

# *St. Nicholas Catholic School Code of Conduct*

## *Expectations of Students*

“I will behave in a Christ-like manner.”

### *Spiritual*

I will respect others and myself in speech and actions by:

- exhibiting empathy, kindness, and forgiveness to others.
- being cooperative with teachers and schoolmates.
- using polite manners and appropriate titles when addressing others.
- respecting the rights, safety, and well-being of others.
- refraining from harassing and bullying.
- helping and assisting others cheerfully and lovingly.

### *Academic*

I will take an active part in my learning by:

- developing self-confidence.
- concentrating and persevering.
- developing independent work skills and habits.
- completing and turning in all assignments in a timely manner.
- developing appropriate time management skills.
- assuming a fair share of the workload in group work.
- working and learning in cooperation with others.
- listening attentively at all times.
- being prepared daily for class.
- being consistent in attendance and punctuality.

### *Community*

I will take the Gospel message and build God’s Kingdom here on earth by:

- taking responsibility for my own actions.
- following the directions given by those in authority.
- actively listening to what others have to say.
- respecting the personal space of others.
- being honest and truthful in word and deed at all times.
- being careful with all property: the school’s, other’s, and mine.
- using safety habits at all times while on the school campus: inside the classrooms, the halls, restrooms, cafeteria, gym, playground, and the church.
- not bringing guns, knives, or weapons; replicas of guns, knives, or weapons; prescription or non-prescription drugs; or any potentially dangerous items onto the school campus.
- abstaining from the use of abusive or profane language.
- never engaging in dangerous, violent, threatening, or illegal activities.

*Parents, please sign on back and return this to your child’s teacher.*

## ***Expectations of Parents/Guardians***

“I will model for my child a lifestyle that demonstrates Christ-like behavior.”

- I will interact with staff, children, and other parents in a respectful manner.
- I will support the academic progress and spiritual growth of my child by:
  - assisting in homework assignments and behavior plans.
  - ensuring that my child is consistent in attendance and punctuality.
  - preparing my child to be ready to learn each day.
  - encouraging my child’s best effort at all times.
  - reviewing and explaining school rules and procedures with my child.
  - expecting my child to know and follow classroom and school rules.
- I will celebrate my child's learning, recognizing and appreciating their accomplishments.
- I will maintain open, ongoing communication/dialogue with my child's teacher.
- I will be knowledgeable and supportive of the school policies and expectations.
- I will resolve differences in a sincere and genuine manner giving validity to differences.
- I will be an active member of my child's educational team.
- I will volunteer my time and talent to the school (at least 15 hours per family per year and participate in at least 1 of the 5 major fundraisers).
- I will attend the Safe Environment Class for parents and volunteers.

## ***Expectations of Faculty and Staff***

“I will exhibit a Christ-like lifestyle demonstrating and modeling Catholic beliefs and values.”

- I will respect myself, other staff members, the children, and parents/guardians.
- I will support the spiritual and academic growth of the children.
- I will provide a positive environment for learning and celebrate each child’s growth and accomplishments, while employing accepted best instructional practices.
- I will maintain open communication/dialogue with children, families, and faculty/staff.
- I will support the mission statement, vision statement, and policies of the school.
- I will ensure confidentiality and privacy in regards to records and the people I serve.
- I will adhere to the guidelines established in the Idaho Teacher Code of Ethics.
- I will be an active member of the children's educational team.
- I will make every effort within my means to protect the students from conditions detrimental to learning or to physiological, psychological, or spiritual well-being.

**Please read the front and back of this document and review with your child. After you have reviewed this and read the Family Handbook with your student, please fill out names, sign and date below indicating that you will abide by the school policies.**

**Return to your student’s teacher.**

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_