

Catholic Schools of Zanesville Parent/Student Handbook



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Belief Statement:

As a Catholic community, we provide an environment that is conducive to all learning styles. We promote high standards that enable individuals to reach their greatest potential.

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This handbook is meant to be a comprehensive guide to all aspects of learning and growing at the Catholic Schools of Zanesville. We want to ensure in this book that parents, students, and staff have information concerning our school and the operations for success. Every year brings change and this year's handbook is as up to date as can be. Please read it carefully and know that this could change if necessary.

I trust that your experience at the Catholic Schools of Zanesville will strengthen your faith in Catholic education and provide a learning environment that is worthy of your love and care for your child.

Blessings and Prayers for a successful school year!

Yours through Christ,

Kelly Sagan
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Statements in this handbook are subject to amendment with or without notice. The school's executive director will attempt to keep the school families informed of all changes as soon as practical. Some changes might have to be made immediately due to unforeseen circumstances.

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The Catholic Schools of Zanesville

Uniform Policy

Based upon our belief as a Catholic institution, we have an expectation that our students will exhibit modesty and appropriateness in their dress. We also want our students to concentrate on the importance of their character and not on fashion and competition. Students are expected to be neat and well-groomed and to dress in a manner that reflects good taste and decency. Adherence to the below dress code is always expected when in school attendance. Uniform clothing should be kept in good repair and worn appropriately. Any decisions regarding the dress code will be made by the administration or a designee.

No outside vendors will be accepted as uniform wear. Outside vendors are permitted to be worn during team days and non-uniform days.

Uniform Policy updated 8/1/23.

Uniform items should be purchased from the uniform section at various retailers and meet the below guidelines for a student's grade. Approved plaid may be purchased from Educational Apparel only.

| Required uniform | Grades K-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Shoes | <p>Dress or tennis shoes may be worn. Shoes may not include the following- holes), fraying, roller skates, lights, gemstones, fur, open toes, no crocs or backs. Shoes must not resemble house slippers. Sandals may not be worn. Laces must be tied if present. Dress shoes must not have more than a 1" heel. No boots are permitted for grades K-8.</p> | | <p>Shoes must meet the guidelines for K-8 but boots may be worn for 9-12 students.</p> |
| Pants/Shorts | <p>Black or Khaki in color. Not permitted – Corduroy or denim, cargo pants, low rise, knit, mesh sweatpants, sagging, skinny, stretch pants, leggings, patch or side pockets. No side zippers or embellishment of any kind. Pants and shorts must be worn at the natural waist and not rolled or cuffed. Students are permitted to wear relaxed fit and loose fit pants and shorts. They should not fit snugly against the body. Boy's shorts are to be no shorter than 2 in above the knee and girls skirts are to be 2 in below the longest fingertip. Shorts are permitted year round.</p> | | |
| Shirts | <p>Short or long-sleeved polo shirts. Shirts may be red, black, or white. No emblem is strongly preferred, if a small emblem is present, it must be no more than 2" and emblem must be red, black, or white. All shirts must be worn tucked at the waist and only the top button may be unbuttoned.</p> | | |
| Belt | No belt in grades K-5 | Plain black or brown belt must be worn when loops are present. | |
| Socks and Tights | <p>Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Socks and tights must be red, black, or white in color. Tights must be opaque and with feet. On socks no emblem is strongly preferred, if a small emblem is present, it must be no more than 2" and emblem must be red, black, or white. Leggings may NOT be worn as tights.</p> | | <p>Socks must be visible. Black leggings may be worn under skirts.</p> |
| Jumper | Plaid, Khaki, or Black | | No Jumper in grades 9-12 |

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| Skirt | Girls may wear skirts and must be plaid, khaki, or black in color. Skirts must be no more than 2" above the knee. Skirts must be worn at the natural waist and not rolled. A skirt may be worn in grades K-3. | | Skirts must be past the longest fingertip in a relaxed stance. |
| Sweater Sweatshirt Pullover (These may be worn during class time. Approved uniform shirt must be always worn under.) | Black, red, or white cardigan sweaters may be worn. Hoodless black, red, or white sweatshirts. Can be solid and plain purchased from an outside retailer or with school logo purchased from Bishop Fenwick Uniform store. Solid color black and red hoodless pullovers may be worn during the school day. These may be full zip or ¾ zip. School logoed pull overs may be purchased from the Bishop Fenwick Uniform Store. **No Emblem on sweaters, sweatshirts, and pullovers is strongly preferred. If an emblem is present, it must be no more than 2" and red, black, or white in color. | Same as K-5 but students may begin to purchase and wear the Rosecrans pullovers. | Black, red, gray or white cardigan sweaters may be worn. Hoodless black, red, gray, or white sweatshirts. Can be solid and plain purchased from an outside retailer or with school logo purchased from the school office. Solid color black, gray, white and red hoodless pullovers may be worn during the school day. These may be ¾ zip. School logoed pull overs may be purchased from the school office. **No Emblem on sweaters, sweatshirts, and pullovers is strongly preferred. If an emblem is present it must be no more than 2" and red, black, gray or white in color. |
| Undergarments | Correct undergarments must be worn at all times under the uniform. Nothing should be visible on the outside or through the uniform. Girls should wear modesty shorts under skirts. All undershirts should be a plain white in color. | | |

Gym Uniform

| Required uniform | Grades K-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 |
|---------------------|---|------------|--|
| | Students will wear gym uniform to school on assigned day in grades K-8. | | Students will change for gym class in grades 9-12. See gym syllabus for uniform expectations. |
| Pants/Shorts | Plain black or with the Bishop Fenwick logo purchased from the Uniform Store. Pants and shorts may have a black, red, or white side stripe. Plain black sweatpants may be worn. Shorts must be no more than 2" above the knee. NO LEGGINGS and NO BIKES SHORTS Gym pants and shorts may NOT BE tight fitted or clingy. They must maintain modesty. Emblems are strongly discouraged but if present must be no more than 2" and red, black, or white in color. | | |
| Shirt | Red logoed Bishop Fenwick t-shirt must be worn. Purchased from the Bishop Fenwick Uniform Store. | | |
| Sweatshirt Pullover | Any sweatshirts and pullovers that are approved on the regular uniform may also be worn with the gym uniform. | | |
| Shoes | Athletic Tennis Shoes must be worn with the gym uniform. | | |
| Jewelry | Jewelry may not be worn with the gym uniform | | |

Appearance and Grooming

- Clothing should be kept in good repair with no holes and fraying.
- K-8 student's long-sleeved shirts may not be layered under short sleeved shirts.
- Hair should be neatly kept, of a naturally occurring color, and clean in appearance. Boy's hair should be cut in a short style and kept above the collar, above the eye brows and above the ears with sideburns no longer than the ear lobe. Shaven in symbols, radical styles and cuts will not be permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear buns.
- Nails should be modest, well groomed, and not a distraction. K-8 students may not have artificial nails.
- Girls may wear 2 small post earrings. Boys may not have ear piercings. No other visible bodies piercings, including bars, or tattoos are permitted.

- Beginning in 6th grade girls may wear modest makeup. Heavy make-up is not permitted.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn in the school building.
- Jewelry should be modest and not large. No jewelry is allowed in gym class.
- Bows and hair accessories should be modest and not distracting.
- As clothing, fashions, and fads evolve and change, the administration or a designee will make changes and decisions regarding the dress code at any time.
- Students must be always shaven.
- No coats or jackets are to be worn in the classroom.

