

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE POLICIES 2009-2010

### LATENESS

All children are expected to arrive by **8:20** each morning. Students in the **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** grade must be in their homeroom by that time. A child will be considered late if arriving after 8:20.

- After **three** latenesses (per trimester), a letter will be sent home and the child will serve a Friday afternoon detention.
- After the **sixth** lateness (per trimester), the child will **receive a conduct referral** and serve detention. The child will also be ineligible for Honor Roll status.
- **Upon the 7<sup>th</sup> lateness** (per trimester), the child will be **suspended from class** and a parent conference will be conducted with the teacher and principal.
- Please remember that high schools do not take latenesses lightly!!!

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be given in all subjects on a daily basis (except Friday). Children are expected to complete it each evening and **have it signed**. Failure to complete homework or have it signed will result in points being deducted from their homework grade.

If a child comes to school the day a project is due, and it is not in their possession, they will receive a **0 for that assignment**. **NO child will be able to call home to have someone bring it to school.**

Students who do not submit a poem or a book that needs to be approved by the due date, will receive a **0 on that assignment**. Since these due dates are given out on the first day of school, there is no excuse as to why it is not handed in on time!!

If a child is absent from school, all work must be made up in a timely fashion. It is the **student's responsibility** to show the teachers all make up work. Students will not receive credit for assignments not shown to the teacher.

**If a child is absent the day a project is due or a presentation is to be given, he/she must return to school with a doctor's note.** If this happens on more than one occasion, the child will receive a 0 on that project/assignment.

Please remember that **homework constitutes 10%** of your child's average each trimester.

- Students will be given a "freebie" in each subject per trimester. There will be no penalty for not completing this assignment.
- For all subsequent missed assignments, points will be deducted from their homework grade dependent on the number of assignments given.
- After the **fourth incomplete homework** in any one subject (per trimester), the student will receive a **conduct referral** and a parent will be required to come in for a conference. This will make the child ineligible for Honor Roll status.
- If a student continues to not complete assignments, he/she will be suspended from class and another conference will be scheduled with the parent, teacher and principal.

- If an excessive number of **homework assignments are not signed** (number depends on the total number of assignments given each trimester), **points will be deducted from the child's homework grade.**
- Failure to continually complete homework and have it signed will result in the child receiving an S or lower in this area.

## **TESTS**

Students will generally be informed at least one week in advance of any upcoming tests. Dates will be posted in the classroom as well as on the St. Andrew's web page.

([www.saintandrewavellino.com](http://www.saintandrewavellino.com)) Dates on the web site are tentative!! It is the child's responsibility to copy these dates!!

Quizzes will not be announced!!! It is the student's responsibility to study on a daily basis and review material that was taught each day. Quizzes will be combined to form one grade and will be averaged in with all other test/project grades.

If a child is absent from school on a scheduled test date, he/she will take a **make-up test** on the day he/she returns from the absence. If there seems to be a pattern of absences on test days, a parent will be required to come in for a conference to discuss and remedy the situation.

**All tests**, regardless of the grade, **must be signed** and returned to school the day after they are given back to the students. If students do not comply, they will receive an S or lower on the "Complies With Policy" section of their report card.

## **HALLWAY BEHAVIOR**

Students are expected to line up quietly in the hallways and maintain self-control at all times. Failure to maintain self-control, will result in the child receiving an S or lower in the "Complies With Policy" section on their report card.

## **UNIFORM**

Students are expected to follow the rules set forth in the handbook regarding school uniform.

- Students not complying with the uniform policy will first be issued a warning.
- If the non-compliance continues, a conduct referral will be issued.
- Boys **MAY NOT** wear a t-shirt with writing on it under their uniform shirt.

## **GYM UNIFORM**

- Students are to wear St. Andrew Avellino School gym pants and shirt to gym. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will replace gym shirt with Class of 2010 shirt as soon as it is received.
- Students **MAY NOT WEAR** St. Andrew Avellino GYM SHORTS TO SCHOOL. If they want to wear them, they must be brought to school and they will change before gym class.
- Girls **MAY NOT WEAR** a tank top under their gym shirt!

