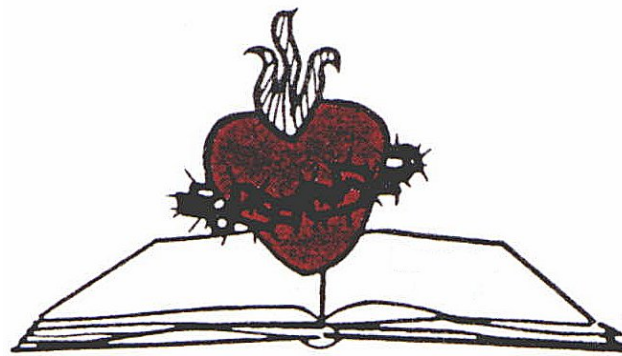


SACRED HEART SCHOOL
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Parent/Student Handbook

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Letter of Welcome

Dear Parents:

The Sacred Heart School Handbook provides important information about our school, its mission, programs, policies and parent organization. It is our hope that you will keep it in a safe place and use it often as a source of information during the coming school year.

The faculty and staff of Sacred Heart are pleased to be able to work with you to guide and teach your children in this special faith community. By saying, “Yes” to Catholic education you have made a commitment which will be one of the most important gifts you give your child. Sacred Heart School is proud of over 120 years of excellent educational and spiritual tradition. We, as educators, will work to continue these traditions and provide your children with a challenging and exciting educational program which is infused with the teachings of the Gospel and Christian values.

We encourage you to read carefully the mission statement and philosophy as it contains the beliefs and goals which empower us, both parents and educators, to become actively involved in the Catholic education of our children.

Sincerely,

Sacred Heart School Administration, Faculty, and Staff

B. History of the School

Sacred Heart School opened its doors in 1883 and began the business of educating children under the direction of the Benedictine Sisters. In 1908 The Sisters of St. Mary arrived to staff the school. Their service to the community continued until 1983. From that time to this, the school has been a vital and integral part of the life of Gervais, St. Louis, and the surrounding area.

Although the school and the Sacred Heart/St. Louis community are small in numbers, the generosity of its people has always been huge, both financially and in service, beyond the bounds of the community. There is great pride in the number of graduates who have gone into the priesthood and religious life – perhaps unmatched in number by any other elementary school in the state.

C. Mission Statement

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MISSION: To help children in their development as members of the Body of Christ within a positive, Catholic learning environment.

D. Philosophy Statement

SACRED HEART SCHOOL is committed to educating the whole child. We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children and teachers are the facilitators of learning. Because of this we:

PROVIDE a Catholic Christian environment.

RESPECT God, self, creation, and others.

SHOW what it means to be a Catholic today, by providing religious education that is authentic in doctrine and contemporary in presentation.

TEACH subjects in such a way that each student sees their education as preparation for Catholic Christian life.

ENFORCE loving discipline that creates order and develops personal responsibility.

EMPHASIZE development of discipleship through building of community and acts of service.

May the Holy Spirit bless all we do so that we will contribute toward a world of peace and hope.

E. Personnel

1. Archbishop

The Archbishop, as chief pastor of the Archdiocese, has the responsibility not only for the spiritual formation of the people, but also for every other factor that contributes to the development of the Catholic community. As authentic teacher in the Archdiocese, he articulates faith for the people of God and calls them to the imitation of Christ. As chief administrator of the Archdiocese, he oversees the good order of the teaching mission. The Archbishop is the enactor of all Archdiocesan policy and the ultimate decision-maker assisted and represented by the Department of Catholic Schools.

2. Department of Catholic Schools

The Archbishop, in his role as Shepherd and Teacher, delegates the everyday administration of the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese to the Department of Catholic Schools. The Superintendent of Catholic Schools heads the department.

The Department of Catholic Schools provides information, guidelines, assistance, and services to the schools that are ordinarily site-based managed and under the leadership of the principal. Although governance of the schools is at the local level, pastors and principals are expected to follow policies and guidelines approved for schools by the Archbishop. Schools are also expected to follow curricula guidelines.

In some special circumstances, decisions may need to be made by the Department of Catholic Schools that would ordinarily be made at the local level.

3. Pastor

The pastor, by direction of the Archbishop and canon law, is directly responsible for all parish endeavors. One such major endeavor is the parish or area school. The pastor can render service and leadership to the parish or area school by acting as a religious leader, community builder, and administrator, working together with the principal, faculty, parents, and other parishioners in a joint effort to advance the education of the children. He is also responsible for the hiring of the principal and the renewal or non-renewal of the principal's employment agreement.

4. Principal

The position of administrative responsibility carries with it a unique opportunity for shaping a climate of Catholic/Christian values and an atmosphere for learning that will nurture the growth and development of each person. The principal fosters community among faculty and students. S/he understands the Catholic school as part of larger communities, both religious and secular. The principal collaborates with parish, area, and/or Archdiocesan personnel in planning and implementing policies, programs and/or the use of facilities and grounds.

The principal is responsible for implementing school policies. S/he may amend the handbook as needed.

5. Faculty

The faculty (and students) of the school form a community whose purpose is to develop an atmosphere in which the religious faith of each student as well as her/his intellectual, moral, and physical capacities may be developed and strengthened.

6. Secretary

The secretary is responsible to the principal for the efficient operation of the school office and management of business related to the school office.

7. Other Support Staff

Other staff is responsible to the principal for the efficient operation of the school and for the performance of duties according to their job description.

8. List of School Personnel

PASTOR:		Rev. John Cihak, S.T.D.
PRINCIPAL:		Lucy A. Shindler
TEACHERS:	Kindergarten	Corina Espericueta
	Grades 1-2	Lucia Ries
	Grades 3-4	Judy Howard
	Grades 5-6	Mariana Sandness
	Grades 7-8 &	Karen Orton
SECRETARY:		Karen Nys
INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION:		Veronica Davidson
LIBRARIAN:		Marion Zellner (volunteer)
COMPUTER:		Judy Adams
MAINTENANCE:		Mike Reede
PIANO TEACHER:		Sally Cady (private lessons)
BOOKKEEPER:		Bonnie Henny

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND STANDARDIZED TESTING

A. Academic Honesty

Honesty is expected of students in the performance of all academic work. Cheating, plagiarism (such as, but not limited to, copying or sharing the work of another and submitting it as one's own), or doing another person's homework assignments are all forms of academic dishonesty. Anyone who violates the policy of academic honesty may immediately receive a failing grade on that exam or assignment. Academic dishonesty may lead to other disciplinary procedures including detention, suspension or possible expulsion.

B. Conferences

1. Scheduled by School

Parent/Teacher Conferences are held for 20-minute periods during the fall and by teacher or parent request in the spring. Parents are encouraged to prepare by making a list of questions about how their child is doing academically and/or socially.

2. Requested by Parent

Parents desiring longer conferences than those scheduled by the school or parents who wish to meet with the teacher at times throughout the year are encouraged to call the school office to arrange an appointment.

3. Guidelines

- a) Please be as courteous to the teacher as you would expect him/her to be to you. Questioning the teacher's authority is not helpful in front of the child. If you have such a disagreement, please request an interview with the teacher privately.
- b) Please try to be open to both sides of the story if a problem arises. Perception differences and information reported incorrectly can lead to unnecessary confrontations with the teacher and unwise decisions.
- c) Discuss difficulties in the classroom with the teacher first before bringing them to the principal.

C. Curriculum

Local curriculum development is the responsibility of the principal and faculty following the approved Archdiocesan guidelines.

D. Daily Schedule

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. for all grades K-8. The classroom teacher will give daily class schedules to students at the beginning of the year.

E. Electronic Information/Communications

(Also see Electronic Policy under Discipline)

The mission of Sacred Heart School is to educate students to become self-directed, continuous learners and ethical, responsible citizens prepared to meet the increasing challenges of a global, technological society. In addition, the school believes that technology should be used as a vehicle of communication, analysis, and research in light of Catholic values and moral decision-making.

Therefore, the school is committed to the integration and effective use of current and future technology to further the educational mission of the school and the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel to all people. The Bishops of the United States have supported the use of technology as a means of evangelization.

Telecommunications, electronic information sources and networked services significantly alter the information landscape for schools by opening classrooms to a broader array of resources. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees.

Access to telecommunications will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with people throughout the world. The school believes that the benefit to students from access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration is critically important for learning.