Team Days

Students in grades 7-12 may wear game jerseys once per week during the season on the day approved by administration. All players must dress alike. No hats may be worn. Days must be submitted to the administration by coaches for approval and will be communicated by the coach to the team.

Non-Uniform Days

These days will be communicated as appropriate and are considered a privilege for students to participate in.

Any clothing worn on non-uniform days must meet the following guidelines.

- Students should be dressed in modest, appropriate attire.
- Leggings, yoga pants, and form fitting pants are not permitted. (No Sweatpants or athletic shorts in grades 9-12)
- No torn, ripped, or frayed clothing.
- T-shirts must have appropriate saying and graphics.
- No midriff should be visible when arms are fully extended.
- If it is an assigned gym day for a student tennis shoe must be worn.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Socks or tights are required.
- Shoes must meet the guidelines for regular uniform days.
- Skirts and shorts may not be more than 2" above the knee. Skirts may not be rolled and should be worn at the natural waist. (See regular uniform policy)
- Any clothing deemed inappropriate by the administration, or a designee will not be permitted.

- No hoods
- 9th -12th grade, students must pay \$1.00 to participate.

All students must adhere to the following Non-Uniform Days when attending any school sponsored event, not limited to, Sporting Events and Extra-Curricular activities.

- Students should be dressed in modest, appropriate attire.
- T-shirts must have appropriate saying and graphics.
- No midriff should be visible when arms are fully extended.
- Students should not go shirtless or wear just sports undergarments at any time.
- Any clothing deemed inappropriate by the administration, or a designee will not be permitted.



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Student/Parent Handbook 2023-2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This handbook is meant to be a comprehensive guide to all facets of life and learning at Bishop Rosecrans High School. A safe and orderly environment promotes student learning, and we want to ensure in this handbook that parents, students, staff and friends have all the important information concerning the philosophy and policies of our school. The Gospel values are the foundation of our school's mission and serve as our guide in formulating this handbook. Motivated by the love of God and the love for our students, we have done our best to make the rules and policies of Bishop Rosecrans High School fair, reasonable, and just. An effective school must be committed to continuous improvement. The school administration in conjunction with the Catholic Schools of Zanesville Board of Trustees has worked together to review and update the Student/Parent Handbook. The changes to this handbook are printed in red. Have a great year.

Prayer for our Catholic Schools of Zanesville

Draw us together, each and all, into your Heart
and pray that the Holy Spirit may descend anew to unite us.
Through the fires of His love may we overcome the divisions that separate us,
so that we can give credible and joyful witness
to Jesus' Resurrection, His victory over death and sin.
Help us to show God's love to all those we encounter
that they too may be drawn to faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who loves without measure and shows mercy to all
like the Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

—adapted for CSZ from prayer written by Sr. Teresa Condit of the Two Hearts, OSIHJM

BISHOP ROSECRANS HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Hail to thee our Alma Mater
Loyalty we pledge to you;
Through the years our love grows stronger
Faithful Bishops through and through,
Memories that linger forever
We will cherish when we have gone away;
As the years go by we'll sing this song
Hail to thee dear Rosecrans High.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Bishop Rosecrans High School is to provide a community in which all can live and grow in faith, scholarship, and service following the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe Christ is the reason for this school. Therefore, we are all called to be visible signs of the Gospel message in our daily lives.

- We believe faith formation is an ongoing collaboration between school, family and community.
- We believe Catholic education teaches faith, scholarship, service and community.
- We believe instruction/assessment must provide for the diverse needs and abilities of all students.
- We believe in continuous improvement through research, ongoing education and implementation of best practices.

BISHOP ROSECRANS ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

During the preceding grading period, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses which count toward graduation, and
2. Have obtained a minimum grade point average of 1.5, and
3. Must not have more than one failing grade.

Failure to fulfill this requirement will make the student ineligible for non-academic activity and its associated activities (ex: practice sessions, meetings, rehearsals, etc.) for the following grading period. Ineligibility will continue until grades are officially posted at the end of the grading period. A grading period is defined as that period of time for each quarter of the academic year.

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA UPDATED 8/30/22

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an Academic Honors Diploma. High-level coursework, college and career readiness tests and real-world experiences challenge students.

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria unless it is a minimum graduation requirement. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

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| English | 4 Units |
| Math | 4 Units |
| Science | 4 units, including 2 units of advanced science |
| Social Studies | 4 units |
| World Languages | 3 units of one world language, or not less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied |
| Fine Arts | 1 unit |
| G.P.A. | 3.5 on a 4.0 scale |
| ACT/SAT | ACT: 27 or higher/ SAT: 1280 or higher |

Guidance

To be eligible, students must complete units, or credits, in specific subjects (see above chart). They can use Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, [College Credit Plus](#) and [Credit Flexibility](#) coursework to meet the unit requirements of an honors diploma. A single course can meet multiple criteria if it fits under multiple subject areas. Students also can design their own independent study courses. This requires that someone with proper licensure in the subject area must teach or co-teach the courses used for an honors diploma.

Math – Students must take algebra I, geometry, algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher-level course OR a four-course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content.

Science – Advanced science refers to courses that are inquiry based with laboratory experiences. They must align with the grades 11/12 standards (or above) or with an Advanced Placement science course or entry-level college course (clearly preparing students for a college freshman-level science class, such as anatomy, botany, or astronomy).

Social Studies – Students may get credit for both an American history course and/or the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate American history course (same for government and world history). If a district counts financial literacy as a social studies course, students can use it as an elective to meet the requirement. If the district counts financial literacy as a family consumer science or business education elective, it does not count.

World Language – Only credits from courses that are sequential, and proficiency based (e.g., Spanish levels I, II, III or German I and II and French I and II) fulfill the honors diploma requirement. Sequential classical (e.g., Latin, Ancient Greek) and visual (e.g., American Sign Language) languages DO fulfill the honors diploma requirement. No units from language courses coded as “Foreign Language Exploratory” can count toward the honors diploma requirement. No units from culture-based courses can count toward the honors diploma requirements.

If a student opts to complete this criterion by taking *two units each of two world languages studied*, a student must complete a total of four world language units. This means two sequential, proficiency-based units in two different languages.

Fine Arts – Courses taken in middle school may meet the general graduation requirement of two semesters of fine arts, but a course must count for high school credit (be high school level work or above) to count for the honors diploma. Dance, drama/theatre, music, and visual art courses all count as fine arts courses.

GPA – GPAs must be calculated on an unweighted 4.0 scale.

ACT and SAT score requirements – Students must have scores of 27 or higher on the ACT or 1280 or higher on the 2016 SAT or their equivalents on previous or future versions of the tests. The score for SAT was updated due to the new SAT exam. For students who took the SAT before March 1, 2016, concordance tables can be found [here](#), and further information can be found on the [College Board’s website](#). The ACT writing and SAT essay sections are not included.

Academic letters are given specifically to students who earned an annual grade point average of 3.5 or higher the previous academic year. The students who already have academic letters will receive gold bars.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP)

Students in grades seven through twelve may participate in College Credit Plus (CCP) program beginning 2015-2016. The program is governed within the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3365 and corresponding rules 3333-1-65.1 through 3333-1-65,10.

Ohio's new CCP can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from eligible post-secondary institutions (i.e. community colleges, post-secondary career technical institutions, state university, and many private colleges and universities.) The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to eligible college-ready students. Parents and students must attend an informational session help by the school guidance counselor or designee.

Complete all forms and online applications by the deadlines set by the Ohio Department of Education and the college/university.

Texts required for College Credit Plus classes will be borrowed, rented, or used texts. If a student does not receive a passing grade for a CCP course, they are not permitted to retake that course.

