the right to update the handbook at any time and will notify the parent/guardian and student community of any and all updates.

It shall be an express condition of enrollment that the parents/guardians of a student shall also conform themselves to standards of conduct that are consistent with the Christian principles of the school, as determined by the school in its discretion. These principles include, but are not limited to any policies, principles, or procedures set forth in any student/parent handbook of the school.

These Christian principles further include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Parents/guardians are expected to work courteously and cooperatively with the school to assist the student in meeting the academic, moral, and behavioral expectations of the school.*
- 2. Students and parents/guardians may respectfully express their concerns about the school operation and its personnel. However, they may not do so in a manner that is discourteous, scandalous, rumor driven, disruptive, threatening, hostile, or divisive.*
- 3. These expectations for students and parents/guardians include, but are not limited to, all school-sponsored programs and events (e.g., extended care, athletics, field trips, etc.).*
- 4. There will be zero tolerance of any violent behavior whether **verbal** (e.g., taunting, teasing), **written** (e.g., graphic pictures), or **physical** (e.g., fighting).*

The school reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, which actions fall short of meeting the Christian principles of the school. Failure to follow these principles will normally result in a verbal or written warning to the student and/or parent/guardian and normally will first result in disciplinary action short of a requirement to withdraw from the school (e.g., suspension of student or suspension of parent/guardian's privilege to come on the campus grounds and/or participate in parish/school activities, volunteer work, etc.).

However, the school reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, when conduct is of such a severe nature as to warrant immediate action.