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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Mission Statement

Called to assist in the Church's mission of education, St. Boniface Diocesan High School seeks to serve students, parents, and the Catholic community by educating the whole person through quality education in a Christ-centered environment.

### School Vision

- Challenging each student to excellence according to individual aptitude and ability.
- Recognizing each student as a unique person destined to reach his or her God-given potential.
- Providing a safe and caring school environment.
- Fostering a community in which it is evident that a loving God lives among us.
- Providing programs designed to nurture the whole student in an atmosphere of faith.
- Helping to develop mature Christians with a vision of hope, a sense of justice, and a commitment to the Church and the global community.
- Providing a discipline system in which students learn to take responsibility for their actions.
- Complementing the efforts of the family in its responsibility for educating the student.

### School Crest



St. Boniface Diocesan High School Crest represents the three aspects of our school life:

#### Spiritual

#### Intellectual

#### Physical

The **Bible** represents a symbol of truth and knowledge, which we pass on from one generation to the next as a **flaming torch**. The **cross** symbolizes Christianity and all that our school stands for. Lastly the **winged sandal**, a Symbol of Mercury, who, as the messenger of Jupiter was known for his speed and dexterity, expresses qualities fostered in both our academic and sports programs.

**"AMOR DOCTRINAE FLOREAT"**  
**MAY THE LOVE OF LEARNING FLOURISH**

## **Portrait of a SBDHS Graduate**

### **1. Continuous Learner**

- Takes ownership of learning throughout life, and continuously pursues and demonstrates knowledge and skills.
- Applies learning to new situations and challenges.
- Explores areas of interest for academic, career and personal success.

### **2. Creative & Critical Thinker**

- Reflects on past learning and experiences when faced with new situations and challenges.
- Questions, reasons and weighs evidence to reach conclusions.
- Innovates to solve problems.

### **3. Engaged Citizen**

- Demonstrates integrity and leadership.
- Acknowledges, understands, and respects cultural diversity and individual perspectives.
- Applies individual talents to serve others in the local and global community.
- Understands how to make ethical, moral and financially responsible decisions.

### **4. Self-Directed & Resilient**

- Maintains a positive work ethic and strives for self-improvement.
- Understands how to manage time and priorities.
- Sets short- and long-term goals for success.
- Overcomes adversity through persistence, perseverance, self-advocacy and growth mindset.

### **5. Spiritual Leader**

- Continues to journey in the path of the Catholic faith.
- Demonstrates an awareness and appreciation of spiritual growth and development.

## **History of St. Boniface Diocesan High School**

St. Boniface Diocesan High School was established in 1965 to provide Catholic high school education to English speaking students of the Diocese of St. Boniface. As a “Diocesan” high school, it is operated under direct administration of the Archbishop. Responsibility for the education program, and the day-to-day administration was delegated to the Principal. In 1978, the Archbishop appointed a Rector to manage the affairs of the school. A School Board operated as an advisory body to the Rector who was accountable to the Archbishop.

### **SBDHS' 1st Student Government - 1965**

St. Boniface Diocesan High School had, throughout its history, Marianist Brothers and Priests on staff. Between the years 1986 and 1989, the school operated as a Marianist school with a Marianist Rector.

In April 1989, the school was incorporated as St. Boniface Diocesan High School Inc. In structure, the corporation assumed an organization typical of religious organizations that operate schools, hospitals, service organizations, and parishes. This structure is two tiered.

The upper tier is composed of the Archbishop, Vicar General, Financial Administrator of the Diocese, Director, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The purpose of this tier is to ensure that the principles of the Church are upheld. It has powers to appoint Directors, approve budgets, by-laws, and make management decisions. The Board of Directors is responsible for full management of the affairs of the Corporation. The Director held the position of chief executive officer and administered the business affairs of the school.

In 1994, the position of Director was redefined by the Membership and a Financial Director was hired by, and made accountable to, the Board of Directors for the sole purpose of managing the school's financial affairs. The Board of Directors assumed the responsibility of chief executive officer.

The educational program is delegated to the Principal who is hired by, and accountable to, the Board of Directors. The basic educational program is prescribed by Manitoba Education and Youth, however, the school exercises freedom to determine electives, special services and religion programs. Although the Board holds ultimate decision-making powers relating to school issues, it collaborates with the Principal when making any such decisions.

Although SBDHS currently is not a Marianist school in terms of ownership or operation, it does enjoy a philosophy deeply influenced by members of the Marianist Community. The primary objective of the Marianists is formation and education in faith. Their mission is founded in Jesus, is lived out in community, under the influence and inspiration of Mary.

In order to meet the increasing demand for Catholic education at the high school level, St. Boniface Diocesan High School now serves a broader community. It welcomes students from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Winnipeg, and some non-Catholic students, providing space is available.

## Parent Organizations

### Parents' Guild

The Parents' Guild is an organization of SBDHS parents whose prime function is to create a welcoming atmosphere to encourage participation from parents and students during and after school hours. They are key community builders who organize fundraisers and social functions for the high school community as well as volunteer at SBDHS events. Meetings are held monthly and all parents are welcome to attend.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

**Academic:** This program is for students who wish to obtain a Manitoba high school diploma with compulsory courses in English, Math, Science, Social Sciences and Physical Education. Students will need to ensure they meet the requirements for their chosen post-secondary institution.

**Business & Technology Certificate:** Students who successfully complete a minimum of 6.0 credits from the following list of eligible courses over the course of their high school career will be awarded a **SBDHS Business & Technology Certificate**. This certificate signifies that the student has attained at least the minimum entry level skills necessary to gain employment in a business environment.

ACCOUNTING ESSENTIALS 30S (1.0)  
ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS 40S (1.0)  
BUSINESS INNOVATIONS 10S (1.0)  
COMPUTER SCIENCE 20S (1.0)  
CREATIVE PROMOTIONS 20S (1.0)  
EXPLORATION OF GRAPHIC DESIGN 10S (1.0)  
FUNDAMENTALS OF ANIMATION 30S (1.0)  
INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY 20S (1.0)  
LAW 40S (1.0)

**University Now!** University Now! is a unique opportunity for St. Boniface Diocesan High School students to earn university credits in partnership with the University of Manitoba while still in high school. These courses will have tuition over and above SBDHS tuition and are considered dual credits; which means that they count for both a high school standing credit and university credit for a 3 credit hour course. Currently, we offer Math 1500: Introduction to Calculus 42U and Arts 1110: Introduction to University.

**High School Apprenticeship Program:** This program allows students in grade 10, 11 or 12 to start apprenticeship training while still in high school. Students will receive regular high school instruction in their compulsory courses and also work at a paid, part-time placement receiving on-the-job training. Students must be 16 years of age in order to be eligible. It is up to the student to find an employer who will hire them as an apprentice in their chosen trade. Students will be required to complete 110 hours of training to earn one credit and can earn up to a maximum of 8 high school credits.

**Skilled Trades Options:** SBDHS has a shared agreement with Nelson McIntyre Collegiate offering courses in Human Ecology (Food & Nutrition) and Industrial Arts (Power Mechanics and/or Pre-Engineering).