F. Grading and Related Topics

1. Grade Equivalents

A=94-100

B=83-93

C=70-82

D=64-69

F =63 and below.

a) Academic Probation

Upon entering Sacred Heart School, all students will be on probation for one grading period. The principal may place students on probation for academic or social reasons after conferencing with teachers, parents and student. The term of probation will be determined by the principal. At the end of the probation period the student's progress and/or conduct will be reviewed by the principal and teachers. If sufficient progress has been made, the probation will be terminated. If not, the principal, teachers, and parents will determine whether or not the academic environment of Sacred Heart School is appropriate for the student.

2. Homework

The purpose of homework is to reinforce material already taught and to foster habits of independent study. All students are expected to be responsible for their class work on a daily basis. If papers are not in on time, students will be expected to complete assignments at recess. If assignments continue to be incomplete, arrangements will be made for the student to stay after school and a parent/teacher/student conference will be requested.

Students are expected to be responsible for making up assignments missed through absence. Make up work will be given to the student **upon their return to school**. The student will be allowed two days for every day absent to turn in the work.

Taking family vacations during school time is highly discouraged. However, if this is to occur, notification should be made with the teacher prior to leaving school. Missed work will be given to the student **upon their return to school**. The student will be allowed two days for every day absent to turn in the work.

Teachers assign homework with great care, and for the purpose of fostering habits of independence in study or for special assistance to students. While it is difficult to specify time for homework, the following may offer some guidelines.

Grades K, 1, 2	10-20 minutes
Grades 3, 4	15-45 minutes

Grades 5, 6	30-60 minutes
Grades 7, 8	60-90 minutes

Concerns about homework should be addressed to the teacher.

3. Progress Reports/Report Cards

Reports are sent home three times a year. In this way parents will be alerted to the successes or areas of improvement for their child. In addition, progress reports will be sent midway through each reporting period.

4. Supplies

Students are responsible for obtaining and maintaining their own basic school supplies. This includes but is not limited to items such as pencils, paper, and pens. Some supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.

5. Textbooks

The Department of Catholic Schools and the Oregon State Department of Education determines the list of approved textbooks from which the school may select for each subject of the curriculum.

Lost books will be replaced at the parent’s expense and there will be no refund if the book is then found. Individual damages will be assessed at the end of the year and appropriate charges made.

G. Graduation

1. Graduation Ceremony

Graduation from elementary school is marked by a simple and dignified celebration that gives recognition to the unique value of the Christian education just completed. While these exercises should be scheduled so as not to conflict with high school graduation dates, ordinarily the eighth grade graduation should not be scheduled before the last weekend of the closing week of school.

2. Graduation Attire

Appropriate attire should be worn for the occasion: dress shirts and dress pants for boys; dress attire for girls is to be modest. Sleeveless wear is not allowed. Prom type dresses are NOT APPROPRIATE.

H. Promotion and Retention

1. Promotion

A student satisfactorily completing each grade’s work will be promoted to the next grade.

2. Guidelines for Retention of Students

Recommendation for retention of students is made by the teacher in consultation with the principal and the parents and, if appropriate, with other advisory staff. Such decision is based on the total evaluation of a student’s growth in all areas of development.

In all cases, the decision for retention rests with the principal.

I. Standardized Testing

Schools participate in the Archdiocesan standardized testing program in the spring. Each student’s scores will be sent home. Parents may request other types of tests, such as academic or psychological testing, from the local public school district.

III. ADMISSIONS AND WITHDRAWAL

It is the goal of Sacred Heart School to educate children of Catholic families. Registration means that the family is willing to comply with the programs and policies of the school and actively participate in the activities which support the school in its programs and philosophy. Catholic schools are a primary means of Catholic education. The Catholic school is to assist Catholic families in the formation and education of their children in the Catholic faith, Gospel values, and traditions.

A. Application Process

An enrollment application must be filled out to begin the process of enrollment at Sacred Heart School. Applications may be picked up from the school office. Sacred Heart School has adopted the following priorities in admission in order to provide its students with a positive, Catholic learning environment and to ensure continuity in the education of students and their families:

1. Returning students in good standing.
2. Siblings of returning students from active* Sacred Heart/St. Louis parishioners.
3. Siblings of returning students from parishioners of another Catholic parish without a school.
4. Active* parishioners of Sacred Heart/St. Louis Parish. These families will be accepted according to longevity in the parish. If a Sacred Heart/St. Louis parishioner is not able to enroll their student(s) due to class size, they may request a hearing with the Pastor, Principal, School Advisory Council Chair and Pastoral Council Chair to evaluate circumstances.
5. Siblings of returning students from active* parishioners of another Catholic parish with a Catholic School that is full.
6. All other siblings.
7. Active* parishioners from other Catholic parishes without a school.
8. Active* parishioners from other Catholic parishes, with schools, who have full enrollment.
9. All other Catholics.
10. Non-Catholics.

***Criteria for Active Parishioner Status:**

1. The family worships with the parish community on a regular basis.
2. The family contributes time, talent and/or material goods to the parish.
3. The family contributes to the parish using parish offertory envelopes.
 - Active parishioners must have a verification form signed by the applicable pastor and included in the pre-registration application.
 - Families who do not qualify as active and participating parishioners fall under the non-active status and are charged the higher tuition rate.

Adopted by Advisory Council April 10, 1997; Revised September 1999

B. Entrance Requirements

A child entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age by September 1 of the current school year. First graders must be 6 by September 1 of the year they enter. Exceptions for early entrance will be evaluated by the principal and the teacher with a nine-week probationary period. However, an appropriate aged student who has pre-registered by August 9th will take precedence over the early entrance student.

1. Records at Entrance

Students entering school for the first time are required to bring a birth record, a baptismal record (if applicable), and a record of state required immunizations. A physical examination is encouraged for those entering school for the first time.

2. Special Needs Policy

Parents should inform the school if a child has any special needs.

3. Post Enrollment Issues

If a question arises as to a student's specific learning needs after enrollment, Sacred Heart School will contact the parents and an appropriate assessment will be made.

If the principal and the pastor determine that the school program cannot provide the best education for the special needs of a student, Sacred Heart School will assist the parents to locate a school with trained teachers and academic programs better able to serve the student's special needs.

If it is discovered after enrollment that information about a student that would affect his/her learning has been omitted or misrepresented, and Sacred Heart School discovers that it cannot meet the student's needs,

the parents may be asked to withdraw the student and place him/her in another school better equipped to meet the student's needs.

Likewise, if Sacred Heart School determines that a student's behavior is such that his/her education or the education of other students is jeopardized, the parents may be asked to withdraw the student from the school after consultation with the pastor, principal, teacher, and parents.

If the principal or pastor becomes aware of any other information that negatively affects the life of the school, the student may be asked to withdraw.

It is at the sole discretion of the school to dismiss students at any time.

4. Transfer Student Process and Requirements

Transfer students from other schools must present certification of grade level. This can be either a transfer slip or a report card from the former school. Students from out of state must present verification of required immunizations. Transfer students and their parents will be interviewed by the principal before being accepted at Sacred Heart. Behavior, academic progress, study habits, desire for a Catholic education and parent support will be taken under consideration in the decision making.

All students entering in grades K-8 will be on probation for one grading period. The terms of probation will be determined by the principal. At the end of the probation period the student's progress and/or conduct will be reviewed by the principal and teachers. If sufficient progress has been made, the probation will be terminated. If not, the principal, teachers, and parents will determine whether or not the academic environment of Sacred Heart School is appropriate for the student.

C. Nondiscrimination Policy

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Portland admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available at all schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

D. Withdrawal Process

Student education records (permanent and cumulative records), including the original permanent record, will be sent to officials of other schools, school systems, or educational institutions upon request of the enrolling school. A copy of the permanent record will be retained by Sacred Heart School.

IV. ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is required of all students in order to support the academic climate of the school.

A. Reporting Process

Parents must notify the school by 8:15 a.m. if their child will be tardy or absent from the school that day.

B. Excused Absences

The following reasons are considered excused absences: 1) student illness 2) illness at home requiring the student's assistance 3) family emergency, 4) court appearance 5) funeral 6) medical need 7) other reasons with prearranged administrative approval.

1. Doctor or Dental Appointments

Parents are requested to schedule doctor/dental appointments outside regular school hours, if at all possible.

2. Homework during Absence

See Homework section.

C. Truancy

A student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for a period deemed unreasonable might be considered a truant. Parents will be contacted.

For the protection of the children and for parental assurance, children are not dismissed from school without written permission from parents and the knowledge of the office. A note should be sent prior to the child's dismissal.