Students in the 11th and 12th enrolled in a CCP semester course and receive 3 or more credit hours in the course may have a period in the opposite semester for college planning and preparation.

College Credit Plus classes cannot interfere with the Bishop Rosecrans High School schedule. Students will not be permitted to leave early from BRHS classes or arrive late from CCP classes. Courses taken during the summer will not exempt student from taking a full course load during the school year.

Parents/guardians, please consider this program very carefully. It may or may not be the right program for your student. Before we can consider your student for this program, (s)he must be able to gain admittance to a participating college or university. The post-secondary institution will admit students based on his/her college-readiness in one or more subject areas.

COURSE PLACEMENT

The governing authority for each high school concerning awarding high school credit for work completed at the middle school level at non-diocesan schools shall be the principal of each diocesan high school. For a student attending a diocesan high school in ninth grade coming from a non-diocesan or other diocese elementary school, high school credit will be granted under the following conditions:

1. The teacher who taught the class for credit has the proper certification/license to teach a 7-12 or a 4-9 course in a particular subject area.
2. The student earns an 85% average (or mastery in all standards) across four quarters.
3. The student will earn a minimum score on comprehensive (state) test of the subject to demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to move to the next level of the course. The passing rate will be determined by Bishop Rosecrans High School.
4. Students will have received 120 hours of course instruction.
5. Students electing to schedule for AP classes must score a 4 or 5 on their End of Course Exams, prior to the course offering.

Students will be placed in courses where the school believes they will be most successful. If a parent chooses to go against the advice of the school, they must do so in writing and request will be documented in the student's permanent record. A student placed in a course against the schools' recommendation will be required to adhere to the school retake policy.

EXAM POLICY

Semester exams are given in January at the end of the second quarter. Final exams are given *in* May and June at the end of the fourth quarter. Exams may not be rescheduled unless for a family or medical emergency. Students must take exams on or before the scheduled exam date. All exams missed must be made up on the last scheduled exam period from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm. An automatic course failure is given when evidence is clear that the exam was intentionally failed or not completed.

1. All students must be in school when they have a scheduled exam,
2. The use of cell phones for any reason is not permitted during exam periods.
3. Students must come to the office to make any phone calls.
4. Students must report to the Dury Hall to study when they do not have an exam scheduled.
5. Students must remain in the classrooms or Dury Hall for the entire exam period.
6. Students are not permitted to leave early from any exam period.
7. Students are not permitted to be in the hall during an exam period.
8. No food or drink(s) are permitted in the classrooms or library.
9. Students may buy lunch at Bishop Fenwick if they are attending exam review sessions beginning 12:00 pm.

Students must follow the out of uniform dress code for exam days. Students not in compliance with the dress code will be sent home to change or will remain in the office until appropriate clothes are delivered. The student will make up the missed exam on the last day of exams beginning at 12:00 pm.

FAILURE POLICY

Policy for making up a failed core course required for graduation:

1. Student makes up class during summer school offered off site or at a school approved online provider. Student receives credit but make-up grade is not entered in G.P.A. The failed course grade will not be replaced.
2. Student makes up the class during the regular school year if their class schedule allows. Student receives the full value of the grade, and it is factored into the G.P.A.

GRADING SCALE AND POLICY

Grades will be given numerically on the student's quarterly report card. A scale giving the equivalent letter grade will also be provided.

| <u>Current Grading Scale</u> | | <u>Point System for GPA</u> | |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----|
| A | 100-93 | A | 4.0 |
| B+ | 92-90 | B+ | 3.5 |
| B | 89-85 | B | 3.0 |
| C+ | 84-82 | C+ | 2.5 |
| C | 81-76 | C | 2.0 |
| D | 75-70 | D | 1.0 |
| F | 69-00 | F | 0.0 |

The overall GPA is determined by the point system. A class that is $\frac{1}{2}$ (.5) of the year is calculated by dividing the points received by 2. A class that is $\frac{1}{4}$ (.25) of the year is calculated by dividing the points received by 4.

During the first semester the lowest grade students may obtain is a 60% for the quarter and a 50% on the first semester exam. However, in the third and fourth quarters and on the second semester exam, all students will receive the grade they earn for the quarter and on the semester exam.

An automatic course failure is given when evidence is clear that the exam was intentionally failed or not completed. The quarterly grade point average will appear on each report card. The year-end report card will reflect the cumulative grade point average.

An incomplete grade must be made up by the student within a reasonable time or no credit will be granted for the course. It is suggested that students be granted the same amount of time to make up work as they were absent from school. This is a suggestion and "rule of thumb"... the time of the grading period will influence this guideline greatly.

A student who fails the first semester and passes the second semester of a year course shall receive the full credit of the course if recommended by the teacher and approved by the High School Director and/or Executive Director.

Semester exams are compulsory in all major subjects. Work missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up. Semester grades are determined by counting each quarter grade as 2/5 (or 20%) and the exam as 1/5 (or 10%). Final grade is determined by averaging first semester and second semester grades.

GRADUATION

In addition to meeting the academic requirements for graduation, students must have all fees paid, attend baccalaureate Mass and attend graduation practice in order to be able to walk at graduation.

All fees must be paid and service hours submitted in order for students to attend the senior trip.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

| Courses | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Religion | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| English | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Math(Beginning for Class of 2026, students must complete a Personal Finance Course) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Science (must have 1 each in biological and physical sciences) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Health | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| PE | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 |

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| **Electives | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Total credit hours | 24 | 24 | 23 | 23 |
| Christian Service | 75 hrs. | 75 hrs. | 75 hrs. | 75 hrs. |
| Ohio State Tests | 18 pts. | 18 pts. | 18 pts. | 18 pts. |

**Electives: 1 elective credit or 2 elective half credits must include: Business/Technology, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language

HONORS COURSES

Students who withdraw from an honors class will not be permitted to re-enroll in future honors classes in the same subject. Honors classes are open for all students to enroll in.

HONORS DIPLOMAS CRITERIA FOR THE CLASS OF 2011 AND BEYOND

Need 7 of 8 criteria to qualify (post-secondary classes count):

1. 4 English
2. 4 Math (Must include one unit of Algebra 2)
3. 4 Science (Must be 1 credit of chemistry and 1 credit of physics)
4. 4 Social Studies
5. 3 units of one foreign language or 2 units each of two foreign languages
6. 1 fine arts
7. Either 1 unit of business/tech and 2 additional units in any of the other categories
OR 3 additional units in any of the other categories
8. Career GPA of 3.5 and up to the last grading period of senior year
9. Composite ACT of 27 or equivalent composite of 1210 on the SAT

National Honor Society-Qualifications

1. Candidates must attend a meeting with the NHS advisor at the beginning of the selection process and will receive an application in early February from the Executive Director.
2. Candidates must complete the application and submit to the Executive Director by the application deadline.
3. Students applying to NHS must have attended Bishop Rosecrans High School at least one (1) semester prior to application.
4. Cumulative grade point average must be 3.5 or better through the first semester for membership eligibility.

5. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service.
6. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.
7. Outside of school community service/involvement, is part of the consideration process.

A cumulative GPA of 3.5 must be maintained to remain eligible for NHS.

OFF CAMPUS LEARNING OPTIONS

Students electing to take their courses off campus will not be eligible for National Honors Society, Valedictorian/Salutatorian and/or on campus leadership positions.

OHIO STATE TEST REQUIREMENTS

Students earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points, using seven end-of-course state tests. To ensure students are well rounded, they must earn a minimum of four points in math, four points in English, and six points across science and social studies. All state end-of-course tests must be administered online.