**EAL Program:** We aim to provide EAL support with grammar and language skills for students from an EAL background by either offering a specific class with like-learners or individually in the regular classroom. The goal is for full classroom integration once a certain level of competence has been reached.

**International Program:** International students are offered the opportunity to enhance their English language skills and be immersed in Canadian culture while earning a high school diploma. In order to achieve curricular goals, support is provided which may be either in class or individually.

### Course Delivery

SBDHS operates on a semester system. First semester runs from September to January and second semester from February to June.

### Credit System

A credit is defined as one subject that is designed for 110 hours of instruction; a half credit is 55 hours of instruction.

### Course Designations

| COURSE DESIGNATION     | DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION                        |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>E – EAL</b>         | English as an Additional Language             |
| <b>F – Foundation</b>  | Foundation or exploratory study               |
| <b>G – General</b>     | General Education Courses                     |
| <b>M – Modified</b>    | Learning outcomes have been modified (I.E.P.) |
| <b>S – Specialized</b> | Academic                                      |
| <b>U – University</b>  | Dual Credit University and High School        |

### Provincial Graduation Requirements

Students who graduate after four years from SBDHS will receive a Manitoba Provincial diploma as well as an SBDHS diploma having successfully completed a minimum of 34 credits. The table below outlines the mandatory credit requirements for each grade:

| Grade 9              |               | Grade 10             |              | Grade 11             |              | Grade 12             |              |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| English 10F          | 1 cr.         | English 20F          | 1 cr.        | English 30S          | 1 cr.        | English 40S          | 1 cr.        |
| Mathematics 10F      | 1 cr.         | Mathematics 20S      | 1 cr.        | Mathematics 30S      | 1 cr.        | Mathematics 40S      | 1 cr.        |
| Phys.Ed./Health 10F  | 1 cr.         | Phys.Ed./Health 20F  | 1 cr.        | Phys.Ed./Health 30F  | 1 cr.        | Phys.Ed./Health 40F  | 1 cr.        |
| Social Studies 10F   | 1 cr.         | Geography 20F        | 1 cr.        | History 30F          | 1 cr.        | Religion 41G         | 1 cr.        |
| Science 10F          | 1 cr.         | Science 20F          | 1 cr.        | Religion 31G         | 1 cr.        | 3 Electives          | 3 cr.        |
| Religion 11G         | 1 cr.         | Religion 21G         | 1 cr.        | 3 Electives          | 3 cr.        |                      |              |
| 4 Electives          | 4 cr.         | 3 Electives          | 3 cr.        |                      |              |                      |              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | <b>10 cr.</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | <b>9 cr.</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | <b>8 cr.</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> | <b>7 cr.</b> |

## Alternative Credits

**Dual Credit** – Students have a unique opportunity to earn university credits in partnership with the University of Manitoba, while still in high school. These courses will have tuition over and above SBDHS tuition and are considered dual credits which means that they count for high school credit and university credit. These courses are identified with a “U” designation.

**Special Language Credit** – Manitoba high school students may take external testing to claim special credits for languages in which they are competent, excluding English and French. Only students who are enrolled in a regular high school program, adult or evening high school classes are eligible. The maximum number of Special Language Credits is four out of those required for graduation, one each at grades 9 to 12.

**Private Music Credits** – To claim the Private Music Option credit, a Royal Conservatory of Canada or Conservatory of Canada certificate of standing must be presented to the school. Students will receive an “S” for “Standing” rather than a percentage grade. These credits cannot be used towards high school graduation but are recognized only as additional credits beyond the minimum graduation requirement.

**Cadet credit** - One credit can be recognized on successful completion of the cadet basic training program. An additional credit can be recognized on successful completion of the cadet advanced training program. These two credits are recognized only as additional credits beyond the minimum credits required for high school graduation.

## Academic Load

### Homework

Students are expected to spend time daily on homework and study. It is not unreasonable to expect the following as study/review times:

- Grade 9 - 1.0 hour 5 nights a week
- Grade 10 - 1.5 hours 5 nights a week
- Grade 11 - 2.0 hours 5 nights a week
- Grade 12 - 2.5 hours 5 nights a week

### Graduation Requirements

Students who attend SBDHS for grades 9-12 must register for enough classes each year to graduate with a minimum of 34 credits. A four-year academic plan is as follows:

- Grade 9 - 10 credits
- Grade 10 - 9 credits
- Grade 11 - 8 credits
- Grade 12 - 7 credits

Under special circumstances, as approved by Administration, a student may be allowed to graduate with less than 34 credits but must have a minimum of 30 credits as required by the Province of Manitoba. Students who do not complete the required Religion credits throughout their tenure at SBDHS will not graduate with a SBDHS diploma. Students must complete one (1) Religion course for each year in attendance at SBDHS. Grade 12 students must take a minimum of 6 credits (3 each semester) in their final year regardless of the number of credits they have accumulated.

Students who are unsuccessful in achieving their credit in one or more core courses at SBDHS must attend Summer School to upgrade their mark to a passing grade or retake the course the following year.

### **Course Changes**

Course changes can be made during a designated period at the beginning of each semester. Students wishing to add/drop courses must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Students wishing to add/drop courses must pick up a Course Change Form from the General Office.
2. The student will take the form home to be signed by a parent/guardian.
3. The student will return the Course Change Form to the General Office for processing.
4. While the course change is being processed, the student must remain in the scheduled class(es) until the request has been processed and a new schedule is provided by the General Office.
5. Only one set of course changes will be permitted each semester. Compulsory courses cannot be changed.
6. Course changes are processed in the order that they are received and will be ready by the next day.
7. Not all course changes may be possible.

A special request to drop a course after the deadline may only be considered under special circumstances which must be discussed with Administration. A request to drop a course for the purpose of maintaining or increasing a student average will not be considered. Grades 11 and 12 students have an extended deadline to drop a Mathematics or Science course. If permission is granted to drop a Mathematics or Science course after the extended deadline, the student will receive the mark obtained to date in the course as a final mark on their report card. Students will not be allowed to add a new course after the extended deadlines.

### **Textbooks**

Students are issued textbooks at the beginning of each semester. The condition of the textbook is recorded by the teacher when the textbook is issued. Students who damage or lose their textbooks will be assessed a fee for repair or replacement. If a student has lost a textbook, the parent/guardian will be notified by the teacher regarding cost and process of payment. Students pay additional fees for workbooks.

### **Honour Roll**

Honour Roll gives recognition to students who have obtained a high standard of academic achievement. Students who earn an academic average of 85% or higher\* are placed on the Honour Roll at the end of the year. Honour Roll averages are weighted by the number of credits students achieve, not the number of courses they complete\*\*. Half-credit courses are calculated by dividing the course mark(s) in half, adding to full credit course marks and dividing by the total number of credits (not courses) students achieve.

\*Final grades are rounded to the nearest 2 decimal points.

\*\*Students must have registered for the minimum required course load for that grade level. Courses or credits earned outside of SBDHS or dual credit courses will not be used in calculating Honour Roll averages.

Honour Roll status may be withheld in cases of extended or accumulated absences which significantly impacted the overall assessment of the student's academic progress and standings. Students who are eligible for the Honour Roll must also demonstrate the highest degree of academic honesty toward their studies.