V. DISCIPLINE

The purpose of discipline is to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning. Discipline is an aspect of moral guidance. In order for learning to take place, the school must be a controlled, safe place where children can achieve to their full potential. The discipline philosophy of Sacred Heart aims to increase self-control, build self-esteem and foster Christian social skills, while creating this setting. The following rules are to be interpreted as general guidelines, allowing a reasonable degree of individual flexibility.

Our aim is to show the child we care about him/her and will help him/her to grow responsibly. We love the students enough to protect their rights to learn and be safe in school. Students will treat all members of the school staff, students and volunteers with courtesy, respect and Christ-like care and concern.

Families are expected to honor and support the privacy and confidentiality of all individuals in regard to matters relating to student disciplinary issues and actions.

A. Behavioral Expectations of Sacred Heart School

The individuals of Sacred Heart School community should exhibit an attitude of respect. Each individual will follow the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

1. Demonstrate respect and dignity toward others.

- Everyone should treat each other with courtesy. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Waiting for one's turn to speak rather than interrupting.
 - b. Opening doors for others.
 - c. Helping each other carry heavy loads.
 - d. Using appropriate language and gestures.
 - e. Greeting others when passing.
- In shared areas, everyone should behave in a way that will not disturb or harm others. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Maintaining a noise level that does not disturb others in the hallway.
 - b. Walking (not running in hallway, breezeway, and cafeteria).
 - c. Being careful of others on the playground and in the gym, particularly those who are smaller and/or younger.
- Everyone should be considerate of other people's feelings and treat each other with kindness and respect. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Not tolerating or participating in malicious teasing and harassment.
 - b. Including classmates in group activities, especially on the playground.
 - c. Not making fun of others, including when they make a mistake.
 - d. Encouraging and supporting each other.
 - e. Giving someone a chance to apologize and accepting a sincere apology
- When conflict arises, everyone will work to resolve it peacefully and in a Christ-like manner using the Golden Rule. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Putting oneself in the other person's place (feeling empathy).
 - b. Taking the time to problem solve.
 - c. Asking an adult to help problem solve.
 - d. Choosing to forgive after accepting a heartfelt apology.
 - e. Never engaging in verbal abuse, insults or put-downs.
 - f. Never hitting, kicking, or shoving another person.

2. Respect for Property

- Everyone will treat the personal property of others with care. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Taking lost articles to Lost and Found.
 - b. Asking permission to borrow or use others' belongings, including clothing and school materials.
 - c. Leaving other people's desks, supplies, and lunches alone.
 - d. Never marking on, vandalizing or destroying another's property.
- Everyone will treat school property with care. Examples include, but are not limited to, the behaviors listed below:
 - a. Assisting with clean up of lunch area;
 - b. Picking up trash on the school playground without being asked.
 - c. Keeping bathrooms clean for others to use (flush toilet and deposit paper towels into trash can).
 - d. Reporting graffiti.
 - e. Assisting with classroom cleanliness.
 - f. Reporting anything that is unsafe or needs repair.
 - g. Not chewing gum at school.

B. Sacred Heart School Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy

1. School Diversity

Sacred Heart School is enriched by the diversity of its members. The school recognizes and respects individual differences with regard to race, color, nationality and ethnic origin.

Sacred Heart School should be a safe and pleasant place to be for all members. Bullying and harassment will not be accepted or tolerated.

In order to provide an environment of mutual respect, tolerance, and sensitivity, it is important that everyone follows the Golden Rule. Inappropriate behavior, either verbal or physical, that disregards the self-esteem and dignity of others is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This includes physical contact, disrespectful, derogatory statements or discriminatory comments. Listed below are some specific examples of inappropriate behavior:

- Verbal abuse, insults, intimidation, threats;
- Leaving someone out of activities on purpose;
- Spreading rumors;
- Damaging, removing, or hiding others' belongings;
- Telephone or e-mail harassment;
- Obscene, racist, sexist, or suggestive remarks, jokes, or gestures;
- The writing, e-mailing, or passing of demeaning notes, letters, or graffiti;
- Display of explicit, offensive or demeaning materials;
- Invasion of personal space;
- Pressuring someone to do something they do not want to do;
- Humiliating or ridiculing another;
- Hazing, threats, name-calling, unwarranted physical contact;
- Verbal "put-downs" demeaning race, color, national and ethnic origin;
- Pressure to use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs;
- The use of the internet to send or re-route hate messages, inappropriate materials, etc. (Sacred Heart School reserves the right to impose consequences for inappropriate behavior that takes place off school grounds and outside school hours. Thus, inappropriate use of technology for example, on a home computer), may subject the student to consequences.)

2. Staff Responsibility

Sacred Heart's School staff will:

- Teach material on bullying, tolerance, and accepted social behaviors.
- Review the roles so students know how to behave (bystander, victim, aggressor, and problem solver).
- Emphasize and model the Golden Rule frequently with students.
- Respond to all reports of bullying in a non-biased, serious and timely manner.

3. Sacred Heart School's Response to harassment or bullying:

- The principal and /or appropriate staff will investigate thoroughly.
- Teachers and/or appropriate staff will carefully document the incident.
- Parents of the aggressor will be called each and every time.
- A second offense will result in the parents being called to come and pick up the child.
- A third offense will result in a two-day suspension.
- A fourth offense will result in expulsion.

4. Sacred Heart School Students' Response

What students should do if they are being bullied or harassed:

- If bullied or harassed, tell the aggressor(s) that you want the behavior to stop. Look directly at them to give a clear message.
- Use your voice to try to problem solve.
- If bullied or harassed, promptly contact an adult at school: a teacher, an instructional assistant, the principal, or the pastor. Tell them what was said, who said it, and who else heard it. Give them any notes, drawings, or e-mail you may have.
- If a bystander sees bullying or harassment taking place, tell an adult immediately.
- As a bystander, use your voice to let the aggressor know that his/her actions are not OK and try to problem solve.

5. Sacred Heart School Parents' Response:

Parents should follow these steps:

- Get the story. Discuss the incident with your child. Listen to your child's opinions and feelings.
- Talk through the situation with your child and agree upon what action will be taken. Assure him/her that s/he has done the right thing in reporting the incident.
- Make an appointment with the teacher and/or principal.
- At the meeting, calmly present the concern and explain what you hope will happen.
- All parties should work together to problem solve.

The goal of this document is to outline procedures to be followed in the event of student conflict. By promoting the Golden Rule, teaching the Second Steps Anti-bullying curriculum, reviewing how the students should use that information, and putting in place a zero tolerance for aggression and unkindness toward anyone, Sacred Heart School can continue to support and educate students in a Christ-like atmosphere.

B. Discipline Policies

1. Boundaries

Students are expected to stay on the school grounds at all times during the school day. Out of bounds areas include behind the Faith Formation Center, behind the storage building, beyond the trees along the play field, and on the roof (to retrieve balls).

2. Bus Rules

Students are required to follow all bus regulations determined by Gervais School District #1. Failure to comply makes a student subject to the disciplinary action of Gervais School District.

3. Cell Phones/Pagers

Students are not encouraged to bring or use cell phones and pagers at Sacred Heart School. If the parents have arranged for their student to carry a cell phone or pager, it will be confiscated by school personnel if used inappropriately or at inappropriate times.

4. Consequences for Behaviors

The consequences for behavior are basically reasoning and natural consequences (i.e., removal of privileges). We, at no time, condone physical punishment, sarcasm, ridicule or humiliation. As in all phases of education, good parent-school communication is essential to an effective disciplinary policy. A step procedure of warning, parent conference, probation and sometimes expulsion is followed. In-school and out of school suspension may be imposed.

5. Dangerous Playthings

Items such as knives, sling shots, caps and cap guns, water guns, ammunition, etc. are not allowed on the school grounds.

6. Dress Code Philosophy

Sacred Heart Catholic School believes that a student's personal appearance has an impact on her/his attitude, as well as behavior, and therefore, the learning process. Respect for both the individual and the school is manifested by an attitude of "dressing up" for school. The Dress Code is designed to assist students in making decisions about appropriate dress, personal responsibility and self-discipline.

Parents are expected to assume the responsibility of implementing the dress code for their own children. Being "in uniform" is expected to be a cooperative effort among parents, students and staff. The school has the responsibility for maintaining a serious educational environment. Students and parents share the responsibility for proper dress and grooming. Sacred Heart's Dress Code is based on modesty, neatness, cleanliness, good taste and is appropriate to a Catholic school academic environment at all school sponsored activities.

