## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

# (Working together, parents & staff will enforce these expectations)

A suggestion from our January 2014 survey was that the school formulate a list of student expectations parents will reinforce at home; these expectations are in line with the behavior that is expected at school and indicative of our Catholic faith.

This list was compiled with input from teachers, staff, students, and School Council.

#### **FAITH**

- Students are to attend Mass on Sunday/Saturday night and holy days of obligation.
- Students are to participate in Mass by praying the prayers, saying responses, and singing.
- When attending Mass or praying, students are to show respect and behave, as praying is talking to God.
- Students should make prayer a daily part of their lives, including but not limited to saying grace before and after meals, and morning and night prayers.

#### MANNERS IN WORD & DEED

- Students need to respect self, others, and property.
- Students should not use inappropriate language.
- Students need to use the "polite" words: please, thank you, excuse me, etc.
- Students should respond when someone greets them.
- Students should not interrupt when adults are speaking.
- Students should be courteous. Open doors for others; pick up things that have fallen on the floor even if it is not your mess; be willing to help. Leave things cleaner than you found them!
- Students need to practice good table manners. Speak in a normal conversational voice. Clean up your mess, and don't play with your food.

#### THE GOLDEN RULE (Treat others as you would like to be treated)

- Teasing can be cruel, so students, please, think before you speak or act and if it is not 100% kind, refrain from saying or doing it.
- Students should not be selfish, but instead, be willing to share or play games that someone else wants to play; one cannot always have his/her way.

• Students should practice good sportsmanship. Be a good sport, not a sore loser.

### <u>SELF</u>

- Students should take pride in one's self.
- Students should take pride in their appearance, and also, practice proper hygiene.
- Students should take pride in their work, take their time, and do their best.
- Students should take pride in their school and be grateful for the opportunity to attend a Catholic school.
- Above all, students should take pride in their faith, realizing that all that they have is a gift from God.