Honour Roll Status for Graduation—Semester one and two final grades will be calculated (as determined above) for Convocation.

### **Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Conferences/Parent Communication**

Once per semester, parents will have the opportunity for formal meetings with teachers. Parents will be notified of the appointment procedure at the time of the November and April Progress Report. Parents are invited to contact a teacher or the school at any time if they require more information or have questions. Due to Privacy Legislation, students who turn 18 during the school year have certain privacy rights which the school is required by law to respect. One month before a student's 18th birthday, the school will notify the student and parent with the specifics of how this legislation will impact school/parent communications.

### **Student Assessment**

Term Work – Term work written by a student will, according to the policy of the subject department, constitute 70% – 100% of the mark reported. Students are encouraged to keep up with assignments and to be prepared for unit tests.

Examinations - Examinations are written in January and June. All students must write all examinations for which they are scheduled. Students who are failing a course must write the final examination in that course. SBDHS does not grant exemptions for examinations.

Missed Examinations - Students are required to be present at the prescribed dates and times for each of their examinations. Students are not to schedule vacations or job shifts during the examination period. A student who is absent from an examination due to illness must present a doctor's note for the date on which the examination was scheduled. The missed examination will be rescheduled for the day on which the student returns. NOTE: A student who misses an examination, without making prior arrangements with Administration, may be ineligible for the Honour Roll.

Provincial Examinations - Manitoba Education and Training mandates provincial examinations in English and Mathematics at the Grade 12 level which will comprise a portion of the student's overall grade.

### **Unassigned Time/Study Periods**

During the regular school day, students may have unassigned time or study periods. These periods occur in order to provide an opportunity to learn how to use out-of-class time effectively and constructively which is a vital skill needed in university. If a Grade 9 student has an unscheduled period, he/she will be scheduled to be supervised in a study space. Grades 10, 11, and 12 students have open privileges to use their time appropriately and responsibly; these privileges may be revoked for cause by Administration. Students should use this time to complete homework, assignments and review for upcoming tests.

### **RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Religion, spiritual exercises and celebrations are integral to our identity as a Catholic, Diocesan school. We celebrate and educate in communion with the universal Catholic Church. SBDHS seeks to educate the whole person (soul, body, and mind). The spiritual life of each student is a very important aspect of SBDHS. When parents and students agree to attend SBDHS, it is understood that they also agree to participate in the spiritual life of our school. But as well, the school encourages non-Catholic students to the faithful practice of their own religious duties. We believe that all students, regardless of their faith background, can benefit from these practices.

Students are required to participate in school activities which include the attendance of annual compulsory grade level retreats, all compulsory school Masses, and must pass the compulsory Religion classes at each grade level. Students who miss a Mass or retreat will put their Religion credit in jeopardy and will be required, with their parent(s), to meet with Administration to discuss each absence. External appointments are not to be scheduled on Mass days (please see more specific information under Attendance). **Students who do not pass Religion will not be allowed to re-register**

**at SBDHS, and will not receive a SBDHS diploma at graduation.**

### **Daily Prayer**

Each day will include prayer as part of our regular practice at SBDHS. On some days these prayers will be offered by students over the PA system and on other days the daily prayer may take place during the Teacher Advisory period.

### **Christian Service**

Christian Service is required for all grades. It is designed to educate SBDHS students to look beyond their own material happiness to the needs of others. The program involves working with people in need, small group reflections, and written assignments.

### **Campus Ministry**

Campus Ministry is an integral part of the SBDHS community. In keeping with our Catholic tradition, it seeks to provide our students and staff with opportunities to encounter Christ in their daily lives. Because we acknowledge the uniqueness of everyone, Campus Ministry provides a variety of different ways to engage students in their faith through celebrating the Liturgy and Sacraments, participating in retreats, engaging in service work, and developing enriching relationships with their peers. Students wishing to grow in their faith on a deeper level are encouraged to join Campus Ministry. This team takes part in weekly formation and planning meetings in order to engage in peer to peer ministry and organizes events that give the student body an opportunity to encounter Christ.

### **Retreats and Awareness Days**

All students participate in grade level retreats early in the school year. Through various themes, guest speakers and activities, students are given the chance to encounter Christ while setting the stage for their spiritual growth for the coming year. They are given the opportunity to see the witness of other young people who are living out their faith, to spend time in prayer, and to build friendships with their fellow classmates.

At the conclusion of the year, the graduating class participates in a retreat as a wrap up to their time at SBDHS and as a spiritual send off.

### **Liturgy**

Liturgies are a celebration of our spiritual life and community experience. Three times each semester, SBDHS students celebrate Mass together. Students should exhibit an attitude of reverence for the presence of God in our midst and respect for the religious beliefs of others. Mass ministries are student-led, giving students the opportunity to be actively involved in the Liturgy.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to our students twice a year during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Over the years, we have invited a variety of priests from the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Archeparchy of Winnipeg to be present in our school to offer this sacrament, or to simply engage in spiritual conversation with students. Also, during these seasons students gather during their Teacher Advisory period daily to pray special Advent and Lenten prayers.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

St. Boniface Diocesan High School (SBDHS) assists students with growth and support in the areas of academic achievement, self-development, decision-making and school transitioning through a range of services that are listed below. These services are integrated into a series of specific goals and objectives tailored to meet the needs of students, parents and staff at SBDHS.

## **Guidance & Counselling**

We strive to meet the individual needs of all students by providing direct support or, if necessary, by making referrals to either our Clinical Services or an external agency. Services that are offered include: course changes, career planning, post-secondary preparation information, re-registration information, and social/emotional support. All concerns are discussed in a caring manner and are kept confidential. Students are referred either through self-referral or from parents, teaching or administrative staff.

Students may be referred to specialists in the areas of Social Work and Psychology as assigned through a Shared Services Agreement with Louis Riel School Division (LRSD). In situations when there is evidence of child abuse, child neglect, severe medical conditions, potential suicide, or students appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, Student Services notifies Administration, along with appropriate personnel and agencies, using discretion within the parameters of Manitoba Law.

Students are supported with their academic programming by receiving assistance with their course selections and registrations, course changes, graduation requirements, secondary school alternatives (Distance Education and Summer School options), post-secondary planning, and program requirements. SBDHS students receive assistance with registration choices for their upcoming year, as well as credit checks and program prerequisites for making appropriate career pathway choices.

## **Resource**

The Resource Department helps with those students who require additional supports in programming to bring out their gifts and skills to be as successful as they can be in school and beyond. Supports include providing adaptations, modifications, educational assistant support, Individual Education Plans (I.E.P.'s), or referrals to Clinical Services provided through the Louis Riel School Division.

## **FACILITIES**

### **Cafeteria (shared space)**

Students are expected to leave the area clean when using the Cafeteria. No articles or food should be thrown at any time. Recyclables should be placed into appropriate containers. Since this is a shared space, students are asked to be mindful about their conduct as there is a classroom in progress during the SBDHS lunch hour.