Graduation requirements 2018 and beyond students must also earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points using seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course exams are:

- Algebra I and Geometry
- Biology
- American History and American Government
- English I (9) and English II (10)

Ohio Department of Education Requirements for Graduation

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-GraduationRequirements/Graduation-Requirements-2018-and-Beyond>

As of September 2023, Bishop Rosecrans has elected to administer the alternative assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education. The alternative assessment Bishop Rosecrans has chosen is the IOWA assessment. A student must obtain a passing score in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. As of 2023, the passing score in each area is 700.

Students will complete 75 Christian Service hours.

Christian Service hours will be broken down as follows:

- 20 hrs. church related.

- 55 hrs. school and community related

The total four-year service hour graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2012 is 75 hours. The following is a guideline for completion of service hours.

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| Freshmen: | 10 hours |
| Sophomores: | 25 hours |
| Juniors: | 20 hours |
| Seniors: | 20 hours |

Each year of the above should include at least 5 hours of Church service.

New students who enroll after their freshman year will have their service hour requirement prorated in accordance with the service policy revision of 2008. All service hours must be submitted within 6 months of completion, or they will not be valid.

ONLINE COURSES & SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who fail a class may be allowed to make it up through an approved online course or approved summer school program. However, the following rules apply:

1. Students can only take one online course as make-up for a course in their four years of high school.
2. The online course and the specific course will be selected by school administration.
3. Students may take up to two summer school courses as a make-up for a course(s) in an approved program by the administration in their high school career,
4. The grade in the online course or summer school course will not be considered when determining the student's grade point average.
5. The cost of these courses is the student's responsibility **and must be paid prior to beginning the class.**

PARTNER SCHOOL 8TH GRADE ADMISSION

Bishop Rosecrans High School offers Algebra 1 to students attending a partner school within the Diocese of Columbus. To be eligible, students must maintain the cut score set by the Diocese of Columbus and obtain a set score on the IOWA assessments.

Bishop Rosecrans High School offers Spanish 1 to students from Bishop Fenwick School. To be eligible, a student must be grade level or above on their STAR assessments at the for 3 consecutive assessments prior end of the 3rd quarter of their 7th grade year in the subject area English Language Arts.

Student's participating in high school classes must always maintain a minimum of 80% in the class. If a student falls below an 80%, the student will be placed in their original 8th grade course.

Students not enrolling at Bishop Rosecrans High School wanting to receive high school credit for their classes completed in 8th grade will need to pay the per class fee established at the beginning of each school year. The fee will be waived for students enrolling at Bishop Rosecrans High School.

REFUSAL OF COURSE CREDIT

A school is justified in refusing credit to any student who missed 28 or more days in a school year. At the discretion of the Executive Director and High School Director, the number of absences and possible consequences will be discussed with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

An exception to the above would be the case of a student who is hospitalized or has an extended illness or injury and is able to make up the work through tutoring or some other type of instruction approved by the Executive Director. Diocesan Policy 5113.1

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes can be made only during the second week of school for returning students. Freshmen and new students may change their schedule up until the Monday following the release of the first progress report. He or she may drop a class to add a study period until the end of the first grading period, **if the student does not previously have a study period scheduled.**

If a class is added after school starts, it is the responsibility of the student to make up all missed work. Class changes will not be considered for students wishing to take the same class from a different teacher. **A student grades from the previous class will be transferred to their new class unless waived by the Executive Director.**

Students cannot request a schedule change until the second week of school. Schedule change request forms are available in the school office and the final schedule changes must be done by school administration. The student is to bring a schedule change form to the teacher(s) involved for him/her to sign in order that the teacher may correct the class records. Schedule Change Request forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. The schedule change forms are then to be returned to the school administrator by the student before the final change will be made.

Major subject (English, Religion, math, Science, Social Studies and World Language) schedule changes can only be instituted by the director and/or teacher in consultation with each other when the student is unable to do the work.

It is not the policy of Bishop Rosecrans to change a schedule so that a student may have a lunch period with specific peers.

1. There must be a written recommendation from the teacher of the subject involved to the High School Director.
2. A schedule change form properly signed by the teacher, parent, and student must be returned to school administration.
3. The High School Director will inform the student regarding the final decision. The student may not change classes until a final decision has been made.

Schedule changes made after the above criteria have been met will be reflected a WF (Withdrawal Fail) or WP (Withdrawal Pass) on the student's transcript and grade report.

S.E.E.K. (Students Enriching and Enhancing Knowledge)

SEEK is offered from 2:45-3:15, Monday through Thursday for all students needing or wanting extra study time with teachers. Teachers are available to help students with any extra learning they are in need of. **A student with a failing grade will be required to attend SEEK, unless excused by the Executive Director.** Students can be required to attend SEEK by a parent, teacher, coach, or administrator.

STUDENT RECORDS

No data shall be released about students without the written consent of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a minor student or of the student who is 18 years of age or older.

Schools shall establish procedures to verify the accuracy of data and to remove information no longer needed.

Those who are permitted to view an individual student's records are as follows: school personnel;

1. parent(s)/guardian(s) of a minor student;
2. the student who is 18 years or age or older;
3. non-custodial parent of an individual minor student unless denied access by a court order;
4. Officials of other schools to which the student transfers.

Parents(s)/guardian(s) of an individual minor student or a student 18 years or older may request a copy of any item in the file. All records are kept in the school office, the office of the school academic advisor.

All others are denied access unless they have a subpoena or the written permission of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a minor student or of the student who is 18 years of age or older.

TEXTBOOKS

The school furnishes all necessary textbooks. For identification, each book is numbered. Each student is responsible for all textbooks loaned to him/her and is expected to return each book at the end of participation in the course, or pay for any book lost, destroyed, stolen or mutilated. No report card, records, transcripts or diplomas will be issued until all books are returned and/or fees paid.

TRANSCRIPTS

A fee of \$5 will be charged for each certified transcript request to cover handling costs after the student has used the 5 granted to them at graduation. All state mandated test scores required for graduation are reported on transcripts.

School personnel may release information concerning students for research and statistical purposes as long as the individual student's identity is protected.

***Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5125.0*

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorians and salutatorians of the graduating class will be selected based on Accumulative Grade Point Average at the end of the third quarter of their senior year. In order to be a valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must attend Bishop Rosecrans High School for at least six (6) consecutive semesters or three (3) consecutive years. The student with the highest final grade point average at the end of the third quarter will be designated as the valedictorian and the student with the next highest final grade point will be the salutatorian. In the event there is more than one valedictorian there will be no salutatorian. Valedictorian(s) and salutatorian will be announced after May **1st** of the current school year. Example of determination of Valedictorian and Salutatorian:

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| Student 1 3.9456 | Student 3 4.00 |
| Student 2 3.9452 | Student 4 3.9445 |

In this example Student 3 is the Valedictorian and Student 1 is the Salutatorian.

School administration will identify those students receiving these honors by extending the place values to the right of the decimal as far as necessary within the limitations of the student management system software.

Beginning with the class of 2019:

Grades up to the end of the 3rd quarter grading period of the senior year will be the final grades used for the purpose of determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian must also receive the Ohio Diploma with Honors. The valedictorian and salutatorian must earn credit in two of the following courses offered at Bishop Rosecrans High School: AP Calculus, AP Biology, Honors English 12, Columbus State Community College American History, Columbus State Community College Biology.

