

# Saint Anne Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we have just begun the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last trimester of the 2010-2011 school year at Saint Anne Catholic School. It seems just yesterday that we were welcoming the return of "old" families and greeting "new" families for the first time as the Parents/Teacher Organization planned for the Meet-And-Greet Potluck, Fun Fair 2009 (\$55,000+), Fright Night and the Christmas Bazaar (ca. \$5,000).

We have seen great successes for our students as they have participated and excelled in Soccer, Swim Meet, Table Tennis, Boys Basketball, Cross Country, Girls Basketball (1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Catholics Schools League), Diocesan Spelling Bee (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Diocesan Science Fair (2-1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Place out of 9 entrants), Diocesan Forensics Tournament (Team-1<sup>st</sup> place. All participants placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.), and National Geographic Contest (State-level Participant).

It is just a short time before we and the students enjoy Volleyball, First Reconciliation (Grade 2), Seder Meal Re-enactment, Living Stations of the Cross, Track, Easter Break, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Potluck Dinner and Social, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saint Anne Physical Fitness Challenge (ca. \$30,000 already), Glee Club Performance, Softball, Student Council elections, Spirit Leader tryouts, National Junior Honor Society Induction, Field Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Barbecue and Awards, May Crowning and Procession, First Holy Communion, Awards Assembly, Kindergarten Graduation, all of the Eighth Grade activities culminating with Graduation, and the last day of school.

The end of the year is filled with many student- and family-oriented events and activities. It can be a hectic time and present challenges. We must ensure that our full attention is always focused on the primary task of providing quality Catholic education. It is important to review those things to which we committed ourselves at the beginning of the year when the Acknowledgement and Disclaimer Regarding the Saint Anne Catholic School Parent/Student Handbook 2009-2010 was signed. It is with that in mind that I ask you to review with your child(ren) the Saint Anne Catholic School Discipline Code (Attached). As administrators, faculty and staff we take seriously our commitment to the ministry entrusted to us by Saint Anne Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Las Vegas. We, therefore, will be reviewing the Discipline Code with all students Monday, March 9 during Religion class.

As parents you are the primary educators of your children. You are the most important role models in their lives. We administrators, faculty and staff are here to assist in that process, providing a safe environment in which to grow as Catholics and citizens of the world. Together we are able to accomplish great things for your children.

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Teacher,

*James C. Machinski, EdD.*

Dr. James Machinski  
Principal

## **Saint Anne Catholic School Discipline Code**

Discipline is an essential element of Christian life. Self-control, respect for peers and adults, pride in school, faith, and nation are basic attributes expected from students who attend Saint Anne Catholic School.

Good habits of conduct and proper attitudes toward school originate in the home. It is not expected that a child will learn self-discipline in school if that development has not been started at home. The school is an extension of the home and shares the responsibility with the parent to help the student develop appropriate behavior and effective learning habits.

To achieve self-discipline in the classroom, the students need to understand the rules and know the consequence.

Self-discipline is a skill and it takes time to develop. Much unacceptable behavior occurs because children are children and they make mistakes in the process of growing up. Usually a serious talk, "time out" during recess, work that is a natural consequence of the child's action, or a talk with the Principal is sufficient to bring about change. However, if no change in behavior occurs, other steps will be taken to maintain a reasonable standard of behavior and a good learning situation. Every student has the right to a proper learning environment and the actions of a few students cannot be allowed to detract from the educational welfare of all the students.

There are many privileges for students at Saint Anne Catholic School particularly in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Inappropriate behavior by a student can result in the loss of some or all of these privileges.

Certain types of behavior are totally inappropriate in a Christian learning center. The following offenses committed by pupils while under the jurisdiction of the school may be reasons for being kept after school, suspension or expulsion:

1. Use or possession of narcotics, alcohol or tobacco on or near school premises.
2. Action gravely detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of other pupils.
3. Habitual profanity or vulgarity.
4. Assault, battery or any threat of force or violence directed toward any school personnel or pupils.
5. Persistent insubordination.
6. Stealing.
7. Habitual truancy.
8. Willful cutting, defacing or otherwise injuring in any way property, real or personal, belonging to the school.
9. Possession of a weapon on school grounds.
10. Leaving school grounds without permission. (Once a student comes on the school property, he/she is not to leave except by following the procedure set forth in the handbook.)

From parents, we need, expect and require honest and consistent cooperation to implement the spirit as well as the letter of the Handbook's guidelines and rules. Parents or guardians are expected to support teachers and administrators and to recognize that disciplinary action entails the exercise of judgment, often under pressing circumstances.

There are those rare times when the school makes a decision with which a parent or guardian disagrees. If attempts to deal with the matter are unsuccessful, the school reserves the right to require a parent to withdraw from the working partnership.

Any appeal of decisions by the Principal should be directed to the Administrator/Pastor.