### **Change Rooms**

The change rooms are to be used before and after athletic activities. Students are not to congregate there before classes, during study periods, at lunch, or after school. Food and drink are not to be consumed in the change rooms. Any items left unattended will be placed in the Lost and Found. Valuables should not be left in the change room at any time. Cell phone use is not permitted in the change room.

### **Chapel**

A Eucharistic liturgy is held on certain days before classes begin for the day. All students and staff are welcome to attend. Students who are not attending the service, are expected to remain quiet in the hallway outside the chapel. During the school day, students are permitted to use the chapel for prayer and reflection.

### **Corridors**

Students moving from one class to another must make their way in an orderly manner. Running in corridors is not allowed as well as loitering when classes are in session. Students moving in the corridors during class time must maintain silence and avoid being disruptive.

## **Fitness Centre**

Students may not use the Gymnasium or The Cage without supervision. Students must obtain permission from the Athletic Director to use The Cage. For all activities in these areas, the physical education dress code is in effect.

## **Library/Lounge**

The Library/Lounge is intended for reading, studying, and interacting with peers. To respect the needs of other students, a reasonable level of conversation volume should be exercised. Disruptive behavior of any kind is not allowed. Students who disregard the rules may be asked to leave. Library/Lounge hours are from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm daily. Students must comply with all school policies while in the Library/Lounge. Cellphone and electronic device use are allowed but must conform to school rules and the Acceptable Technology Use Policy.

All library materials, including books, magazines, and equipment, must be signed out and returned by the due date. Books can be signed out for a two (2) week period. To encourage accountability and responsibility, fines will be assessed on overdue materials. A replacement cost may also be assessed on lost or damaged materials. A computer is available in the library to print black & white or colour copies for school use only. All printed pages are available for pickup in the office at no charge. If a student misuses this privilege by printing an excessive amount of pages, or printing is done for personal use, he/she may be subject to a photocopying fee and/or suspension of privileges to print documents.

## **Lockers**

Students are assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year together with a school issued lock. Lockers are to remain locked at all times. Students are encouraged not to share their locker combination with others or to trade lockers. Lockers are the property of SBDHS and should not be misused. Students will be responsible for any damage when lockers are inspected at the end of the school year.

## **Out of Bounds Areas**

Students should not be in the following areas during the school day:

- Parking Lots, except when arriving or leaving
- Unsupervised Classrooms/Gymnasium
- Hallways during class
- Staff room

## **DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

At SBDHS, discipline is meant to reflect our Mission and Vision “Providing a discipline system in which students learn to take responsibility for their actions.” This system was created in cooperation with students, staff, parents and community members. In order for this system to be effective, we need to work in cooperation.

The goal of SBDHS is to create a “Safe & Caring School Community”. To achieve this goal, all individuals need to adhere to the subsections of this policy.

Developing a positive school climate involves a simple structure, reasonable rules, and the acceptance of feelings. Our goal is to make SBDHS a safe, respectful, caring environment, in which the values of the Christian community are fostered. Students play an important role in their own education. All people are created in the image and likeness of God and, as such, all people have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. A Catholic school is a place that promotes personal responsibility, respect, kindness, and academic excellence in a safe, faith-based, educational

environment. Violent or disrespectful behaviour is contrary to our Gospel and Catholic values.

We believe that everyone—students, parents/guardians, teachers, staff and volunteers—has the right to be treated with dignity and feel safe in our schools. With this right comes a very large responsibility: to be law-abiding citizens and to be accountable for actions that risk the safety of others or self.

Manitoba's Safe Schools Charter—Bill 30—is now in place to make all of Manitoba's schools even safer and more secure. It was introduced on June 10, 2004 to promote respect, responsibility, civility and, to provide a descriptive framework for province-wide standards of behavior For more information please visit the following link [The Safe Schools Charter \(Various Acts Amended\) \(gov.mb.ca\)](http://gov.mb.ca).

### **Important Rules**

In keeping with the desire to protect the rights of individuals in the community, the best advice to students is always to treat individuals and their personal property, as well as school property in general, with reverence and respect. This translates into the three basic rules listed below.

- Any student who violates any of these basic rules should expect to face the consequences of that behaviour.
- Students who witness behaviours that violate these basic rules should report the violations to a staff member.
- Serious violations of these basic rules will remain on a student's record and enter into disciplinary considerations throughout a student's time at SBDHS.

### **Respect**

It is hoped that every student respects and cares for themselves and others. This respect should be evident in and out of school. Any student who teases, hazes or disrespects another person is in violation of this rule. This type of behaviour is sometimes seen in physical or verbal confrontation, but more often it is seen in a subtle and silent form of snobbery or unfriendliness. In either case, the result is the same – people are bound to feel alienated, angry and hurt. The expectation is that every student at SBDHS will show respect and consideration for those around them, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, country of origin, or sexuality.

Any action of disrespect towards a student will be treated most seriously. Bullying, or abusing physically, sexually, or psychologically through oral or written communication using any form of media within or outside the school will not be tolerated. Additionally, students who talk back to staff members, ignore directives, exhibit defiance, or threaten staff members, including substitute teachers, will be disciplined in a manner consistent with the degree of the offense—ranging from a minor infraction that would constitute a warning, to a serious infraction that would require a suspension or possible expulsion. Repeated violations will make a student liable for expulsion.

Note: Substitute teachers are considered to be guests in our school and should be treated with a high level of respect and consideration.

### **Honesty, Plagiarism and Cheating**

SBDHS is very concerned that every student understands the tremendous importance of honesty and integrity in all aspects of school life. Dishonesty and cheating in any form, including plagiarism (the representation of another's work as one's own) or allowing one's work to be used, will be considered serious offenses. Students must clarify with their teachers the distinction between group work and individual work, this applies to lab work as well. For instance, although science labs may be completed in groups, the lab reports must be individually prepared for submission as they are considered equivalent to a take-home test. No academic advantage is worth one's personal integrity. Students should be aware that the school uses plagiarism prevention websites to check papers for

originality.

The consequences of dishonesty and cheating will be graded according to the seriousness of the offense. Academic penalties for plagiarism will be incurred in addition to disciplinary measures. Repeated violations will be treated more harshly.

**Note:** Subject to the discretion of the Teacher and Administration and in consideration of the seriousness of the offense, over the entire time of a student's enrollment at SBDHS, cheating and plagiarism (the sharing of individual work that will be graded) is dealt with according to the following process:

- i) For the first offense the student will receive a grade of zero and no option to make-up the assignment. Parents will be notified.
- ii) For the second offense, the student will receive a grade of zero, and Parents/Guardians must come to the school to meet with Administration.
- iii) For the third offense, the student receives a three (3) day out-of-school suspension and/or recommendation to SBDHS Board of Directors for expulsion.

The Honesty, Plagiarism and Cheating Policy covers a student's entire time while enrolled at SBDHS.

### **Respect of Property**

Each student is responsible for their own books and personal property. No books or other property should be left outside the lockers at any time. The school will not be responsible for the loss of books, personal computers, clothing, or other articles belonging to the student. However, theft of any kind will be dealt with most severely. A student taking another's property or school property is liable to expulsion. Items that are found should be turned in immediately to the Lost and Found or the General Office. Keeping a found item is considered theft.

