

St. Joseph School: Middle School Discipline Policy

“The goal of Christian discipline is self-discipline. The student freely chooses one form of behavior over another and he / she must learn to accept the consequences of that chosen behavior. The student, who chooses specific actions which violate the rights of the school community, will be dealt with by using Christian justice. Students are expected to take an active role in helping to create a positive school experience for all. Teachers are responsible for the instruction in their classrooms. **Conduct rules are posted by teachers and reviewed regularly. For additional information please refer to Pages 13-16 of the St. Joseph School *Parent/Student Handbook*.**

The school reserves the right to discipline a student for actions committed off-campus if they are intended to have an effect on a student or school personnel or they adversely affect the safety and well-being of a student or school personnel while in school.

Middle School students that choose to break classroom and/or school rules will face the following disciplinary actions:

- **For the first two offenses (in a quarter), lunch detention will be assigned. Notification will be sent home to parents for signing. The principal will monitor the lunch detention in an assigned classroom (usually on Monday of each week).**
- **On the third offense (in a quarter), a student will meet with the principal to be assigned to after school detention.**
- **On the fourth offense, a conference will be held with parents, teacher, principal, and student.**
- **If a student should receive three after school detentions in one quarter, they will be placed on disciplinary probation. At that point, they will automatically forfeit eligibility in any extra-curricular activities, and be subject to further disciplinary actions such as in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and/or required outside counseling.**
- **For more serious offenses, the student will be referred to the principal for disciplinary action.**

Uniform Infractions

- **If a student receives one uniform infraction in one week, they will miss recess. If they have more than one a week, or excessive infractions in a month they will be assigned to lunch detention.**

Excessive Tardiness

- **If a student has 4 or more unexcused tardies in a month, they will miss recess.**

Field Trips

- **The school reserves the right to remove a student’s privilege of attending a field trip if the student has an excessive number of lunch or after-school detentions or other disciplinary actions. The student may also lose the privilege of attending a field trip if their academic performance reflects failing grades.**

Cell Phones

- **It is MANDATORY that all students deposit cell phones in a lock box in their homeroom each morning. Their cell phone must be registered with the homeroom teacher. If a student is found to have the cell phone in their possession during the school day the principal will hold the phone for one day for the first offense, hold one week and lunch detention for the 2nd offense, and hold for two weeks and after school detention for the 3rd offense.**
- **Parents are asked to call the school office when they need to get a message to their student as the student will not have access to their cell phones during the school day.**

Please keep this policy at home for reference and return the attached *Acknowledgement Form* to school by August 15.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY.

We acknowledge that we have read and understand the policies of the St. Joseph School Middle School Discipline Policy. We agree to abide by the policy outlined above.

Family Last Name _____
Please Print

Middle School Student's Name _____
Please Print

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Please return to the homeroom teacher by August 15, 2014.