Acceptable Dress: The need and desire for neatness, cleanliness and modesty as part of the educational process establish the following as acceptable dress:

BOYS and GIRLS:

- Shirts or Blouses – long or short sleeved, must have collars, no logos
 - Colors: navy blue, red or white
 - Styles: polo, turtleneck, oxford-style, plain collar, mock turtleneck, sailor collar for girls
- Sweaters or Vests (no logos)
 - Colors: navy blue, red or white (no hoods or contrasting trims)
- *Sweatshirts purchased through the school with Sacred Heart School logo
 - Colors: navy blue or red

***No team sweatshirts or team attire may be worn at school.**

BOYS:

- Pants or walking shorts (no denim)
 - Colors: navy blue

GIRLS:

- Pants or walking shorts (no denim)
 - Colors: navy blue, Hamilton plaid
- Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Culottes (no denim)
 - Colors: navy blue, Hamilton plaid

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Hamilton Plaid items must be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company or through the Parents Club uniform exchange.
2. All navy blue, red or white items may be purchased at any retailer with "uniform style" clothing.
3. Shorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Skorts, and Culottes must be NO HIGHER than six inches (6") from the floor when kneeling.
4. Socks (which can be seen above the shoe) and footwear must be worn at all times.
5. Backless footwear is not allowed.
6. Girls may wear earrings in the ear lobe only.
7. Hair for boys must not extend below the collar.

8. All items must be clean, hemmed and in good repair.
9. Make-up may be worn by 7th & 8th grade girls only. The following kinds of make-up are allowed (during regular school hours and in activities where they shall be representing Sacred Heart School): foundation, blush and mascara. Eye liner is not allowed. The make-up shall be worn in a way which enhances the natural appearance of the girl. Clear or light colored nail polish (pink) may be worn by girls only.
10. Students may wear the school's auction and dance apparel (purchased through the school) the 3 weeks preceding the Spring Fling Auction and Dance.
11. Colored hair of any kind is not allowed (including "Sun" type products).

Unacceptable Dress:

- overalls
- oversized or baggy clothing including cargo pants with large pockets on the sides of the legs
- combat boots and military fatigues
- hats and caps
- denim, lycra or spandex clothing
- garments intended for wear as undergarments
- beach wear
- excessively loose or excessively tight clothing
- tank tops, sheer blouses and strapless attire
- sleeveless shirts, blouses or tops are not permitted
- sweat suits and/or sweatpants
- team sweatshirts or team attire

Extremes in clothing, make-up, jewelry and hairstyles are not acceptable. The final decision regarding such extremes will be at the discretion of the school administration. Clothing worn on non-uniform days may not contain suggestive comments, racial remarks, profanity, advertisements of controlled substances or other inappropriate designs in poor taste as determined by the administration.

The following will occur with the dress code violations:

1st offense – a warning to the student and/or a phone call or written notice to parent stating the nature of the violation.

2nd offense – student will be asked to change in to appropriate clothing from the uniform exchange. Parent will be called to bring appropriate uniform clothing if nothing is available in the uniform exchange. If parent cannot be reached to bring in appropriate uniform clothing, then parent will receive letter or phone message stating the violation.

3rd offense – student will do all class work in the school office, miss noon recess and will be supervised by the student's parent.

Students will be given the opportunity to choose appropriate clothing from the "uniform exchange" to wear in order to be "in uniform". Students with non-complying nail polish will be asked to remove it with polish remover from the office.

Dress Up Day

St. Margaret Mary is the famous French nun to whom Our Lord showed His Sacred Heart. The greatest promise Our Lord made is this: "My Divine Heart shall be the safe refuge in the last moment to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday for nine months in a row." In light of this, we celebrate the first Friday of each month, by allowing students a "Dress Up Day" to be within the following guidelines.

- Clothing must follow the uniform code in neatness, condition, appearance and size.
- The standard uniform as described in the Dress Code policy of Sacred Heart School, or
- Girls may wear a dress, skirt, jumpsuit, slacks or culottes that meet the previously stated guidelines.
- Colored jeans may be worn. No shade of blue is allowed.
- Only uniform shorts may be worn.

Approved by Advisory Council April 10, 1997; Clarification by Advisory Council August 5, 1997; Updated by Advisory Council June, 2005.

7. Hall Conduct

Students are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the school building and in all areas related to school. Students should maintain a quiet atmosphere conducive to learning in halls and in classrooms. Students are responsible for cleaning up the eating area when finished.

8. Illegal Substances

The use or possession of illegal substances on school premises or at school sponsored activities, including but not limited to tobacco, drugs, alcohol, and various type of inhalants is prohibited and is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

9. Leaving School Grounds During School Day

No student may leave the school grounds during school hours without the permission of the principal and written authorization of parents or guardian.

10. Littering and Gum Chewing

Littering and gum chewing are not allowed at anytime or under any circumstances in the school building or on the school grounds. Eating during class time is not allowed except during recess.

11. Physical Restraint

Corporal punishment is not used as a means of student discipline. However, there are times when physical restraint may be necessary to maintain order in the school or classroom or at a school activity or event, whether or not it is held on school property to prevent a student from harming him/herself, other students and/or school/staff property. Oregon law and the policy of the Archdiocese permit a teacher, administrator, school employee or school volunteer to use reasonable physical force upon a student when and to the extent the individual reasonably believes it necessary for such purposes.

12. Search and Seizure

Lockers, desks, and personal belongings are subject to search at any time by school administration or teachers. This is for the protection of students and school employees. Lockers, desks, and any other storage areas at the school remain in the possession and control of the school even though they are made available or assigned for student use.

13. Valuables

Personal items of value, including money, should not be brought to school. **Teachers and the school will not be responsible for students' personal valuables.** Radios, toys, and other unnecessary items should be left at home. Parents are encouraged to mark all students' clothing, lunch boxes and back packs. Unmarked articles will be placed in the Lost and Found. Parents and children are encouraged to check Lost and Found for missing articles.

14. Vandalism/Property Damage

Students and their parent/guardian are liable for all damage to equipment or school property.

C. Discipline Stages

1. Detention

Detention after school hours is an acceptable disciplinary measure. Parents will be notified if a student is to be detained. The detention ordinarily will not exceed one hour.

2. Suspension

Suspension, the temporary prohibition of a student's attendance at school and school-related activities, is within the jurisdiction of the principal.

Suspension may be invoked for a sufficient reason and ordinarily, will be limited to a maximum of 5 school days.

a) Causes for Suspension

Any of the reasons listed for expulsion, with mitigating circumstances, is adequate cause for suspension of a student.

b) Class Exclusion

Class exclusion is a method of disciplinary action that denies a disruptive student the ability to attend a particular class, ordinarily for a period of two days or less. During this time of exclusion, the student is expected to work on classroom assignments while under the supervision of other teachers or staff members. The purpose of class exclusion is to place disruptive students for periods of time, in an appropriate, supervised, in-school environment where student learning can continue.

3. Expulsion

Expulsion is the permanent exclusion of a student from a school.

Full credit will be given for all work accomplished by the student up to the date of expulsion.

Various situations may lead to expulsion of a student from school. These include but are not limited to the following offenses:

- ⇒ Acts which, in the judgment of the school, endanger the moral, academic, or physical well-being of the student body;
- ⇒ Prolonged and open disregard for school authority;
- ⇒ Illegal acts as defined by law. The school may take disciplinary action regardless of whether or not criminal charges are brought.

F. Electronic Information/Communications Policy/Agreement

1. Appropriate Use Policy and Guidelines

Sacred Heart School may offer on-line electronic information services including but not limited to the Internet and e-mail (“information services”) for students who participate in an orientation or training course. Sacred Heart School strongly believes in the educational value of such information services and recognizes the potential of such to support the curriculum and student learning in our school. The school’s goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Sacred Heart School will make reasonable effort to prevent students from misusing the information services. However, a student is also responsible and must be continuously on guard to avoid inappropriate and/or illegal interaction while connected to the information services.

Listed below are the provisions of this agreement. If a student violates these provisions, access to information services may be denied and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

a) Privileges

The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Before using the electronic services each student will participate in an orientation or training course with an appointed Sacred Heart School staff member as to proper behavior and use of the network. The school will develop guidelines on what is appropriate use for subject areas and/or classroom usage. The principal may remove a user at any time deemed necessary or appropriate. The administration, staff, or faculty of Sacred Heart School may request that the principal deny, revoke, or suspend specific users.

b) Personal Responsibility

The student will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the appropriate authority (computer teacher, principal, or teacher). Misuse may occur in many forms, but it includes using a program(s), or game(s), visiting web site(s), or sending or receiving messages that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, as well as violating provisions of Sections **c**, **d** or **e** listed below.

c) Acceptable Use

The use of any information services must, in the judgment of Sacred Heart School, be related to student education and research in accordance with the educational goals and objectives of Sacred Heart

School. The student is personally responsible for compliance with this provision at all times when using information services.