All textbooks must have the student's name written clearly inside the front cover. It is a recommended guideline that all clothing, notebooks, calculators, personal computers and equipment should be marked clearly with the student's name. Each and every school year, the "Lost and Found" is filled with unidentified and unclaimed items.

Damage to property, done willfully or through recklessness or carelessness, will require compensation sufficient to cover the replacement cost of the damage, including labour if applicable. The student will be held liable for willful vandalism, with disciplinary action that could include expulsion. Disrespect of property includes the defacing of desktops, bulletin boards, the change room area and lockers or any other school property. Possessing, displaying, or drawing images of a symbol contrary to Christian moral ideals is forbidden.

### **Discipline**

Students will sometimes behave in a manner inconsistent with the values of the SBDHS community and against our goal of making SBDHS a safe, humane and joy-filled educational environment. The SBDHS Discipline Policy is meant to provide immediate and consistent logical consequences for irresponsible behaviour. The SBDHS community should reflect a safe and supportive educational environment characterized by mutual respect and civility between its members. This is in keeping with Pope John Paul II's resolution; "Community is at the heart of all Catholic education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived".

The SBDHS Discipline Policy outlines common understandings of the standards of behaviour within our school communities for all members. It also provides mandatory consequences in cases of misbehaviour by a student. Mandatory suspension with the possibility of expulsion could apply in the most serious instances of a standard being contravened. The underlying purposes of the Discipline Policy are four-fold:

- i) so that the values and goals of the community are upheld;
- ii) so that, over time, students personally appropriate those same values and goals;

- iii) so that in experiencing logical, consistent and realistic consequences for their choices that determine their behaviour, students will gradually learn self-discipline, accountability, and/or a sense of empowerment and positive control over their lives; and
- iv) so that they can make smart choices to stay in our school.

Discipline can be administered using a variety of methods such as: detention, fine, ISS (In School Suspension) and OSS (Out of School Suspension). In general, the student would progress through the Discipline Policy so that opportunity will be provided to allow for acceptance of responsibility and personal growth through this process. However, depending on the severity of the offense, a student may move immediately to any point within the Discipline Policy, including expulsion. The Principal has the discretion to alter the application of the Discipline Policy for a particular individual given the specific circumstances. The Principal should at all stages preserve good judgement and be constantly mindful of the safety and security of the parties involved, and to ensure a fair process is administered.

**Step 1:** Parental notification: parents will be notified by a staff member in regards to an incident or concern with behaviour.

**Step 2:** After (3) three behavioural concerns or incidents of similar nature, an incident referral form will be submitted to Administration and parents will be notified in writing. The student and Administration will undergo various attempts to correct the behavior. Some resolution methods include, but are not limited to, loss of privileges (athletics/computers), problem solving strategies, financial restitution, and mandatory Guidance Counsellor support.

**Step 3:** ISS (In School Suspension): Repeated or continuous behavioural concerns will result in the student serving an ISS pursuant to the instructions and discretion of the Principal. Parents will be notified in writing as well as a follow up phone call. During the time spent in ISS, the student's academic program can be reviewed and adapted if necessary and support services initiated. The student returns to the regular classroom with a productive plan of action, realistic goals from behavioural problem solving training, and a support system in place to prevent further incidents from occurring in the future. The essence of discipline is to find effective alternatives which leave the student's dignity intact, provide an empathetic perspective on how they have violated another's rights, and motivate them towards making smarter choices in the future. During the time spent, the student is given credit for being in school and is given the opportunity to keep up or catch up with class assignments. On the day of an ISS the student may not participate in any school functions or extracurricular activities.

**Step 4:** OSS (Out of School Suspension): Ongoing behavioural concerns or due to the severity of an incident, the Principal will enact an OSS which will vary from 1-5 days. Parents will be notified in writing as well as receive a follow up phone call. A student may not attend nor be present at any school functions or extracurricular activities for the duration of the OSS. Following the OSS, both parents and student will be asked to meet with the Principal to discuss the disciplinary record. This step in the discipline process is intended to serve as a formal warning to the student and parents that, unless there is significant improvement in the student's attitude and behaviour, the student may be expelled.

**Step 5:** Expulsion: Some breaches of discipline are grave enough to merit expulsion for a single occurrence. The Principal may initiate disciplinary expulsion if there is reason to believe the student has engaged in "serious misconduct" including, but not limited to, the following examples:

- An extreme instance of disrespect to others.
- A third instance of cheating during a test or exam during the student's tenure at the school.
- Theft, severe vandalism or destruction of school, staff, student property.
- Possession or use of any weapon or any object with the intent to injure another person.

- Fighting, harassment, or bullying of another student. Bullying can take many forms including cyber-bullying where someone may use information and communication technologies such as computers or mobile phones to send out emails, text messages, defamatory personal websites or use of social media with the intent to harm, harass or defame others.
- Violation of the school's Alcohol, Tobacco, Cannabis & Drug policy.
- Serious misconduct during any school-related activity (e.g., retreat, assembly, School Mass, Christian Service placement, athletic events)
- Purposefully creating an unsafe condition at school or at school-related activities (e.g., uttering threats, relationships to gangs, toxic fumes, fireworks or other explosives, slippery substance or items on steps or floors, etc.)
- Tampering with any equipment, warning devices, or procedures intended to protect the safety of others.
- Possession or distribution of pornography or hate literature, whether in print or electronic form, at school, or at any school-related activities.
- In general, any time a student of SBDHS engages in conduct detrimental to the reputation or mission of the school or to the good of the other students who attend SBDHS. This includes students who are judged to be a destructive influence on their peers or who are manifestly unwilling to cooperate with the school's policies.

#### **The Expulsion Procedure**

- i) The Principal will initiate the procedure, by notifying the student and parents of the reason(s) for initiating expulsion.
- ii) During a period when expulsion is being considered, a student is suspended until the final decision has been made with regard to expulsion or reinstatement.
- iii) Parents may appeal a recommendation to expel the student by presenting to the Principal a written request containing their reasons for reconsideration.
- iv) The Principal will then review the entire matter, meet with the student and the parents and then notify the parents of the recommendation.
- v) The parents may appeal the Principal's recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- vi) Parents must submit a written explanation of their reasons for making an appeal to the Board of Directors who will then decide if they will hear the appeal. The decision of the Board of Directors is a final decision.

Parents should note that only in cases of expulsion may they appeal to the Board of Directors and only after first appealing to the Principal. A student is permitted only one appeal (as described above) for expulsion during their time at SBDHS.

#### **Forced Withdrawal**

The school reserves the right to require that a student be withdrawn from the school. In such a case, the student ceases to be a SBDHS student on July 1 of a given year and will have no place offered to them in the coming school year. The school's decision to not offer a place the following school year may be based on a student's disciplinary and behavioural record, Christian Service performance, and academic record.

#### **Policy on the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Cannabis and other Controlled Substances**

Within our Christian educational context of responsible care for the gift from God of the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being as an instrument of service to others, SBDHS has established a policy to help provide a drug free educational environment for students. To this end, SBDHS accepts its responsibilities to:

- Educate students about the risks and consequences of the use of illicit drugs, cannabis, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping products.
- Encourage students to live in accordance with the laws of our city, province and nation

concerning the use of these substances. This includes the establishment and enforcement of related school rules for all students.

