

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

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SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Parents must agree to these regulations as a condition for admission and continued study at St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

1. All reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of the children. Parents are responsible for any medical or hospital charges incurred on behalf of their child. The governing body, principal and teaching staff are indemnified and held harmless in their duties of teaching and extra-curricular activities and in the conveyance of children to and from activities. Parents shall have no claim against them arising from any incident in such circumstances.
2. Permission is given by the parents for the child to participate in the normal sporting and cultural activities of the school. No claim can be made against the school or staff for any injuries incurred, or for any articles of clothing/equipment which may be lost or damaged.
3. Parents are responsible for the fees being paid to the school. When the fees are paid on a monthly basis, they must not be more than thirty days late. Students whose fees are not fully paid by the end of the year will not be allowed to return for the following school year.
4. Children must arrive on time for school (8:10 am) and for Mass (7:10 am) on school Mass days.
5. Children must be collected promptly after school (2:10 pm). There is no after school care provided. However, there is study hall until 3:00 pm.
6. Attendance at the weekly school Mass is mandatory. The children must arrive on time for the Mass. Daily Mass is optional. However, if the children are at school during Mass on non school Mass days, they must be present at the Mass, and are not to be wandering around or alone in their classrooms.
7. Once students have arrived at school, they are not to leave school property, until such time as their transport arrives after school, or it is time for them to go home. In particular they are not to leave school property to purchase items at the tuck shop. Infractions against this rule will be treated as a serious disobedience.
8. Children should be dressed in their proper school uniform at all times at school. The dress code is on a separate sheet. They must be neat and tidy with a clean uniform. There is a sports uniform, which must be worn for sports.
9. Children are expected to be obedient, well-behaved and polite at all times. Disrespect to the priests, sisters, brothers, teachers or school staff will not be tolerated, nor will bullying of other students.
10. All students are to stand when adults enter the room. They are to greet them correctly. Furthermore, they are to develop the habit of raising their hand before speaking in class or asking a question.
11. Eating and drinking is restricted to the break times, and is forbidden during class time. In particular, chewing gum is always forbidden on school property.
12. Littering is strictly forbidden, and students are always to dispose of their rubbish in the containers provided.

13. If the conduct of the child is deemed unsuitable, disruptive, or in any other way detrimental to the welfare of the school, the child may be suspended or expelled at the sole discretion of the Principal.

14. Specifically the following are matter for immediate expulsion: Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any illegal substance; impurity in words or actions; fighting, bullying or intimidation; theft; cheating; possession of firearms, knives or weapons of any kind.

15. The following behaviours are also unacceptable and will be punished, including by possible suspension or expulsion: disrespect or insubordination to faculty members; swearing; lying; writing on or scratching desks, chairs, tables or walls; graffiti; vandalism or property damage; unauthorised use of computers, internet or recreation equipment.

16. Electronic devices of any kind are forbidden during school hours, with the sole exception of electronic calculators. Any such devices discovered will be confiscated. This includes cell phones, video games, MP3 players, I-pods etc.

17. Students in grades 4 and above are permitted the use of a locker. However, they must not put a lock on the locker, and the locker must be available for inspection by the staff at all times.

18. Girls must have their hair gathered together at the back, nor can it fall on their faces. They are not allowed extensions, dyeing of hair, braids or other fashionable styles. Boys must wear their hair short and the so-called Mohawk style is forbidden.

19. Students are not allowed any kind of makeup (including lipstick) or jewellery. The only exception to this is the use of small modest "sleepers" ear rings to keep the pierced ear lobe holes open. No other body piercing is permitted.

20. Any absence of more than two days must be explained in writing, either by a letter from the parents or in case of sickness from a health professional. Any student who is absent for more than five school days without an explanation is liable to immediate dismissal from the school.

21. St. John the Baptist School does not have Grade 12. Any learners desiring to do Grade 12 must complete their education at another school.

22. All children are taught the Catholic Faith at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. They are taught that the Catholic Church is the one true Church founded by Jesus Christ. After learning the Faith some non-Catholic children may wish to convert to the Catholic Faith. By sending your children to this school you agree to this possibility and to support your children if they so decide.

I have read these regulations and agree to them.

Parent's name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____