The student may not:

- a. Use, reproduce or transmit any material in violation of any federal, state or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret;
- b. Use the information services for any commercial or profit-making activity;
- c. Use the information services to advertise a product or for lobbying or other political purposes.

Inappropriate use of electronic information resources may be a violation of local, state and federal laws.

d) Network Etiquette and Privacy

The student is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. Be Polite: - Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
- b. Use Appropriate Language: - The student is a representative of the school on a non-private system, which may be viewed globally. Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
- c. Privacy: - The student should not reveal his/her home address or personal phone number or the addresses and phone numbers of other students.
- d. Electronic Mail: - Electronic mail (email) at school is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to school authorities.
- e. Disruptions: - Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.

e) Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority because there are so many users. If the student identifies a security problem, notify the computer teacher or staff in charge at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account or password. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information services.

f) Vandalism

Computer vandalism is the intentional harming or destroying of the school's computer hardware and/or the school's software and/or data of other user(s) or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses. Vandalism may result in the loss of computer privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement officials.

2. Services

Sacred Heart School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Sacred Heart School will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages may include but are not limited to loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or student errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at the student's own risk. Sacred Heart School specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its information services.

VI. EMERGENCIES

A. Emergency Information

In emergencies, information (such as emergency information) may be released to appropriate persons if it is necessary in the judgment of the principal or his/her designee to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

B. Emergency Information Sheet

The school has a file containing current emergency care information for each student. Each parent is responsible to annually update the following information:

1. The name of the student, his/her home address, telephone number and birth date;
2. The business addresses and telephone numbers of the parents/guardian, and the hours during which they will be at their place of work. If applicable, the cell phone and/or pager numbers of parents should be recorded;
3. The date of the latest tetanus immunization/booster;
4. The name of the family physician and other emergency contact information;
5. Name of medical insurance company and identification number;
6. Special health conditions or allergies to which the student is susceptible, the emergency measures to be applied, and any current medication;
7. The parents' approval to send the student to a medical facility for emergency treatment should this be necessary;
8. The names of the persons to whom the student may be released;
9. The signature of responsible parent(s) or legal guardian.

C. School Lockdown

In some situations it may be necessary to have a school lockdown. As per police recommendations, the following procedures will be implemented for a school lockdown:

1. Doors will be locked;
2. Drapes and/or blinds will be closed;
3. No one will be permitted to enter or leave the building;
4. Lockdown will continue until the school receives an “all clear” signal from emergency personnel.

Parents should not call the school so the phone will be available to emergency personnel.

VII. EXTENDED CARE

All students shall leave the school building by 3:05 p.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach. Children who live near the school may come back to the school grounds to play after 3:30 p.m. **THE SCHOOL IS NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AT THIS TIME.** Parents who are at school after hours are responsible for monitoring their children at all times.

VIII. FINANCIAL

A. Insurance

All students will be covered by Student Insurance as mandated by the Archdiocese of Portland.

B. Tuition

The cost to educate one student at Sacred Heart is approximately \$4500 (grades K-8). Revenue for operating costs each year comes from five sources:

1. Tuition
2. Sacred Heart/St. Louis Subsidy and envelope donations
3. Endowment Fund proceeds
4. Fundraising
5. Donations

The tuition schedule for 2007-2008 is:

	Catholic with Pastor Agreement	Catholic Without Pastor Agreement	All Others
First Child Gr. K-8	\$2700	\$3400	\$3600
Second Child	\$2125	\$2825	\$3600
Each additional child	\$1725	\$2425	\$3600

A \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee per child must accompany all applications for enrollment for grades K-8.

Families paying their tuition in full during Fall Registration will receive a 2% discount.

A family may also receive a \$250.00 tuition credit for the first family they **successfully** recruit into Sacred Heart School and \$100 for each family after that. It is the responsibility of the family to inform the school of their active recruitment of a new family. Parents Club dues will be collected during fall registration.

1. Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available to qualifying Catholic families through the Archdiocese for the **following** school year with the submittal of a financial assistance form. Forms will be passed out to those interested during the spring of 2007. Tuition help is also available through Sacred Heart's Tuition Scholarship program, which is based on financial need. Families needing information or with extraordinary circumstances are encouraged to contact the principal or pastor at anytime throughout the year. The need of the family receiving financial aid shall be reviewed annually. Families receiving tuition assistance are **REQUIRED** to fill out a financial aid application form before receiving any additional assistance.

2. Tuition/Fees - Non-Payment

The timely collection of school tuition is necessary to adequately operate Sacred Heart School. Tuition delinquencies jeopardize the financial soundness of the school and thus need to be dealt with in a businesslike manner.

All checks returned to Sacred Heart School for non-sufficient funds will be charged an additional per check return fee of \$10.00 plus the bank fee.

The school reserves the right to do any of the following with regard to the payment of past due accounts for which no payment arrangements have been made:

1. Withhold grade reports;
2. Deny a student enrollment for the following semester;
3. Deny a graduating student participation in graduation ceremonies and/or withhold a diploma.

IX. MEDICAL

A. Communicable Diseases

In the school environment, many communicable diseases or conditions are easily transmitted from one individual to another. Among the most common school restrict diseases or conditions in students are *head lice (pediculosis), chicken pox, mumps and measles.

Students who have school restrict diseases or conditions must be excluded from school.

***Head Lice**

All students are susceptible to head lice. When this occurs parents and school personnel must work together to control this situation. The following outline describes the procedures to be followed:

- Students who have signs and symptoms of head lice and/or nits must be referred immediately to the office.

When a student is identified as having head lice and/or nits, the school principal or designee will:

- Notify the student's parents that the student is to be picked up immediately. (Siblings will be checked before student is sent home to ensure they are not affected at that time.)
- Inform the parent that the student must not return to school without a statement signed by the parent that the student has been treated and is lice and nit free. Being consistent and diligent about manual removal of nits is necessary to eliminate lice. After treatment, the parent or a representative must bring the students to the office and wait until the student has been cleared to return to the classroom.

- When the student returns, the school principal or designee must examine the student's head to assure that there are no lice or nits present before allowing the student to return to the classroom. Additionally, the principal or designee will recheck the student 7-10 days after occurrence to ensure the student is clear.

When a student is found to have lice or nits, the school will perform a head check on all students and a note will be sent home advising all families that lice/nits have been found on a student. Thereafter, all families are asked to daily check their students before sending them to school. If lice are found on their student, they are asked to inform the school.

In an effort to prevent the spread of lice the school will randomly perform three all school head checks per year. Checks must also be performed any other time lice/nits are suspected or detected on a student.

In an effort to prevent the spread of lice, no upholstered furniture (except the teacher's desk chair) is permitted in the classroom. If rugs are in the classroom, they must be vacuumed every day.

In instances where a family has had two incidences of head lice in the home or for resistant lice, the principal will refer the family to the Marion County Health Department for assistance in eradicating this problem. A brochure about lice and its treatment will be provided if lice are found on a student and/or by request.

B. Immunizations

Sacred Heart School follows the Health Department Guidelines for the State of Oregon for immunizations. Students entering Archdiocesan schools must provide a signed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form documenting either evidence of immunization or a religious and/or medical exemption prior to initial attendance.

C. Medication

The school recognizes that administering of medication by the school to students and self-medication may be necessary when the failure of such medication would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if medication were not made available during school hours. Consequently, students may be permitted to take non-injectable prescription or non-prescription medication at school, on a temporary or regular basis under school supervision.

The parent shall make all requests for the school to administer medication to a student in writing. Requests shall include the written instructions of the physician for the administration of a prescription medication to a student or the written instructions of the parent for the administration of a nonprescription medication to a student. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for written prescription.

The school reserves the right to reject a request to administer prescription or nonprescription medication when, in the judgment of the school, the administration of such medication is not feasible.

This policy shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by school personnel in accordance with established state law.

1. Medication Dispensation Guidelines

Prescription Medication

The following is required for: "...any non-injectable drugs, chemical compounds, suspensions or preparations which are taken either internally or externally by a student under the instruction of a physician."

- a. Written instructions from the doctor which include:
 - i. Name of student
 - ii. Name of medication
 - iii. Dosage
 - iv. Time and/or frequency of administration
 - v. Method of administration (e.g., mouth, nose, ear, etc.)