## **DRESS DOWN DAYS**

Students are expected to come to school neatly dressed. They may not wear offensive T-shirts of any kind, no tank tops, and no revealing shirts. Students are only allowed to wear shorts (to their knees) if the temperature is expected to reach 70 degrees or higher.

If the student is inappropriately dressed, he/she will call home so that someone can bring in a school uniform. If this happens on more than one occasion, they will forfeit all dress down passes!

NUT cards must be presented on the day the child dresses down. If a child forgets the pass, he/she will be given a warning. Students will forfeit all dress down passes if it happens again. It is strongly encouraged to keep the dress down passes in an envelope in his/her folder. In that way, they are always in their possession.

Dressing down does not give the girls permission to wear make-up of any kind, nail polish, or dangling/hoop earrings.

## **GUM CHEWING**

Students are never permitted to chew gum in the school building or on class trips. Students caught chewing gum will be issued a conduct referral.

## **HIGHLIGHTED HAIR/NAIL POLISH/EARRINGS/WRITING ON HANDS**

- Neither boys nor girls are permitted to have highlights in their hair. If a student comes to school with highlights, they will be given one week to have them removed. After that, a conduct referral will be issued.
- Girls **not allowed to wear any nail polish**. They may not wear artificial nails of any kind!
- Girls may **only wear post earrings**. **They cannot wear hoops or dangling earrings of any kind**. Boys are not allowed to wear an earring to school. The first infraction will result in a warning and the child will be asked to remove the earrings. After that, if it happens again, a conduct referral will be issued!
- No student is allowed to use pen or marker to write on his/her hand, arm, or other exposed body parts. The first infraction will result in a warning. If it is done again, the child will be issued a conduct referral.
- Girls may only wear one ring per hand. Only ONE necklace and/or bracelet may be worn.
- Girls are not to wear make-up of ANY kind!!! The child will be asked to remove the make-up on the first offense. Continued disregard for school policy will result in the issuance of a conduct referral. This will also be marked accordingly on the child's report card.

## **CELL PHONES**

If a student is required to carry a cell phone, it is to be turned off and kept in a school bag. No student may carry a cell phone on his/her person.

- The first time a child's cell phone goes off, or it is in view of a teacher, it will be confiscated and sent to the Principal's office. A parent will be required to pick up the phone from the Principal.
- The second infraction will result in the cell phone being confiscated, and the student will receive a conduct referral. A parent must come to the Principal to pick up the phone.
- After the second infraction, the phone will be confiscated for the remainder of the school year and returned to a parent on the last day of school.
- If a child is caught texting/emailing during school hours, he/she will be suspended from class.

## **CONDUCT REFERRALS**

A conduct referral will also be issued for the following infractions:

- Disrespect to any authority figure, whether in school or on a trip.
- Disturbance in class, halls, or lunchroom
- Fighting or physically threatening others
- Destruction of school property
- Cheating (copying from someone's paper during a test, giving someone answers during a test, plagiarizing)
- Using profanity or inappropriate language
- Texting/emailing during school hours
- Any infraction of handbook regulations
- Sales transactions on school property during the school day.

## **DETENTION**

Detention will be given at the discretion of the junior high teachers after all other possible solutions have been exhausted. Students will be told to call home and inform parent of the detention. Detention will be from 2:30 – 3:30.

## **HONOR ROLL STATUS**

**\*\*\*PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE GUIDELINES FOR HONOR ROLL STATUS\*\*\*:**

Principal's List:	95 – 100 with no subject average lower than 93
First Honors:	90 -- 94.9 with no subject average lower than 88
Second Honors:	85 – 89.9 with no subject average lower than 83

If a child receives a conduct referral or serves three detentions during the course of any trimester, he/she will be ineligible for Honor Roll Status.

Students must maintain Es and Gs on the Personal Progress section of their report card to qualify for Honor Roll status.

If a child receives 3 Ss (or lower) in Effort, Conduct, or Homework, he/she will be ineligible for Honor Roll Status.

**Please take the time to thoroughly read through and discuss these policies with your child(ren). You are then asked to print out the tear-off below. We ask that both you and your child sign and return the bottom portion of this sheet to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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September 2009

Dear Teachers,

We have read and discussed the importance of the policies set forth by the teachers and understand the consequences for any infractions of these policies.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_