- Help students develop the life skills that will better prepare them to handle the prevailing social and cultural pressures.
- Guide students towards help as needed for chemical dependency. Information received from students and/or parents who voluntarily seek help from school authorities concerning the student's use of controlled substances before being found to be using or possessing such substances by school or law enforcement officials will be maintained in confidence and will not serve as a basis for disciplinary action.

However, this does not provide immunity from discipline should students continue to use, possess, or distribute controlled substances. Possession of any illegal narcotic substance by a student with the intent of sale, distribution or use at any time may result in the initiation of expulsion by the Principal.

### **Alcohol, Tobacco, Cannabis & Drug Policy**

Illegal possession and/or use of unprescribed drugs, cannabis, or alcohol, while in attendance at school or any school-related function will be dealt with in the following manner:

- i) First Offense: Suspension and mandatory rehabilitation counselling provided by the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba.
- ii) Second Offense: Initiation of expulsion by the Principal.

However, if the offense is considered serious enough, the school reserves the right to initiate the expulsion process for a single occurrence.

Tobacco: Possession or use of tobacco in any form, including vaping devices/liquids, will result in a disciplinary response at the discretion of the Principal. If the problem becomes persistent, more serious consequences may result which could include suspension or expulsion.

### **Policy on Legal Performance-Enhancing Supplements**

SBDHS recognizes that we cannot prohibit our student-athletes from purchasing legal, over-the-counter, performance-enhancing supplements (ex. creatine, androstenedione, etc.) and diuretics, but we strongly discourage use of these products. SBDHS prohibits the sale of performance-enhancing supplements on school property or during off-premise school sanctioned events. Anyone who violates this policy will be disciplined at the discretion of the Principal.

### **Discipline Tools and Standard Consequences**

SBDHS uses a Discipline System in which the standard consequence for rule violations is a detention. Detention is served after school from 3:10 pm–4:00 pm. For serious or flagrant rule violations, more serious consequences than a detention may be necessary. Conversely, there are some rule infractions that are not serious enough to merit a detention in the first instance. Rather, for these lesser infractions, a second opportunity to behave responsibly is given to the student before a detention may be warranted.

All minor rule violations are handled as they occur whether in the classroom, hallways, lunchroom, etc. by the teacher. Depending on the situation, the teacher may choose simply to verbally correct the student, to administer discipline using an informal consequence, or to formally cite the student with a minor infraction or a detention. Minor infractions are given to a student who violates dress code rules, eating/drinking rules, is disrespectful to others, or is not prepared for class. It is hoped that students realize that small repeated violations should be followed by a conscious effort to change behaviour.

In choosing to break a rule with full knowledge of the possible consequences, it is understood that students are, in fact, choosing the consequences as listed below:

**1. Minor Infractions**

The first infraction is recorded, the student is notified by a staff member at the time of the infraction, and given the opportunity not to repeat the behaviour. Some examples of minor infractions are:

- Eating/drinking in non-designated areas
- Running in the hallway
- Minor disrespect for others
- Repeatedly being unprepared for class

**2. Detention**

Types of infractions meriting a detention include, but are not limited to the following:

- Unexcused absence from class or assembly
- Excessive lates with no parental approval
- Skipped detention (detention time doubles)
- Disruptive hallway behaviour
- Dress Code Violation (wearing non-dress code clothing)
- Being in an out-of-bounds area
- Off campus without permission
- Roughhousing/horseplay in the school
- Classroom misbehaviour (detention at discretion of teacher)
- Defacing bulletin board notices
- Disrespect for others
- Disrespect for another's property (e.g., hiding books, defacing desk tops)
- Inappropriate language
- Cellphone violation

**Attendance Policy**

Parents as the primary caregivers and educators of their children, have a right to remove their child from school. However, Administration reserves the right to determine whether an absence is recorded as "excused" or "unexcused."

A student who accumulates more than 10 absences from any full credit course (5 absences for a half credit course) is putting themselves at risk of losing their credit. Administration will examine the nature of the absences. Medical absences supported by a Physician's note are exempt in this total.

When a student has accumulated five (5) or more absences (excused or unexcused) in a full credit course, and three (3) or more absences in a half credit course, the student and parents/guardians will be notified.

If a student has accumulated ten (10) or more absences (excused or unexcused) in a full credit course, and five (5) or more absences in a half credit course, the student may be withdrawn from that course by Administration (Administrative Withdrawal). Parents will be contacted by Administration to explain the reason for the Administrative Withdrawal. When a student is removed from a course, a letter will be sent home asking that all books and materials from that course be returned to the subject teacher.

Where exceptional circumstances warrant, such as a documented chronic illness (medical notes from a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.), or a family trip that has been pre-approved by Administration, an extension may be granted by Administration to students who have accumulated more than the accepted number of explained absences (ten (10) absences in a full credit course, and

five (5) absences in a half credit course). Consistent communication between parents/guardians and Administration is strongly encouraged when exceptional circumstances are occurring.

At SBDHS, students are assessed daily on their ongoing classroom involvement, group work, and completion of classroom assignments. Students are expected to attend all classes for which they have registered. The only time students are not to be in class is when they are involved in school related activities or they are too ill to be in their classes. It is important that illness and/or necessary absences be reported to the General Office promptly by a parent or guardian before 8:00 am. All external appointments with doctors, dentists, counsellors/social workers, and other professionals should be made before or after school hours if at all possible. Please consult the school calendar when scheduling appointments. Students are responsible for all missed work due to illness, appointments, etc. and are expected to get caught up on their own time. Missed tests and assignments will be made up at the discretion of the teacher.

### **Truancy/Unexcused Absences**

Students are considered truant or unexcused if they are absent from school or class and do not have parental or school permission to be elsewhere. If a student is truant or unexcused, staff has no obligation to allow the student to make up missed work and the student may receive a zero for any missed assignments or tests. Administration will make final decisions in these matters.

### **Appeals**

Appeals regarding attendance may be made to the SBDHS Board of Directors. At the time of the appeal, the following will be considered:

- Reasons for the excessive absences.
- Documentation relating to excessive absences.
- The amount and quality of work the student has completed in the course(s).

**Family Trips, Tournaments, and other Planned Absences:** These include family trips when school is in session, non-school sports tournaments, cultural events and drivers' license testing. **Note: The permission of the Principal is required for any family related absence that is longer than 3 days.**

Scheduling these types of events when school is in session is strongly discouraged. However, if parents decide to remove their son(s)/daughter(s) from class for such events, then a **Student Request to be Absent Form** must be completed and submitted to the General Office. The student must contact their teachers before the absence to make arrangements for any tests they will miss or assignments that will be due while they are away. If a student does not make alternate arrangements agreeable to the teachers before the absence, they may suffer an academic penalty for all tests missed or late projects.