- b. It is recommended that the physician note any possible adverse reactions and action required. These instructions may be included on a prescription label or in separate written directions from the physician. “Take as directed” or “as needed” cannot be taken as specific direction.
- c. The authorization form attached must be signed and filled out completely by the parent or guardian.
- d. All prescription medication must be in the prescription bottle and clearly labeled. (If the student is also taking the medication at home, the medication can be issued by a druggist in two separate bottles.)
- e. Unused medications must be picked up by parent when treatment is complete or at the end of the school year. Medication left at school past the end of the school year will be destroyed.

2. Prescription Medication (Injectables)

The following is required for: “...*any injectables for students who have severe allergic responses to insect stings, to other specific allergens and to students who are experiencing severe hypoglycemia when other treatment has failed or cannot be initiated.*”

- a. Written instructions from the doctor which include:
 - i. Name of student
 - ii. Name of medication
 - iii. Dosage
 - iv. Time and/or frequency of administration
 - v. Method of administration (e.g., mouth, nose, ear, etc.)
- b. The parent shall make the request in writing for the school to administer, as necessary, injectable medication (*medication administered by the intramuscular route*) to the student.
- c. The request must include written instructions of the doctor for the administration of an injectable medication to the student. (A prescription label on the original container of the injectable medication is deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for written physician instruction).
- d. Since the training of staff members to be authorized to administer injectable medication must be conducted under the supervision of a licensed physical or a nurse practitioner, parents/guardians cannot train the designated school personnel in the use of an injectable.

3. Non-Prescription Medication

The following is required for “...*only commercially prepared, non-alcohol based medication to be taken at school that is necessary for the student to remain in school. This shall be limited to eyes, nose and cough drops, cough suppressants, analgesics (pain relievers), decongestants, antihistamines, topical antibiotics, any anti-inflammatory and antacids.*”

- a. Written instructions from the parent which include:
 - i. Name of student
 - ii. Name of medication
 - iii. Dosage
 - iv. Time and/or frequency of administration
 - v. Method of administration (e.g., mouth, nose, ear, etc.)
- b. All non-prescription medication must be in original container or packaging.
- c. Unused medications must be picked up by parent when treatment is complete or at the end of the school year. Medication left at school past the end of the school year will be destroyed.

4. Medication Dispensation Authorization Form

See Signature Form at the end of the Handbook

5. Parent to School Notification

Parents should notify the school immediately if their child has come into contact with or has any contagious disease or condition, such as but not limited to, chicken pox, pink eye, and/or head lice.

X. PARENTS

A. Classroom Interruptions

All visitors including parents must sign in at the office. Classroom disruptions are kept to a minimum and learning time to a maximum. In the event that a student is being picked up prior to the end of school, a staff person will notify the classroom teacher that the parent/guardian is waiting in the office.

Students will NOT leave the classroom until the parent/guardian arrives at school. All students must be signed out (and in) in the office when leaving (or returning to) school at times other than normal bell times.

B. Complaint/Issue Resolution

Concerns regarding individual school staff members should first be directed to that staff member. If the issue is not resolved, the parent should then address it with the principal. Finally, if the concern is still unresolved, the pastor should be contacted.

C. Family Cooperation/Removal of Students Resulting from Parental Attitude

Under normal circumstances a student should not be deprived of a Catholic education on grounds relating to the attitude of the parents. Nevertheless, a situation may arise in which the uncooperative or destructive attitude of parents so diminishes the effectiveness of the school that the family may be asked to withdraw from the school.

D. Messages to Students

Messages from parents or guardians will be taken by the office staff and given to students at such time as it is not a disturbance to the classroom. Balloons and flower deliveries will be held in the office until the end of the day to minimize classroom disruption.

E. Parents Club

CO-PRESIDENTS: Karen Suing/Lisa Turner
VICE PRESIDENT: Lisa Juhring
SECRETARY: Cindy Schnurbusch
TREASURER: Michelle Breshears

The purpose of this organization shall be: TO FOSTER COOPERATION between parents and teachers in the spiritual, educational, social, financial and physical welfare of the children of the school; TO RENDER SERVICE to the school, teachers, and the students; TO ENCOURAGE the maintenance of high standards of family life; and TO CREATE a greater appreciation of Catholic education.

Sacred Heart Parents Club holds its regular meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All parents are encouraged to attend and support the meetings and activities.

Parents Club Required Obligations: Each year the Parents Club has a specific cash commitment required to fulfill their obligation to the school budget. The Parents Club's success is directly related to the amount of involvement that you, the parents, are willing to give. In order to achieve this commitment the P.E.A.C.E. Points Program (Parents Equally Assisting in our Children's Education) has been initiated. The goal of this program is to encourage all parents to actively participate in the education of their children thereby creating a fairness and equity among families.

The P.E.A.C.E. Points Program is detailed at the back of this handbook. The calendar year for the P.E.A.C.E. Points Program is from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. It is **your** responsibility to be aware of opportunities to earn P.E.A.C.E. points, and to make sure that your Peace Point Activity Timesheet is up to date and correct. All points earned during the summer months may be recorded in September.

There will be a charge of \$100.00 per point not earned and/or \$200 for each missed event. All accounts must be paid in full by June 1. Families with accounts not current will not be allowed to register in the fall. If a family has difficulty meeting their obligation they need to contact the principal to discuss their situation. The principal and pastor are the final decisions makers.

The success of Sacred Heart School is dependent on and blessed by the involvement of all parents. We sincerely appreciate all of your help and your support of this program, which is designed to enhance our school atmosphere.

F. Parties

1. In school

Celebrations must be approved by the principal and upon approval, arranged with individual teachers.

2. Out of School Party Invitations

Unless everyone in a class is invited to a party, invitations are not to be brought to and/or distributed at school. We are mindful that being left out is very hurtful.

3. End of the Year Party

School sponsored graduation celebrations may be planned by the school and will be chaperoned by school related personnel. The school is not responsible for any other parties nor does it endorse or allow fund-raising for non-school sponsored celebrations.

G. Releasing Students During the School Day

Students will be released only to a parent/guardian or to an individual authorized by the parent/guardian. Ordinarily, the parent/guardian's authorization to release a student to a non-parent/guardian should be in writing.

An ill student will be released only to a parent or authorized person as listed on the Emergency Information Card. Please sign out at the main office.

H. School Advisory Council

In the Archdiocese of Portland, all school councils are advisory in nature. A school advisory council participates in decision-making by formulating and recommending, but never enacting policy.

CHAIR: Jeff Turner EX-OFFICIO: Rev. John Cihak S.T.D.

VICE CHAIR: Frank Davidson

CO-SECRETARY: Karen Herinckx/Shannon Karsseboom

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Lucy Shindler: Principal

MEMBERS:

Parents Club Co-Presidents: Karen Suing/Lisa Turner

David Pratt

Dave Buck

Alan Hanson

Susan Belleque

Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The School Advisory Council develops, establishes and defines the policies, which govern the operation of the school. Administrative decisions are the responsibility of the principal. All council meetings, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. The right of non-member visitors and guests to address the Council shall be limited to those whose petition has been approved for the agenda in advance of the meeting.

An Open-Forum from 7:00-7:15 p.m. will permit comments and inquiries which are not on the agenda. If action is needed the president will indicate that the Council will study the matter and act accordingly.

A listing of School Committees with phone numbers can be found in the school directory which is distributed at the beginning of each school year. Committees include: Annual Appeal, Bottle/Can Drive, Magazine Drive, Hot Lunch, Campbell Soup Labels, Development, School Building Maintenance, and Spring Fling Auction and Dance.

I. Service Programs

Service to others in our community and in our parish is emphasized at Sacred Heart School. Projects vary from year to year.

J. Verification of Compliance

A written statement signed by the parent should be returned at the beginning of each school year. Such statement verifies that the parent is aware of and will comply with all regulations as written in the handbook. (See Signature Page at the end of the handbook)

XI. SAFETY

A. Asbestos Notification

A copy of the Archdiocesan notification letter is sent to all parents in the first month of school.

B. Bicycles

Bicycles may be ridden to school only with a letter granting permission signed by parents. Bicycles are to be parked in the bike rack and may not be ridden during school hours.

C. Earthquake Drills

Earthquake drills are held three times a year at a minimum.

D. Fire Drills

Fire drills are conducted monthly.

E. Laser Pointers

Laser Pointers are not allowed for students at school.