Beginning with the class of 2027:

Grades up to the end of the 3rd quarter grading period of the senior year will be the final grades used for the purpose of determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian must also receive the Ohio Diploma with Honors. The valedictorian and salutatorian must earn credit in most of the following courses offered at Bishop Rosecrans High School: AP Calculus, AP Biology, Honors English 12, CCP American History, AP American Literature, Physics, CCP Psychology, CCP Anatomy/Physiology.

The designation of Valedictorian will be given to the graduating senior with the highest-grade point average. In the case of identical grade point averages, the honor will be shared equally by those qualifying.

The designation of Salutatorian will be given to the graduating senior with the second highest grade point average. In the case of identical second highest grade point averages, the honor will be shared equally by those qualifying.

Beginning with the class of 2020, student's grade point averages obtained while taking classes at Bishop Rosecrans High School during their 8th grade year will not be considered in evaluating Valedictorian/Salutatorian status.

Beginning with the class of 2022 an attendance requirement of 90% for six consecutive semesters will be used to determine Valedictorian/Salutatorian status along with the above stated criteria

The student speaker(s) at graduation ceremonies will be the designated Valedictorian(s).

The Salutatorian(s) will give a brief message before the presentation of diplomas.

Class rank will not be reported on grade reports and transcripts.

Classes taken through College Credit Plus (CCP) off campus do not meet the above requirement for designation of Valedictorian or Salutatorian status.

Classes taken through Mid-East Career and Technology Centers will not be calculated for Bishop Rosecrans High School academic awards.

BISHOP ROSECRANS ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

ATHLETIC FEE VOLUNTEER POLICY

The Bishop Rosecrans High School will assess each player \$65.00 per sport at the beginning of each season. There is also a volunteer fee of \$175.00 per school year, if the family has not completed their volunteer (20 hours minimum) at any of the following school events which must be income producing:

- Concessions (all seasons)

- BRHS Holiday Bazaar (first weekend in December)
- BRHS annual auction "*Shimmer of the Night*" (March or April)
- Special events approved by school administration.

Students are not permitted to work to reduce the athletic fees if student receive service hours to meet graduation service hour requirements.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY & REGULATIONS

The Athletic Department at Bishop Rosecrans High School is an integral part of the entire educational experience for all our students. Rosecrans High School embraces the philosophy that an athletic program committed to education and excellence should be offered as part of the school's mission. We, as the Athletic Department, agree with and support the standard of Bishop Rosecrans High School that Christ is the reason for this school.

Bishop Rosecrans High School is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OH-SAA) and competitively competes in the Cardinal Division of the Mid State League (MSL). As a member of

these two organizations, Bishop Rosecrans High School voluntarily agrees to abide by rules and regulations published in their official documents.

Every case is different, and the parent and student should review the current OHSAA rules (www.ohsaa.org) prior to making any change of school decisions. Although exceptions exist, normally a student who transfers from one high school to another is ineligible to participate in sports for fifty percent of the season unless the family (not just the student) has made a change of residence from one public school district to another public school district. It is important that the parent and student review the current OHSAA rules on transfer eligibility before making any change of schools or attending any high school (grades 9-12) sports practices at a different school from their currently enrolled school. Since Bishop Rosecrans High School is a member high school of OHSAA and plays other OHSAA schools, the final decision on transfer eligibility resides with OHSAA.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

A student, who elects to participate in a co-curricular/extracurricular activity, is agreeing to abide by the standards of conduct established for that activity. Therefore, it is vitally important for both the students and the student's parents to carefully review the expected standards of conduct established in the athletic code or any special rules established by the athletic department/coach for that given activity. And, if for whatever reason the

student feels that he/she cannot abide by such, then the student should not elect to engage in the activity.

It is important to remember that when a student-athlete chooses to violate the School and Athletic Code of Conduct, it is the athlete who has violated his/her own oath of participation.

Because infractions are taken seriously, the coach involved, the athletic director and the principal/designee shall meet and determine the penalty according to the degree of the infraction. The student-athlete and his/her parent should be notified before the penalty is determined and provided the opportunity to present their position on the incident. An athletic discipline report will be completed for each violation and maintained by the athletic director. These rules and regulations are in effect twelve months a year.

- A. STUDENT ATHLETE: A student athlete is a student who is or has participated in any of the extracurricular activities listed above.
- B. ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: Percentages apply to regular season contest only and student/athletes remain ineligible for post-season competition as long as any carry-over consequences exist.
- C. ATHLETIC SEASON: Is considered to run from the first official day of practice established by O.H.S.A.A. through the last official contest.
- D. TEAM MASS: Each team will attend Mass as a team at least one time during the current athletic season.
- E. CHEERLEADER SEASON: Is considered to begin with the starting date for football practice and continues through the last official contest for varsity boys/ basketball. For purposes of enforcing loss of participation, football and boys; basketball will be considered as two separate seasons. Football season ends with the last game and boys' basketball begins with the first practice date established by the O.H.S.A.A.
- F. TWELVE MONTH POLICY: All athletes shall abide by a code of conduct which will earn him/her the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, inappropriate activity and comments on social media, theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality, or violations of the law tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated. This code shall be in effect for 12 months a year, 24 hours a day, for those who made the team. If you make the team and quit, the code still applies. If an athlete is cut, the code does not apply. The code of conduct applies for one

calendar year after the conclusion of the last sports season in which the athlete participated.

G. **HOSTING:** For purposes of this Code of Conduct, a "Hosting" violation occurs when a student organizes and/or holds an event to which others are invited and where conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct occurs. Hosting may occur in a student's home or in any other public or private place. The totality of the circumstances shall be considered in determining whether a student is in violation of the Hosting prohibition of this Code of Conduct. One or more students may be in violation of the Hosting prohibition for the same event.

- A. **FAILURE TO COOPERATE:** When, as a result of the consequences set forth hereinafter, a student athlete is required to attend alcohol and drug education, and if that student fails to agree to attend such a program, such failure to agree to attend will result in the athlete being removed from athletic participation until the starting date of the season in which the infraction occurred. The student athlete will be required to attend ten (10) hours of alcohol and drug education before further participation will be granted.
- B. **PROOF:** Discipline will be administered upon the basis of clear and convincing evidence

REGULATIONS: ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Student athletes of Bishop Rosecrans High School shall not possess, give, sell, distribute or otherwise transmit any alcoholic beverages, illegal drug, and counterfeit drugs or controlled substance, the possession or transfer of which is prohibited by law. Further, the students athlete shall not use, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drug, counterfeit drug or controlled substance, including but not limited to narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, steroids, cocaine, or intoxicants or any kind. (This Code does not apply to medications prescribed by student athlete's physician.)