### **Student Request to be Absent Form Procedure**

For all requests for planned absences scheduled during school time (absences over 3 days), the student must first contact the General Office for a **Student Request to be Absent Form** which must be signed by each subject teacher, parents/guardians and the Principal. The form is then submitted to the General Office before travel arrangements are made. Student Request to be Absent Forms must be completed and submitted **at least 2 weeks prior to departure**. Planned absences may be considered excused by the school when the procedures stated below are followed:

- The student is responsible for completing the form, gathering the proper information and signatures, and returning the form to the Principal at least 2 weeks prior to first date of the planned absence. Furthermore, a student is responsible for completing any work assigned by the teacher in the timeframe agreed upon by the teacher and student.
- Teachers are responsible for filling out their portion of the form giving some indication as to how the absence will affect the student's grade, whether make-up work is allowed and, what the expectations are for completing the stated work.

- Parents must review teachers' comments, recognizing that they bear the chief responsibility for the education of their son(s)/daughter(s), and make a reasonable decision based on the consequence associated with the absence. Parents must then sign the form. They are equally responsible with their son(s)/daughter(s) for completing and delivering the form to the Principal.
- The Principal will give final approval, make any additional comments and place the form in the student's file.

The earlier the school is notified, the sooner parents will have the information needed to base their decision regarding the absence. A completed **Student Request to be Absent Form** is considered written notification of the absence. Failure to properly complete the form may result in unexcused absences for the period of time that the student is not in class. In that case, make-up work may not be allowed and disciplinary consequences may be issued.

### **Lates**

Students are expected to be punctual for all classes. If a student will be arriving late, a parent is to contact the school. Upon arrival, the student must check in at the office to obtain a late slip in order to be admitted into class. If the late is excused by a parent, it will be counted as an excused late. All students who are late must obtain a late slip from the office. Students who have unexcused lates will be assessed a detention once they have reached their fourth late. It is expected that students will enter the classroom in a quiet and positive manner and not be disruptive when arriving late. Exceptions to lates are made on days when everyone is affected by inclement weather/traffic conditions, or where prior arrangements have been made and communicated with Administration.

**Snow Day Policy:** If Louis Riel School Division closes schools because of inclement weather; SBDHS will be closed. Because the school serves students from a wide area, there might be rare occasions when SBDHS closes independently of the Louis Riel School Division. Cancellation of classes or a delayed opening will be announced on the following radio stations: CJOB 680 AM and CBC 990 AM. Every effort will be made to provide such announcements by 7:00 a.m. and calling the radio stations would be unnecessary. A news bulletin will be added to the SBDHS Website and social media.

### **Dress Code**

At St. Boniface Diocesan High school, we encourage and promote a dress code which maintains an environment conducive to learning and appropriate for an educational setting. Therefore, students are expected to be **discreet, modest and** clean in appearance within the following guidelines:

- Clothing must not have images or lettering that would be offensive to students, staff, or the public.
- Any gang related clothing or symbols, even if they conform to the dress code will not be permitted.
- Clothing must cover the chest, back, and not show a visible midriff.
- Clothing needs to cover undergarments, including when bending down.
- Students must wear authorized SBDHS attire during Physical Education classes **only**. Students are provided with these clothes at the beginning of the year.
- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses – Pants are to be worn at the waistline; shorts, skirts and dresses are to be of a reasonable length. Pajama pants are only acceptable during designated pajama wear days.
- Headwear - All headwear is to be removed while in school; headwear is only allowed on designated dress up days.
- Any visible body piercings, with the exception of earrings and small nose studs, are not allowed. Some courses and activities will require students to remove piercings temporarily.

The dress code is in effect from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Dress code must also be followed in the school during spares, lunch periods and school sanctioned events, such as school sports events, retreats, and volunteer

experiences.

### **Dress Code Enforcement Policy**

Any student in violation of the dress code is subject to one of the following:

1. The student will be addressed and required to change. OR
2. The student will be addressed and required to contact parents/guardians from the office to arrange for a ride home or have appropriate clothing brought to the school.

In addition to the above, the following will be issued:

- a. 1st Offense – A verbal warning will be given.
- b. 2nd Offense: A 45 minute after school detention.
- c. 3rd Offense: Meet with Administration and additional consequences may be given which may include a Dress Code Contract.
- d. 4th Offense: Suspension and parental meeting.

NOTE: All school staff have the authority to address and enforce this policy. Administration reserves the right to hold students out of class for flagrant violation of the dress code.

### **Special Occasion Dress Code**

On special occasions such as School Masses or special celebrations, students are encouraged to wear formal or semi-formal attire. Semi-formal attire consists of neat, clean attire other than blue jeans or t-shirts. Formal attire for boys consists of dress pants and a dress shirt with sleeves (tie optional) and for girls is dress pants or a skirt with a blouse, or a dress. Please align dress attire to our student dress code.

## **DAILY PROCEDURES**

### **Motor Vehicles, Bicycles and Parking Guidelines**

- Students who bring vehicles to school may park in the Holy Cross Church parking lot for the day or on the street around the school where they will be subject to a two-hour parking limit. Students are not allowed to park in front of Holy Cross Church or the Parish office. SBDHS students are not allowed to drive through or park in the parking lot at the back of the school during school hours. Students who do not comply with these regulations will pay a \$30.00 fine. SBDHS is not responsible for damages to vehicles parked on the street or the Holy Cross Church parking lot.
- Reckless driving is unacceptable. The speed limit in front of our school is 30 km/hr.
- Bicycle racks are provided behind the school for staff and student use. Bicycles should be securely locked to prevent theft. SBDHS is not responsible for damages or theft of bicycles parked outside the building. Students are not allowed to store their bikes inside the school.
- Skateboards must be stored inside a locker.

### **Student Entrances**

For security reasons, the front, back and side doors of the school will be locked at all times. Parents, students and visitors who wish to enter the school during school hours must use the front entrance of the school. For everyone's safety, students must not open doors to allow others entry. Students must not leave or enter the cafeteria at any time during the day through the gymnasium foyer. The east and west entrance doors to the gymnasium are to remain closed and locked at all times for security purposes.

### **Mobile Electronic Device Policy**

To protect the safety and privacy of our students and staff, to reduce disruption of the learning environment of the whole school, and to teach responsible use of devices, SBDHS prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices in school during class time, and at all school events throughout the regular

school day. During these times, the telephone in the General Office may be used by students (with permission) to call home. The General Office will relay incoming messages for students in the event of an emergency.

**We define a mobile electronic device for this policy as smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, handheld gaming devices, headphones and earbuds.**

Mobile electronic devices must be in student lockers during class time. Students may access their mobile electronic devices before and after school hours and during the lunch period in any area of the school other than student washrooms. The use of mobile electronic devices is prohibited in student washrooms. Students on spare may also use their mobile electronic devices in places deemed appropriate for such use. Additional exceptions may be made when the devices are used to achieve a curricular objective (i.e. taking photos/video for a school project, using a portable device to research for an assignment) by order of a teacher, and under the direct supervision of that teacher.