F. Playground Rules and Usage

1. Play equipment is shared by the school and should be treated with respect.
2. All play equipment should be returned to its storage place after recess and/or physical education.
3. Tackling is never allowed on the playground. Touch football may be played if it is played properly.
4. All play equipment should be used as it was intended.
5. Balls should not be kicked in the area between the school and the gym.
6. Climbing on the backstops or soccer nets is not allowed.
7. Students must play in their assigned areas.
8. Students should not enter the school building without permission from a teacher/aide on duty.

G. School Closure

In the event of school closure due to inclement weather, it is the policy of this school to follow the action of Gervais School District #1.

1. Notification

Notice for school closure will come over local radio and TV stations.

2. Phone Tree

A phone tree (if developed) will be distributed to all families.

In case school is in session and we must dismiss early, the procedure will be:

1. Keep all students in rooms until dismissal.
2. Students that walk or are picked up by parents will be dismissed first.
3. Students that ride buses will be held until the buses arrive.
4. Teacher/staff will be dismissed as soon as possible after the building is cleared.
5. The principal and secretary will remain until it can be assured all students are safely home.
6. Circumstances may warrant a change to protect students and staff.

H. Skates and Skateboards

Skates and skateboards are not allowed at school.

I. To and from School

Parents should notify the school if their child is walking to/from school.

J. Transportation

Students shall have written permission from parents to leave the bus at a destination other than their regular route/destination of home or school or anytime student's regular transportation from school is changed. If someone other than a parent is to pick up a student at or before regular dismissal time, parents are asked to inform the school of this arrangement in writing. If a student is going home with another student, a note from both families is needed.

THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CHILD WHO LEAVES THE PREMISES WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION.

1. Bus

Sacred Heart School students may ride the Gervais District school bus if they live within the Gervais school district. Proper forms must be filled out and filed with the office.

2. Drop Off / Pick-up of Students

Students should not arrive on the school grounds before 7:40 a.m. without the permission of the principal.

All students shall leave the building by 3:05 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision of a teacher, coach or parent. Parents who are working in the building after school hours are responsible for the supervision of their children. Students are expected to go home directly after school. Good conduct and safety rules are expected. Children who live near the school may come back to the school grounds to play after 3:30 p.m. However, **THE SCHOOL IS NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AT THIS TIME.** Those who remain after school should have prior arrangements made with a teacher.

K. Visitors

1. All visitors must sign in at the main office.
2. Student visitors must have permission from the principal and teacher before coming to school.
3. The “dropping” off of non-attending students is not allowed without prior permission.

L. Weapons Policy

Ordinarily, any student in possession of a weapon will face disciplinary consequence up to and including expulsion from school.

Under Oregon law, the principal who has reasonable cause to believe that a person while at school or on grounds adjacent to the school is, or within the previous 120 days, has been in the possession of a firearm or destructive device must report the person to a law enforcement agency. For the purposes of reporting, a weapon is defined as but not limited to a firearm, a knife or similar instrument (other than an ordinary pocket knife – which school rules ordinarily forbid), mace/tear gas/pepper mace, a club bludgeon or similar instrument, or a deadly or dangerous weapon.

XII. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A. Altar Servers

Students in 4th grade will be trained to serve at mass with written permission of their parents. After training, students in grades 4-8 will be scheduled to serve at Friday masses on a rotating basis with written permission of their parents.

B. Assemblies

Parents are welcome to attend assemblies.

C. Athletics and Eligibility

Only students enrolled at Sacred Heart School may participate in the sports programs. Students who plan on participating in after school sports must have the following documents on file in the school office before they are allowed to participate in practices or games:

1. Verification of a physical examination and results. A physical is required every two years.
2. Archdiocesan Student Insurance or proof of family health insurance.
3. Practice/participation permission slip signed by parent/guardian.

Students will be expected to follow these rules or they will not be allowed to participate.

1. The student must keep daily class work and homework current in all subject areas. Students who do not keep their work current will be given a slip to turn into their coach which prohibits them from participating in the NEXT practice or (if the slip is received on game day) the next game.

2. The student must maintain a C average in all subjects.
3. The student must be at school the full day to participate in any after school sport unless written notice for a dentist or doctor's appointment is provided.
4. The student needs to provide tennis shoes, socks, shorts, and shirts, all meeting the dress code policy.
5. Any student who consistently does not complete their homework will be dropped from the team.

D. Field Trips

Field trips are considered enrichment to the classroom curriculum and therefore are highly encouraged.

For each field trip the following information must be available.

1. Student Permission Slips.
2. Driver responsibilities (e.g., follow planned route, do not make extra stops, dress appropriately, no use of any alcohol at any time).
3. Proof of Insurance.
4. Those students, who do not receive written permission, will be required to stay at school and complete in-school assignments. Students, who are not in school or on the field trip, will be considered absent from school.

E. Student Council

Students elected to the Student Council must follow the eligibility requirements for after school sports.

F. Service Projects

Service Programs vary from year to year and from classroom to classroom. Students in 7th/8th grade are required to serve a minimum of 10 hours a year.

XIII. STUDENT AWARDS

- A. Catholic Daughters of the Americas Award**
Awarded to as many as two graduating students who display good citizenship.
- B. Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Award**
Awarded to two eighth graders who have completed all grades at Sacred Heart and have attained the highest scholastic average for these years.
- C. Sacred Heart Parents Club Service Award**
Awarded to two eighth grade students who have displayed service excellence this year.
- D. Sacred Heart Parents Club Scholarship**
Awarded to a graduating eighth grader who will attend a Catholic high school. This scholarship must be applied for and requires an interview.
- E. Buddy Award**
Awarded in recognition of extra effort in mentoring our Kindergarten friends as well as other younger students in our school.

XIV. STUDENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

[For schools receiving federal funds under grants which subjects the school to state and federal laws regarding student education records]

A. Annual Notification

In accordance with Oregon law concerning student education records, parents of students currently in attendance at Sacred Heart School have a right to:

1. Inspect and review the student's education records;
2. Request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
3. Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the law permits disclosure without consent;
4. File with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint under concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and
5. Obtain a copy of the policy regarding how Sacred Heart School meets the requirements of Oregon law concerning student education records. Copies of this policy may be obtained in the office of the principal.

Sacred Heart School forwards education records requested by an educational institution in which the student seeks enrollment or services within ten days of receiving the new educational agency's request.

B. Directory Information

Sacred Heart School has designated the following as directory information which the school may disclose without specific consent: the student's name, address, telephone listing, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended.

A parent is entitled to refuse to let the school designate any or all of these items about the student as directory information. Notice from a parent that he or she does not want any or all of these types of information about the student designated as directory information must be made in writing to the principal of Sacred Heart School.

C. Emergency Disclosure of Information

The school is required by law to disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education record to law enforcement, child protective services, health care professionals and other appropriate parties in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

XV. STUDENT SERVICES

A. Lunch and Milk Services

Students bring their lunch from home. Lunches **should not** require the use of a microwave, oven or refrigerator. Students may bring a mid-morning snack to eat. A hot lunch is prepared by parents weekly on Wednesdays for grades K-8. Parents are encouraged to maintain a balance in their family's House Account. Your House Account will provide payment for all student and parent visit hot lunch and milk expenses.

Hot lunch:	\$1.50 per lunch.
Milk:	\$.20 per carton.

Free milk and free hot lunch are available for those who qualify under the Federal Free Milk Program. Contact the office about this program.

B. Telephone

Students may use the phone only with permission and supervision from the office and/or teacher.

XVI. VOLUNTEERS

A. Volunteers

Volunteers assist the school in providing for the development and education of the students and provide a benefit to the school.

1. Volunteer Background Checks

The school reserves the right to require volunteers in any school program or activity to undergo a background check. Ordinarily any person with an adult criminal conviction is not eligible to serve. The school further reserves the right to decline to accept the services of a volunteer or to request a volunteer to withdraw from service in school activities whenever, in the judgment of the school, it is in the best interest of the school to do so.

2. Volunteer Code

Volunteers serve to enhance the school's ability to provide for the students' development and to benefit the school. They serve in a variety of capacities, which include, but are not limited to: School Advisory Council and committees, Parents' Club Board and committees, Annual Auction Committee, classroom assistance to teachers, cafeteria/ hot lunch program, Room Parents, field trip assistants, and other activities relating to the talents and gifts of the volunteer population.

Volunteers serving in the school will support and model the moral teachings of the Catholic Church and function faithfully within the mission and structures of the school, parish, and Archdiocese with proper respect for those serving in ministries.

Volunteers work in a collaborative role with others ministering to the development of the children and the school as an educational institution. Volunteers are asked to recognize confidentiality as a living principle and respect the dignity of those with whom they work and come into contact.