A. PENALTIES: use or possession of Alcohol and/or Drugs

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| 1. The penalty for a first violation will be denial of athletic participation for 20% of the scheduled contests of that sport. | 1. Upon confirmation of the second violation, athletic participation will be denied athletic participation of 50% of | 1. The student athlete found in violation of the training rules a third time shall be denied athletic |
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| Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. | the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. | participation for the remainder of their athletic career. |
| 2. The athlete agrees to complete a program of counseling as established by the Principal and/or Governing Board. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original | 2. The athlete agrees to complete a program of counseling as established by the Principal. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of | 2. After one calendar year from determination of his/her guilt, an appeal can be made to the appeals board for reinstatement contingent upon substantiated 46 prohibition of participation.) rehabilitation. |
| 3. The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership positions, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she may also be required to forfeit individual post season banquet recognition (i.e. Team MVP, etc...). | 3. The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership positions, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she may also be required to forfeit individual post season banquet recognition (i.e. Team MVP, etc...). | |
| 4. The athlete must attend practice. He/she must travel with the team. He/she must sit on the bench with the team. He/she cannot be in uniform. | 4. The athlete must attend practice. He/she must travel with the team. He/she must sit on the bench with the team. He/she cannot be in uniform. | |

TOBACCO

Possession or use of tobacco in any form (cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes etc.) is a violation of board policy and will result in the following consequences:

A. PENALTIES: use or possession of tobacco

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| 1. Denial of athletic participation for 10% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. | 1. Denial of athletic participation for 20% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. | 1. Denial of athletic participation for 50% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. | 1. The student athlete found in violation of the training rules a fourth time shall be prohibited from athletic participation for the remainder of their athletic career. |
| 2. The athlete will be required to perform 6 hours of community service approved by the school administration. | 2. The athlete will be required to perform 10 hours of a Tobacco Education Program as approved by school administration and conduct 6 hours of Community Service. | 2. The athlete will be required to perform 10 hours of a Tobacco Education Program as approved by school administration and conduct 6 hours of Community Service | 2. After one calendar year from determination of his/her guilt, an appeal can be made to the school administration for reinstatement contingent upon substantiated rehabilitation. |
| 3. The athlete must attend practice. He/she must travel with the team. He/she must sit on the bench with the team. He/she cannot be in uniform. | 3. The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership positions, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she may also be required to forfeit individual post season banquet recognition (i.e. Team MVP etc...). | 3. The athlete agrees to revoke any leadership positions, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she may also be required to forfeit individual post season banquet recognition (i.e. Team MVP etc...). | |
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Sportsmanship

Because players are respected and admired, they exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of the spectators. Their display of sportsmanship is to be expected, encouraged, and rewarded. The following sportsmanlike behavior is to be adhered to by our players:

- a. Shake hands with opponents before and after competition.
- b. Respect the official's judgment in interpretation of the rules. Never argue or indicate a dislike for a decision.
- c. Accept both victory and defeat without being boastful or bitter. Be gracious whether your team wins or loses.
- d. Cooperate with the coach and fellow players in promoting good sportsmanship.
- e. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing the Church, the school, and the community.

Athletes should live by a code of ethics, which will entitle them to the honor, and respect, which they can rightfully earn, through competition and representation of their school. Conduct resulting in dishonor to athletes reflects not only upon themselves, but also upon their teams, coaches, school, church, and family. Participation in Rosecrans athletics is a privilege, not a right. These rules and regulations are in effect every day, in school or out, for the athletic season beginning on the first scheduled practice and ending with the awards program for that sport. Violation of good sportsmanship may result in the denial of participation in future contests.

Student Athlete Conduct

Student athletes are representatives of their school. As ambassadors of the Bishop Rosecrans High School community, it is incumbent upon them to represent their school with class, respect, dignity, integrity, good sportsmanship and compassion for their fellow competitors and their communities. Failure on the part of the student athlete to do this may result in disciplinary action being taken against them by their coach, Athletic Director, High School Director, and/or Executive Director.

Such consequences may include, but are not limited to, normal disciplinary action taken against students such as: detention, In-School restriction, suspension from the sport or activity, or suspension from school. Student athletes shall be afforded their right of due process, and an appeal to the Executive Director and/or Pastor. A student's behavior shall follow these guidelines:

- 1 Athletes will always conduct themselves in the proper manner. Conduct codes and school rules to all athletes for 24 hours of every day, 12 months a year.
2. No foul language or offensive actions will be permitted either as a participant or an athlete.
3. Show respect to your coaches, coaches of opposing teams and officials.
4. As an athlete, you are always in the public eye. You should be an example to others - maintain good grades and show respect to your teachers *and* administrators. Help with trouble (don't cause it).

Relationship with Teachers

Athletes are expected to be examples of good behavior in all aspects of their school life. If a faculty or staff member reports an incident of unacceptable behavior or negative classroom attitude, the act will be discussed with the player, and disciplinary action, if

necessary, will be determined by the High School Director, Executive Director, Athletic Director, and Coach.

Cheating

The privilege of representing your school as an athlete also carries responsibility into the classroom. Any team member found to be cheating in class work or tests will be denied participation for one week of athletic contests effective immediately. Continued problems will bring increased denial of participation. Please refer to p. 40 of the Student/Parent Handbook for disciplinary action.

Stealing

One purpose of the athletic program is to develop respect for the rights and property of others. If an athlete takes the property of another person or of the school or becomes knowingly involved in theft by receiving stolen property, he/she shall be denied participation for one week of all athletic contests effective immediately. If a student has a second violation, they will be dismissed from the team.

Please refer to pg. 40 of the Student/Parent Handbook for disciplinary action.

Attendance Policy for Athletic Activities

Students involved in athletics must be in attendance to participate in their activity after school. Students must be in attendance by 11:07am (before the start of the 5th period) the day of an athletic contest, and the day after an athletic contest. Athletes not in attendance according to these requirements shall not be eligible to participate in the next contest. The High School Director, according to the situation may make exceptions, or if the student has a doctor's permission slip. Students must be in attendance for at least four full class periods of the school day to practice, play or participate in any Bishop Rosecrans athletic activity.

Eligibility: Below is a list of eligibility requirements for participation in athletics at BRHS:

- a. No student shall be kept from participation **in** athletics at BRHS due to his or her race, religious beliefs, gender, or socioeconomic status. **The Diocese of Columbus recognizes students according to the name on the student's birth certificate.**
- b. Students are required to meet certain academic requirements as set forth by the Diocese and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Examples of these policies include:
 1. Students must have a minimum of a 1.5 grade point average (GPA) during the preceding and current grading period in order to be eligible, must be passing at least 5 one-credit classes or the equivalency, and must not have more than one failing grade. (For other academic eligibility questions, please refer to the current year student handbook).

2. For transfer students and eligibility, please refer to the Bishop Rosecrans High School Student Handbook.
3. Students must be deemed eligible on the first day of practice for that sport in order to participate in that sport for that school year. A player who is not eligible for practice when the season begins may not join a team later in the season, or after the end of the next grading period. A student may not be added to a team once a "cut" has been made.

c. Students must have medical information, proof of insurance, completed physical form and parental consent information on file with the Athletic Director prior to the first practice to be eligible to participate in athletic activities at BRHS.

Hygiene, Appearance, and Decorum

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;" (Isaiah 1:16a)

Being that student-athletes represent their school to their peers, parents, and members of this and other communities, it is important that they look, act, and play like athletes. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that the players do so in a manner that well represents the individuals, the team, the school, and the community. Players that fail to abide by these rules are subject to disciplinary action and may have their participation withheld until they comply with the coaches' rules.

While it is difficult to create a policy that is able to accommodate everyone, there are reasonable standards that can easily be met by athletes relative to their grooming, appearance, and decorum. Below is a list of these reasonable expectations:

- Players are encouraged to shower after practices and games. Facilities are provided and maintained so that players may practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of infections and diseases that may be transmitted throughout the course of athletic participation.
- Players are not to share towels, soap, deodorant, or other products which may transmit infection and disease.
- Uniforms, game and practice, should be regularly washed and properly cared for by the athlete.
- School policy and the coach have the authority to make decisions regarding game day appearance such as wearing jerseys or dressing up for school. Players are expected to dress according to a coach's specification pursuant to school policy, and should dress in a manner that reflects the unity of the team.
- During contests players' uniforms are to be worn as specified by coaches according to what is appropriate for that sport and that uniform, also following the guidelines and rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. For example: Softball, Volleyball, and some Football uniforms are not tucked in, while Golf shirts, Basketball jerseys, and Baseball uniforms are all to be tucked in. These determinations are expressed by the

coach at the beginning of the season and will be included in a coach's team rules and regulations.