A student who is found violating any part of this policy, for any reason other than that prescribed by a teacher, will have the device removed for the remainder of the day and will experience the following consequences:

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| First offense      | Student loses mobile electronic device for the remainder of the day. The device can be picked up from Administration at the end of the day.                                                                                       |
| Second offense     | Student loses mobile electronic device for the remainder of the day. A parent/guardian must pick it up from Administration at the end of the school day or any subsequent day they are able to do so.                             |
| Continued offenses | With a subsequent infraction, the mobile electronic device must be claimed by a parent/guardian and the student is not allowed to bring the mobile electronic device (or use anyone else's) for the remainder of the school year. |

Inappropriate, disrespectful and uncooperative student responses to a staff member (this includes locking the mobile electronic device, deleting messages, removing batteries or SIM card, etc.) when requested to hand over any mobile electronic device will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Depending on the nature of the incident, it may be incumbent upon the school to involve the police.

Inappropriate use of mobile electronic devices includes: invading personal privacy or contributing to behaviour that is injurious to another student and/or staff member, uploading, downloading or distributing material that the school has deemed objectionable, sending or receiving personal messages, data or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating.

### **Signing In/Out During School Hours**

All students must sign in or out at the General Office when they leave and/or return for any part of the school day. Parents must call the school to excuse a student from leaving the school early for appointments, etc.

### **Student Gatherings**

Assemblies: Student assemblies are an integral part of the school program. Attendance, unless otherwise noted, is compulsory. Students are expected to enter and leave the assembly location in a quiet and orderly manner. Students should conduct themselves during the assembly in a courteous and respectful manner.

Rallies: Rallies are an opportunity for students to demonstrate school spirit and show support for a variety of student activities. Students are encouraged to participate fully, while demonstrating good judgment in how they choose to show support for others. At all times, students should behave respectfully, particularly towards the speakers.

### **Emergency/Fire/Lockdown Procedures**

In the event of a fire, or during a fire drill, students must follow the plan posted in each classroom exactly as listed. The drill is to be carried out in complete silence. Fire drills are carried out 10 times each year as required by law. Students should re-enter the school only after Administrative instruction. In the event of an emergency which requires evacuation of the school, staff and students will proceed to the lower hall of Holy Cross Church. Lockdown drills are performed two times per year, once each semester.

## **ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Classroom Conduct:**

Each student in the classroom should give the teacher and fellow students the respect to which each is entitled. This includes listening to others and participating in class activities. Classroom discipline is maintained by the teacher. Students must carry out directives that the teacher may assign for classroom misconduct. Students are also expected to be on task at all times. Failure in regard to any of these will be treated as a breach of school discipline and appropriate consequences will result. Self-control and self-discipline are keys to creating an environment where all students can focus and learn to the best of their ability. No student should interfere with the ability of a teacher to maintain a learning environment. Students are not allowed to use any audio or video recording device in the classroom without the permission of the teacher.

### **Homework**

Homework is an important tool in learning. To be effective, homework should be completed daily. If students do not complete their homework, the teacher may assign them to stay after school. Written homework should be done carefully, completely and on time. **If a student misses work, it is their responsibility to inform the teacher and make up the work or any missed evaluations.** Absence from class does not excuse a student from homework or testing; arrangements for make-up work or tests are the responsibility of the student and should be made on the day the student returns to class.

### **Teacher Advisory (TA)**

TA is a time for students to build community by engaging in prayer, reading announcements, and passing on other important information. Students are required to attend TA even if they have unscheduled time during periods prior to TA. All rules for lateness apply to students arriving late for their TA.

### **Being Prepared for Class**

Students are expected to come to class prepared which includes having with them all necessary texts and supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, calculators, and lab equipment as required by their teacher. Teachers can issue a consequence for students coming to class unprepared. If a student's repeated failure to adequately prepare for class interferes with a teacher's ability to begin class in a timely manner, such disorganization may result in further discipline.

### **Test Policy**

During the school year, teachers will schedule written tests and quizzes that will count toward the student's term mark. In each grade, more than two tests will not be scheduled on a given day. A student should expect one-week advance notice (inclusive of the test date) of upcoming tests. A quiz may be

administered without prior notice.

## **STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Messages**

Delivering messages to students during class time disrupts the learning process. Therefore, messages left for students will be delivered at the first appropriate opportunity. In an emergency, parents may ask to speak to Administration.

### **Announcements**

Written and oral announcements are made daily. All announcements contain important information about activities taking place, or acknowledge the achievements of student groups from the previous day. In order to be informed and to show appreciation for the efforts of others, students are expected to give their full attention to these announcements. Written announcements are posted on the digital displays and on the bulletin board by the General Office.

### **Telephone Access**

Students can use the telephone in the General Office when not in class or in case of an emergency.

### **Visitors**

All visitors to the school must report to the office upon entry. Students should not have friends from outside the school meet them at SBDHS. Any students from other schools visiting SBDHS must have permission from Administration to be in the building.

### **Address and Telephone Changes**

The General Office should be notified of any change of address and/or telephone number. This information should be updated for routine communication and for use in the event of an emergency.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM & STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Students at SBDHS are encouraged to participate as fully as they are capable in the academic, social, spiritual and athletic life of the school. Students may not participate in extra-curricular activities unless they are achieving a passing average in the reporting period and they exercise good behaviour and attendance prior to the activity. A student failing to meet this minimum requirement will not be allowed to participate until these requirements have been met.

### **Student Jobs**

Some high school students seek part-time employment while in high school. Students are discouraged from taking on heavy commitments to jobs because that takes time away from their studies and of the chance to participate in co-curricular/extra-curricular programming. Work may not be used as a reason to miss curricular activities or examinations.

## **SCHOOL SCHEDULES**

| Regular School Schedule |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Period                  | Start    | End      |
| Warning Bell            | 8:05 AM  | 8:10 AM  |
| Opening Exercises       | 8:10 AM  | 8:15 AM  |
| 1                       | 8:15 AM  | 9:20 AM  |
| 2                       | 9:25 AM  | 10:30 AM |
| TA                      | 10:32 AM | 10:40 AM |
| 3                       | 10:45 AM | 11:50 AM |
| Lunch                   | 11:50 AM | 12:48 PM |
| 4                       | 12:50 PM | 1:55 PM  |
| 5                       | 2:00 PM  | 3:05 PM  |

| Compressed Schedule                |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Period                             | Start    | End      |
| Warning Bell                       | 8:05 AM  | 8:10 AM  |
| Opening Exercises                  | 8:10 AM  | 8:15 AM  |
| 1                                  | 8:15 AM  | 9:10 AM  |
| 2                                  | 9:15 AM  | 10:05 AM |
| TA                                 | 10:07 AM | 10:15 AM |
| 3                                  | 10:20 AM | 11:10 AM |
| 4                                  | 11:15 AM | 12:05 PM |
| Lunch                              | 12:05 PM | 1:03 PM  |
| 5                                  | 1:05 PM  | 2:00 PM  |
| Optional Endings                   |          |          |
| Mass                               | 2:10 PM  | 3:05PM   |
| Early Dismissal<br>(Staff Meeting) | 2:00PM   |          |

## **PRAYERS**

The school encourages all students to develop a personal prayer life, since prayer opens the person to the presence of God in his/her life. To this end, this student handbook has a number of formulary prayers appropriate for Christians.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!  
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus!  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen