

St. Theresa School's

6th-8th Discipline Plan

August 2011

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. We hope that everyone had a restful, enjoyable summer.

As we anticipate having another productive school year, our goal remains one of providing quality instruction within an atmosphere of acceptance and responsibility. Respect for others, respect for property, obedience, awareness of the needs of others, responsibility to participate in learning, and the effort to develop self-directed behavior are expected of each student.

To ensure that all students have the opportunity to receive this quality instruction, the 6th-8th grade teachers and administration of St. Theresa have formulated the following new behavior guidelines for the 2011-2012 school year. These guidelines will eliminate the use of the shape up system and having a conduct grade for each class as implemented previously.

St. Theresa School-Wide Rules:

1. Love one another as God loves you.
2. Be respectful to yourself, others & property.
3. Contribute to the learning environment.
4. Follow all school & classroom procedures.

Positive Recognition:

- ❖ School-wide Warrior Wampum Day once per month for A or B in conduct
- ❖ School-wide drawing for a prize
- ❖ Praise and positive notes
- ❖ Classroom rewards by teachers
- ❖ Small treats

Each student will receive **one** conduct grade per nine weeks. Students begin each 9 weeks with a 100% average in conduct. **Conduct grades will be updated weekly and may be viewed on RenWeb.** Any behavior listed below that is severe in nature may result in severe consequences as deemed appropriate by the administration.

Points deducted from conduct grade include, but are not limited to, the following examples.

2-point deduction

- Paperwork not returned in a timely manner
- Dress code/uniform violation
- Not prepared for class

3-point deduction

- Disruptive behavior
- Unnecessary roughness
- Inappropriate cafeteria/restroom behavior
- Repeated uniform violation

5-point deduction plus lunch detention

- Dishonesty
- Fighting/Bullying
- Defiance
- Inappropriate language/verbal profanity or gestures
- Rude/Disrespectful

10 point minimum deduction for suspension or Saturday school (\$25 fee)

- More serious offenses will result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the administration

Below is the Student Checklist that will be used to communicate to parents.

Note: Yellow copy of Checklist is to be signed by the parent and returned to the ISSUING TEACHER the following day. Failure to return the signed notice the next day will result in parent contact and additional deduction of two conduct points.

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<p>Lunch Detention results in 15 point deduction from weekly conduct grade for grades 3-5.</p> <p>Lunch Detention results in 5 point deduction from nine weeks conduct average for grades 6-8.</p>																																				
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Progression of Consequences for Deduction of Points

If a student's conduct grade reaches:

85% - An administrative conference with student will occur and parents will receive a post conference notification.

78% - Lunch Detention and a parent/middle school teacher conference with administration (No further point deduction) An individualized plan may be implemented.

74% - Saturday School (No further point deduction; \$25 fee)

69% - Suspension with post suspension conference

The Diocesan Administrative Manual states, "A student who is suspended is to be marked absent during the time of suspension." (This applies to in-school and out-of-school suspension.)

St. Theresa School's Discipline policy also includes guidelines for participation in Clubs, Sports, & Field Trips as follows:

Field Trips - Students must have a 78% or higher in conduct in the nine weeks of the field trip to attend.

Sports & Certain Clubs - Students must have an 81% or higher on the report card prior to joining. (Individual clubs may set more specific restrictive conduct requirements.)

Field Day - Students' average of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Nine Weeks conduct grades must be 78% or higher for participation.

8th Grade Trip - Students' final conduct average (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th nine weeks) must be 78% or higher.

Collaboration between parents and the school community will lead to a positive relationship between teachers, students, and parents as we work together to create an atmosphere that provides spiritual, academic, and social development for students in a safe, Catholic environment. We thank you for your support!

6th – 8th Grade Teachers

Please keep the Discipline Plan for your records and return this completed page to your child's homeroom teacher.

I have reviewed the 6th- 8th Grade Discipline Policy.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Homeroom _____