- Players may not wear earrings or other jewelry while competing in their sport pursuant OHSAA; visible tattoos are to be covered during any interscholastic athletic competition, i.e. scrimmages, previews, games, tournaments.
- During practices athletes are to wear proper attire. In the case a practice uniform is provided they are to wear the practice uniform. Coaches may make rules and establish consequences for those athletes who do not bring their practice clothes. Players are not to take shirts off during practice (no shirts vs. skins) and female athletes must wear appropriate tops over sports bras. While shirts and shorts do not have to adhere to the policies specified in the student dress code for school, a degree of modesty is expected, and clothing shall not be excessively revealing or worn inappropriately.
- Players should be neat and generally well-groomed meaning their hair should be clean, neatly combed and worn in a manner appropriate for athletic competition. This means hair should not be in a player's eyes or face. As a rule, a male athlete's hair should not go beyond his collar and a female who wears her hair long should keep her hair pulled back while practicing or playing.
- Players are expected to refrain from the use of profanity, vulgar language, and rude gestures. Coaches will establish consequences for players who use inappropriate language which may include, but not be limited to: running, push-ups or other exercises, benching, or suspension from the team depending on the severity of the situation and the number of times the issue has been addressed.
- Coaches have the authority to establish rules and regulations for their athletes that fall under the umbrella of these guidelines. They shall have the full support of the Athletic Director and Principal in making decisions regarding these issues. The intent of this policy is to create a reasonable set of minimum standards for athletes to protect them from infection and disease, to ensure their safety, and to promote the ideals of class and integrity throughout the athletic program.

Dual Sport Participation

Any student/athlete seeking to participate in **only** two sports in one season will be required to determine his/her "primary" and "secondary" sports. **A student athlete must submit in writing to both coaches prior to the start of the season, which sport the student determines as their primary sport.** This determination will be used only to resolve scheduling conflicts that arise after the start of the season.

While not encouraged, dual sport participation in the same season is permitted under the following conditions:

- a. The athlete and his/her family are in favor of competing for two sports teams.
 - b. The coaches of the affected sports are in agreement that this is a desirable situation.
 - c. The coaches of the affected sports, the athlete, and the athletic director will meet to determine if a schedule for practices and competitions can be mutually agreed upon.
 - d. The athlete is expected to practice regularly in both sports.
 - e. The athlete will not be permitted to leave practice early in order to attend a practice in the other sport without permission of the coach of the "primary" sport.
 - f. The athlete will not be permitted to miss any practices or contests in their "primary" sport without the consent of the "primary" coach.
- If the letter requirements of both sports are met, then the athlete will be eligible to receive letters and awards in both sports.

All final authority regarding conflicts and clarification of this policy shall be vested in the Athletic Director and Executive Director.

Athletic Letter Requirements

Each coach will determine the criteria for earning an athletic letter and team honors (e.g. captains, leaders etc).

Requirements for all student athletes to Letter in any sport:

Student athlete **must** attend the end of the season awards banquet. **Student athletes must be given a minimum of a weeks' notice to be held accountable for their attendance.**

Student athlete must end the season in good standing.

Cheerleading

- Must complete the entire season having earned a spot on a varsity squad.
- 90% practice attendance is also required.

Football

- GPA must be in accordance with OHSAA to remain eligible
- Student athletes must compete in 20 out of 40 regular season quarters. A single play in a quarter would constitute a quarter played.
- Must have regular attendance to all practices and team functions unless excused by the head coach.

Golf

- Student athletes must play in 50% of varsity matches

Girls Soccer

- GPA must be in accordance with OHSAA to remain eligible
- Student athletes must play in 50% of regular season varsity games

Boys Soccer

- GPA must be in accordance with OHSAA to remain eligible
- Student athletes must play in 50% of regular season varsity games

Volleyball

- Must be in good athletic and academic standing.
- Student athletes must compete in 50% of sets played. A single play in a set would constitute a set played.
- Must have regular attendance at all practices and team functions unless excused by the head coach.
- Injured players must contribute while unable to play.

Boys Basketball Student athlete must compete in 50% of quarters in that year's games

- Any senior that completes the entire basketball season can receive a varsity letter
- Any varsity player that has an injury that keeps him from playing in games and attends practices and games when possible is eligible for a varsity letter
- Any player held out to save quarters on the varsity team, the held quarter will count as a quarter played.

Girls Basketball

- Student athlete must compete in 50% of quarters in that year's games
- Any senior that completes the entire basketball season can receive a varsity letter
- Any varsity player that has an injury that keeps him from playing in games and attends practices and games when possible is eligible for a varsity letter
- Must be in good athletic and academic standing according to Bishop Rosecrans standards, complete the season and be eligible academically
- Attend all practices and games, unless excused by the head coach, athletic trainer, or doctor
- Injured players may receive a letter, but must serve the team in some capacity while injured
- Attend all practices and games, unless excused by the head coach, athletic trainer, or doctor

Swimming

Swimming is one of the varsity sports offered here at Bishop Rosecrans and as such athletes will represent their school, sport and family with respect, courage, and understanding of others needs. To letter you must:

- Meet the Bishop Rosecrans standards for GPA
- Attend 100% of practices
- Must participate in 90% of swim meets
- Must in participate in the events chosen by head coach
- Must contact head coach if ill or unable to attend practice (absence will count against swimmer if not approved ahead of practice or meet)

Baseball

- GPA must be in accordance with OHSAA to remain eligible
- Student athletes must compete in 50% of all regular season games. Must have regular attendance to all practices and team functions unless excused by the head coach.

Softball

- GPA must be in accordance with OHSAA to remain eligible
- Student athletes must compete in 50% of all regular season games. Must have regular attendance to all practices and team functions unless excused by the head coach.

Track

- Letters will be awarded for both attendance at practice and meets
- A student is to participate in at least 90% of the track meets as determined by the head coach.

Other

1. A student athlete is to be at 90% of all practices with only excused absences due to illness, school work, or unavoidable family situations.
2. The coach with approval from the Athletic Director/Executive Director has the right to waive any or all requirements when a student athlete is injured. The head coach with the approval from the Athletic Director/Executive Director reserves the right to not award a letter to a player if there is just cause.

If the coaching staff determines an athlete unable to participate due to injury, number of participants, or any other reason as specified, the athlete will not be penalized towards earning a letter.

The coach with approval from the Athletic Director/Executive Director has the right to waive any or all requirements when student athlete is injured. The coach with approval from the Athletic Director/Executive Director reserves the right to not award a letter to a player if there is just cause.

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY FOR ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

Participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities is a privilege offered to all students at Bishop Rosecrans High School. Students can lose this privilege by violating this code developed to protect their safety and health. This code will also apply to any activity (including transportation to and from the activity) outside of the school year where students are representing Rosecrans in any capacity, either formally or informally.

Tobacco Policy:

The use and/or possession of tobacco in any form are prohibited.

Consequences of Violations:

- **1st Offense:** Denial of participation for 10% of scheduled contests of that sport or activity. Any remaining percentage not served shall be applied toward the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Student will complete 6 hours community service approved by school administration.
- **2nd Offense:** Denial of participation for 20% of scheduled contests of that sport or activity. Any remaining percentage not served shall be applied toward the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Student will complete 6 hours of community service and be subject to 10 hours of Tobacco Education

program approved by school administration. The student agrees to revoke any leadership position in any sport or activity

- 3rd Offense: Denial of participation for 50% of scheduled contests of that sport or activity. Any remaining percentage not served shall be applied toward the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Student will complete 6 hours of community service and be subject to 10 hours of Tobacco Education program approved by school administration. The student agrees to revoke any leadership position in any sport or activity.
- 4th Offense: Denial from participation in any sport or activity for the remainder of the high school career.

