

Academic and Behavior Responsibilities

Homework

Expectation: Students will have their homework fully completed for the appropriate class on the assigned due date, which will be specified by the teacher.

Academic Club: The purpose of this club is to hold students accountable for their homework and for students to receive extra help after school. If a student does not meet the homework expectation, they will be required to stay after school until the work is completed or 4:00 p.m. on the day of the infraction. If, by chance, the student completes late homework during study hall, they will need to show teachers all completed work at the end of the day. The completed work will need to be up to the quality expected.

No exceptions to Academic Club will be made for athletics or extra-curricular activities. If a pick-up conflict arises, the student must attend Academic Club the following morning beginning at 7:45 a.m. This must be arranged with the middle school teachers beforehand.

If a student attends Academic Club five times in a trimester, parents will be notified to discuss the infractions and possible solutions. Students may also voluntarily attend Academic Club to receive extra help on homework assignments or class work.

Freebie Card: At the beginning of the year each student will also be given a Freebie Card. This card is for the entire year. It can be used once for each subject area for a missing homework assignment. The assignment still needs to be completed, but no infraction will be given for that assignment unless it is late again. If a student loses their Freebie Card no others will be given out.

Preparation

Expectation: Students will come to class with all materials, including writing utensils, homework, textbooks, notebooks, etc. Students will be prepared for the day in the appropriate uniform, including a belt.

Preparation Cards: At the beginning of the year, students will be given Preparation Punch Cards to use for the entire school year. Sixth grade's cards will have ten punches; seventh grade's cards will have eight punches, and eighth grade's cards will have six punches. Once all punches have been used on a card, students will begin to receive P marks on their calendars. For every three P's received in a trimester, the student will be issued a detention. After every three detentions for Preparation, in a trimester, parents will be contacted to discuss the infractions and possible solutions. It is important to know that each student starts with a clean slate at the beginning of every trimester; however, each student will receive only one punch card for the entire year.

Behavior

Expectation: Students will behave and speak in a Christian manner at all times.

Behavior Marks: If a student behaves or speaks in a disruptive and/or disrespectful manner, they will receive a *B* mark on their calendar. For every three *B*'s received in a week, a detention will be issued. After every three detentions for Behavior, in a trimester, parents will be contacted to discuss the infractions and possible solutions. Teachers reserve the right to decide if an action is immediately detention worthy.

Bullying: There is zero tolerance for bullying, including cyber-bullying, and any report or suspicion of bullying will be investigated immediately.

Extracurricular Activities and Grades

Expectation: Students will maintain complete, passing grades while participating in extracurricular activities sponsored by St. Patrick or the public school.

Non-Passing Grades: If a student has a failing grade or Incomplete in any class, the student is ineligible for extracurricular activities. When the grade returns to passing, the student may then participate in extracurricular activities. Students also have the option of attending a morning study hall session every morning until the grade is raised to passing. If this is attended, the student may continue to participate in the extracurricular activity.

Rewards

End of the Month: At the end of every month, when possible, there will be a Homework Party for those students who turned all their homework in on time throughout the month. Possible Homework Party events include movie and popcorn, video games, board games, etc.

End of the Trimester: Students who received no detentions during the trimester will be awarded an afternoon of organized games or activities in the gym or outside, weather permitting.

End of the Year: At the end of the year a daylong activity will be planned. A student with three or fewer detentions for the year will have full participation in the activity. A student with 4-6 detentions for the year will have limited participation, and any students with 7 or more detentions for the year will not be able to participate in the activity.

Student of the Month: Each month the Middle School teachers will choose a student who has demonstrated great academic responsibility and Christian actions to be named Student of the Month. They will be honored with a display in the hallway and awarded a gift certificate.