Volunteers accept responsibility to use contacts made through the school in such a way so as not to disrupt the peace, order, and tranquility of the school community.

Should volunteers come into conflict on school/parish related issues, it is the responsibility of both to resolve the dispute through personal diplomacy and/or an executive decision by school principal and/or the pastor of the parish.

Any person who has a conflict with a school/parish volunteer outside of the boundaries of school/parish activities must settle that dispute outside of and without involving or using school/parish resources.

P.E.A.C.E. Point Program

Sacred Heart Catholic School had adopted a PEACE Point Program (**P**arents **E**qually **A**ssisting in our **C**hildren's **E**ducation). The PEACE Point Program is to unify those families involved with our school and to provide supplemental economic support toward the continuation and enhancement of our education and spiritual programs. ***Each parent is required to participate in our PEACE Point Program.***

This program has been designed to help keep tuition as affordable as possible, while creating fairness to all families. Also, to acknowledge the value of time and talent needed for the continuing success of our school. Each of us takes on an important responsibility when we choose to send our child(ren) to a Catholic school. Parents are considered an integral part of our school; without them, much of our individual help and the enrichment of our programs cannot be offered to our students. The success of our school is in large measure due to the partnership we have between parents and teachers. This PEACE Point Program is an expression of that partnership.

In addition to assisting at the events, parents are also expected to support the fundraising events according to their means and talents.

The required elements of the PEACE Points Program are as follows:

- Work shifts at Carnival (1 SPF/2 TPF)*
- Work shifts at Spring Fling (1SPF/2 TPF)

and

- Provide pre or post Spring Fling support time (See detailed list) (2 SPF/4 TPF)

and

- Provide additional points to the school through either fundraising activities or school related projects (See detailed list) (5 SPF/10 TPF)

* [SFP = Single Parent Family] [TPF + Two Parent Family]

In the event parents are unable to work their required shifts at the Carnival or Spring Fling, pre-arrangements must be made with the principal. If a family has difficulty meeting their overall PEACE Points requirement, they need to contact the principal to discuss their situation. Families who have not completed their points by May 1st will be billed through the school office at a rate of \$100.00 per point and/or \$200.00 for missed event (Carnival, Spring Fling). All accounts must be paid in full by June 1st.

We as parents need to set a Christian example for our children by giving of ourselves and to help form a school community that works together. All parents are encouraged to look beyond the "point" factor of how we can work together for the benefit of our children.

A. REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

**Work shift(s) at Carnival

**Work shift(s) at Spring Fling

In addition to working the above events, it is also required to:

**Provide 4 points of support time (pre or post work) for the Spring Fling. (2 pts SF)
*See list** of volunteer opportunities for support time.*

**Provide 10 additional points to the school through either fundraising or school, service or talent activities. (See lists of service opportunities) (5 pts SF)

CARNIVAL

Carnival Chairperson – 5 pts
Carnival Co Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, Treasurer – 3 pts
Carnival, Publicity – 3 pts
Carnival, Bingo Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, Bingo Co-Chair – 2 pts
Carnival, Games Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, Games Co Chair – 2 pts
Carnival, General Store Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, General Store Co Chair – 2 pts
Carnival, Decorating Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, Decorating Co-Chair – 2 pts
Carnival, Kitchen Chair – 3 pts
Carnival, Kitchen Co-Chair – 2 pts

PRE/POST CARNIVAL SUPPORT

50/50 Board Pre-Sales -
Ticket Selling -
Setup, Decorating, Cleanup –

ANNUAL APPEAL

Chairperson – 5 pts
Research – 2 pts
Computer Input – 2 pts
Mailings – 2 pts
Telephoning – 2 pts
Thank-You's – 2 pts

SPRING FLING AREA CHAIRS

Event Coordinator – 6 pts
Co Coordinator – 3 pts
Auction Coordinator – 8 pts
Auction Coordinator – 8 pts
Thank You's – 3 pts
Treasurer – 3 pts
Registration/Cashier – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Stage Set Up Chair – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Kitchen – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Hors d' oeuvres – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Decorations – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Blind Mailing – 3 pts
Advertising – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Raffle Tickets – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Dance Tickets – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Sponsors – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Silent Auction Set Up – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Oral Auction Set Up – 3 pts
Co-Chair – 2 pts
Catalog – 3 pts

(In addition to points listed, these areas also receive 4 points for the pre/post support requirement.)

****PRE/POST AUCTION SUPPORT**

Deliver Posters (Mt. Angel, Silverton, Canby, Molalla, Woodburn, Keizer) – 1 pt each town
Deliver Signboards – 1 pt
Pick up Signboards – 1 pt
Computer Input – 1 pt
Packaging Items – 1 pt
Basket Making - 1 pt
Auction Set Up @ O'fest – 1 pt
Decorating – 1 pt
Certificates – 1 pt
Clean up – 1 pt
Food Preparation – 1 pt
Invitation Stuffing - 1 pt
Bulk Mail Labels -1 pt
Raffle Ticket Sales (10 tickets = 1 pt)
Dance Ticket Sales (10 tickets = 1 pt)
Procure 5 Silent Auction Items - 1 pt
Procure Sponsors – 1 pt
Procure 1 Oral Auction Item - 1 pt
Class Project – 3 pts

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
TO EARN POINTS:**

St. Paul Rodeo BBQ – 1 pt
Purchase \$500 Scrip – 1 pt each \$500 increments
Bottle/Can Drive Chair- 5 pts
Bottle/Can Drive Sorting /Driving – 1 pt
Magazine Sales (6 subscriptions) = 1 pt
Magazine Sales Helper – 1 pt

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Advisory Council Member – 6 pt
Advisory Council
Special Project Committee – 1 pt
Parents Club Officer - 8 pt
(Pres, Vice, Treasurer, Secretary)
Scholarship Committee – 1 pt
1st Day of School Social – 1 pt
Bible Order – 1 pt
First Communion Order – 1 pt
Christmas Dinner/Social Coordinator – 2 pts
Teacher Appreciation Coordinator – 2 pts
Teacher Appreciation Volunteer – 1 pt
Parents Club Meeting Attendance (4 mtgs = 1 pt)
Hot Lunch Coordinator – 10 pts
Co Coordinator – 5 pts
Hot Lunch Volunteer - (1 x = 1 pt)
(Prep/Serve/Cleanup – 9:30-12:30)
Holy Day Treats (4 x) = 1 pt/**Holy Day**
Room Parent – 1 pt
Lunch Time Monitor – 10x = 1 pt
Library Aid/Shelve Books
(am/pm 4x = 1 pt)
Classroom Help (am or pm) (4x = 1pt)
Classroom Help – Take Home Projects – 1 pt *
Bulletin Board Helper – 2 pts
Volunteer Bulletin Board – 1 pt
Weigh & Measure – 1 pt
Field Trips (Chap/Driving) = 1 pt/event
Campbell's Label Coordinator = 5 pts
Scrip Coordinator = 10 pts
Assist with Scrip Sales = 4 x = 1 pt
Development/Recruitment Committee – 2 pt
(Open House/Donuts/Visitations/
Advertising/Brochures)
Field Day Coordinator – 2 pts
Field Day Volunteer – 1 pt
Parade Coordinator – 2 pts per event
(Tulip/Iris/St. Paul)
Parade Volunteer – 1 pt per event
Playground/Field Maintenance – 2 pts

Chapel Coordinator – 2 pts
Chapel – Student Coordinator
(Thursdays 11-12) 5x = 1 pt
Grandparents Day – 1 pt
Christmas Program Goodie Bags – 1 pt
Christmas Program
Set Up/Decorating/Cleanup – 1 pt each
RC Challenge Coach – 6 pts
Assistant Coach – 3 pts
Sports Coaching – 6 pts each
Assistant Coach – 3 pts
(Soccer, Volleyball, Girls & Boys Basketball)
Uniform Exchange Coordinator – 2 pts

** Points vary depending upon project, discuss with Principal*

SERVICES

Suggestions include but are not limited to:

Carpentry
Cleaning
Computer
Computer Networking
Electrical
Graphic Design
Landscaping/Grounds Maintenance
Painting
Plumbing
Translating
Window Washing

Points vary depending upon project, discuss with Principal

**TALENTS TO SHARE
WITH STUDENTS**

Suggestions include but are not limited to:

Baking
Calligraphy
Knitting
Language
Music
Painting

Points vary depending upon project, discuss with Principal

We welcome any new projects you may have that would help Sacred Heart School. Please discuss your ideas with the principal.

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