

Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School Code of Conduct

Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School strives to teach and foster self-discipline for the well being of both the student and the school community for the creation of a Christian atmosphere for learning. The collaboration of all parents, teachers and students is necessary to achieve success in this most important area of growth and development.

In guiding the child's growth in habits of virtue and Christian attitudes, it is helpful to emphasize the positive rather than the negative. Students need to understand that when they choose one behavior over another they must take upon themselves the consequences of that chosen behavior.

To create and foster a positive learning atmosphere, all Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School students are expected to demonstrate increasing maturity as they develop in three important areas:

Respect

Spirituality

Responsibility

A *respectful person* is one who believes in the dignity and worth of individuals and acts accordingly. While involved in all Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School activities, students are expected to:

- Be respectful and attentive to others' needs;
- Be gentle and sensitive in their attitudes toward others;
- Play safely on the playground in designated areas;
- Create positive solutions when resolving differences with others through conflict resolution;
- Show common courtesies and good manners toward teachers, other adults and fellow students.

A *spiritual person* is defined as one who lives his or her faith. Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School students are expected to:

- Have a reverent attitude during prayer, prayer services and liturgy;
- Treat religious symbols in a reverent manner;
- Recognize and affirm the goodness of others;
- Participate in special service projects with the parishes, school and community.

A *responsible person* is one who responds to meeting personal, school and community obligations. To make school a positive learning experience, Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School students are expected to:

- Complete school work on time;
- Follow directions;
- Handle all school and church property with care;
- Participate in class with attentiveness and effort.

In their effort to learn to be respectful, spiritual and responsible, students may make mistakes. Just as it is important to celebrate students' achievements toward becoming more respectful, spiritual and responsible, it is also important for students to learn when their behavior departs from this path. Toward that end, there will be consequences at Sts. Joan of Arc and Patrick School for students' behavior that interferes with the attainment of these goals. Disciplinary procedures are in place to stop improper action, give students opportunity to explain and reflect on action and cause, modify and/or teach appropriate behavior and to keep concerned parties informed.