

## **CODE OF CONDUCT COVERING PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES**

Students can best receive a quality, faith-based education if parents/guardians and school personnel work together. As our mission statement reminds us, ***St. Peter's School*** strives to maintain an atmosphere of love and Catholic Christian values with many opportunities offered for integrating learning and life based on the Gospel. As critical members of the school community, parents/guardians are not only exemplars for their own children but are role models for our students preparing to take their place as faith-filled stewards in the Church and world. ***St. Peter's School*** expects parents/guardians to conduct themselves in school-related interactions in a way that honors the Catholic Christian values promoted at our school.

Parents/guardians as well as other family members are expected to comply with all school rules and policies, and to accept and support the authority of school personnel, whether it be at school events, on or off school campus, on social media, or in other public forums. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that other family members abide by all applicable rules and policies, including this Code of Conduct.

As an express condition of enrollment, parents/guardians shall follow standards of conduct that are consistent with the Catholic Christian values, as determined by the school in its discretion. These standards of conduct, include, but are not limited to:

- Parents/guardians are expected to work courteously and cooperatively with the school to assist the student in meeting the academic, moral, and behavioral expectations of the school.
- Parents/guardians may respectfully express their concerns about the school operation and its personnel. However, they may not do so in a manner that is discourteous, scandalous, rumor-driven, disruptive, threatening, hostile, defamatory, or divisive.
- Parents/guardians are expected to always conduct themselves in a respectful and non-disruptive manner when interacting with, or communicating about, school personnel, other parents/guardians and their family members, and students.
- Parents/guardians must be respectful of privacy concerns when communicating about other students, and be careful not to disclose personal, academic or medical information to others when doing so is not authorized or otherwise appropriate.

These standards and expectations apply to all school-sponsored programs and events (e.g., drop off/pick up, extended care, athletics, and field trips). Compliance with these standards and expectations is determined by the school's administration in its sole discretion.

***St. Peter's School*** views the education of a student as a partnership between the parents/guardians and the school. While ***St. Peter's School*** relies in good faith on the ability of parents/guardians to cooperate with school personnel, rules, policies, and programs, the school reserves the right to refuse admission or entry to school grounds or activities to parents/guardians who have demonstrated an inability to do so. Should this occur, parents/guardians and family members may be asked to leave school grounds or activities at the sole discretion of the school's administration. Further, if ***St. Peter's School*** determines that a parent/guardian has engaged in conduct that does or could cause significant disruption, disturbance, or disorder, the

parent/guardian or family members may be requested to leave the premises. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to, persistently and overtly refusing to cooperate with school personnel, rules, policies, or programs; seriously interfering in matters of school administration or discipline; or seeking to use the school community as a platform to advance an agenda contrary to the school's mission.

Just as a parent/guardian can withdraw a child from the school if desired, the school has the right to un-enroll a student if it determines at its discretion that the partnership between the family and the school is broken or cannot be maintained. In some rare instances, circumstances may call for corrective or remedial action, leading up to and including requiring parents/guardians to withdraw their child. The school reserves the right to determine, in its discretion, when conduct is severe enough to warrant immediate action without warning or without an intermediate step short of withdrawal.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

As a parent/guardian of an enrolled student at *St. Peter's School*, I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct Covering Parents/Guardians and Families.

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