General school policies also apply. Violations of these rules are cumulative during a student's high school career.

Alcohol and Illegal Drug Policy:

The use and/or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs in any form is prohibited.

Consequences of Violations:

- 1st Offense: Denial of participation for 20% of scheduled contests of that sport or activity. Any remaining percentage not served shall be applied toward the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Student will complete a program of counseling to be determined by the executive director and verification of program completion will be submitted by the agency to the school. The student agrees to revoke any leadership position in any sport or activity.
- 2nd Offense: Denial of participation for 50% of scheduled contests of that sport or activity. Any remaining percentage not served shall be applied toward the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Student will complete a program of counseling to be determined by the executive director and verification of the program will be submitted by the agency to the school. The student agrees to revoke any leadership position in any sport or activity.
- 3rd Offense: Denial from participation in any sport or activity for the remainder of the high school career.

Violations of these rules are cumulative during a student's high school career.

Detection:

Violations must be detected by law enforcement personnel, coaches, school administrator, or school staff.

Proof:

Discipline will be administered upon the basis of clear and convincing evidence as determined by the Athletic Director, High School Dean of Student, High School Director and/or Executive Director.

Procedure for removal from extracurricular and athletic activities:

1. The infraction shall be reported to the Athletic Director (athletes), Dean of Students, High School Director and/or Executive Director (others) by the head coach or staff member.
2. The student and his/her parents will be required to meet with the Athletic Director (athlete), Dean of Students, High School Director and/or Executive Director (others) to be informed of the infraction and the consequences to be imposed. The student and parents will be required to sign a document acknowledging they understand the proposed consequences and the consequences that will occur if there is a future violation of the policy.
3. The student has the right to appeal his/her infraction/consequences to the principal whose decision will be final. Such an appeal must be in writing and sent to or delivered to the principal within 15 days of the meeting described in Section B above, setting forth the grounds for such appeal.

Self-Referral:

A self-referral program is in effect whereby a student may refer himself/herself to the athletic director, Dean of Students, High School Director, Executive Director, guidance counselor or coach acknowledging a substance abuse problem. The student will then be required to complete a counseling program (at the student's expense) approved by the school.

A self-referral is not counted as a violation and does not carry punitive consequences. However, a self-referral cannot be used by a student as a method to avoid consequences once the Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy is violated and a student has been identified.

The self-referral process must be initiated by the student or his/her parent(s). Use of the self-referral process is restricted to one time per student, **per high school career**.

Voluntary Admission Upon Questioning:

Voluntary Admission upon Questioning is when a violation is not detected by law enforcement personnel, coaches, administrators, or school staff but a student voluntarily

admits to a policy violation when questioned by coach or school personnel at a time subsequent to the actual violation. If this violation constitutes the first Voluntary Admission on Questioning is counted as a violation but will not require any removal from competition for the first offense. However, a second, third or fourth offense, whether detected or voluntarily admitted to upon questioning, will result in the imposition of whatever consequences are called for by the policy. A voluntary admission cannot be used as a method to avoid consequences once the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy is violated, and a student has been identified.

PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE PARENT TEACHER & PARENT COACH DISAGREEMENTS
Complaints about school personnel will be investigated fully and fairly. Anonymous complaints will be disregarded.

Whenever a complaint is made directly to the High School Director and/or Executive Director or a Bishop Rosecrans School Board Of Trustees member, it will be referred to the High School Director and/or Executive Director for study and possible solution. An employee who is the object of a complaint will be informed promptly and afforded the opportunity to present the facts as he/she sees them.

The goal of this section is to establish a simple framework for addressing concerns, to provide for prompt resolution of concerns, to expect that all parties will participate in a cooperative manner to resolve concerns, and to assure that the system has a procedure to receive concerns in an orderly fashion to achieve the best possible education program for students.

1. Direct Conversation: If a parent has a disagreement or misunderstanding with a teacher or coach, the parent must address the concern to the specific teacher or coach directly involved with the circumstances surrounding the concern. The teacher/coach will meet with the parent as soon as possible, but in no case longer than five calendar days after the teacher has been notified of the concern. (Subject to change by mutual agreement).
2. Fact and Possible Resolution: If a parent or teacher is not satisfied with the outcome of Step #1 or the parent/teacher/coach is unwilling to meet independent of the administrator, a meeting with the teacher/coach, the High School Director and parent will be arranged at a mutually convenient time, but in no case more than five calendar days after the meeting in Step #1. This step is to be informal and verbal. No further action will be taken beyond Step #2, unless the parent submits in writing a signed and dated statement of facts giving rise to this concern, the name of the accused teacher/coach, and the remedy sought.
3. Formal Process: If a parent's concern is not satisfactorily resolved at either the first or second level, the parent should then refer this concern to Executive Director in writing. At that time another meeting will be arranged at the convenience of the parent and teacher/coach directly concerned, but in no case

later than ten calendar days (subject to change by mutual agreement). The teacher/coach has the right to be at all meetings with or without a non-legal representative as he/she so determines. The Executive Director will supply written dispositions to all parties within five calendar days. The disposition may also be placed in the teacher's personnel file when deemed appropriate by the High School Director and/or Executive Director. The teacher/coach and parent shall be informed if the letter is to be placed in the personnel file.

POST ATHLETIC COMPETITION AND EXTRACURRICULAR ATTENDANCE

The day after an athletic or extracurricular contest or activity, a student must be present a full day of school. Student are allowed 1 tardy per semester (arrive by 8:45 am). After the tardy, students must be present at school the full day to play or practice post athletic competition or extracurricular activity.

Medical or dental appointments may get prior approval from the director and an excuse must be turned into the school office upon student's return. Friday attendance applies to practice or play over the weekends.

BISHOP ROSECRANS ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

TARDY: Late to homeroom or first period but arriving before 8:45 a.m.

Arrival after 8:45 a.m. and before 11:13 (fifth period) has started.

HALF-DAY ABSENCE: With the exception of tardiness as explained above, any other absence for part of the morning or afternoon is considered half a day absent. Students must be in class for 4 full class periods.

FULL-DAY ABSENCE: Attendance for less than four full periods.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR: In order for a student to participate in any extracurricular activity the student must be in school at least four full periods.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS: Under normal circumstances no more than a half-day will be excused for dental appointments. These appointments should be scheduled outside the school day when possible.

A student has the same number of days to make up work as they have been absent from school, (i.e., if a student is absent three (3) school days, he/she has three school days after his/her return to make up work. A student who is absent only one day must take "pop quizzes" the day he or she returns. If a student is absent more than one day, he/she will have a one (1) day grace period before making up unannounced assignments or quizzes. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the teacher to ascertain what class work needs to be completed due to class absences.

If an assignment is given prior to the student's absence, the student is required to turn the assignment in on the original due date. Students will be required to take all assessments scheduled prior to the student's absence on the original date given, unless changed by the classroom teacher. It is the student's responsibility to find out when the missed assignments are due.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Legitimate reasons for early dismissal from school will be accepted provided a note signed by a parent is presented at school.

Students seeking an early dismissal should report to the school office with a note stating the reason and time to be excused. The student must sign out on the designated form so that his or her name appears on the "early dismissal" area of the daily absence list. The student will be given an excuse form that should be shown to the classroom teacher before leaving.

When returning to school before the day is over, the student should sign back in at the school office and pick up an admission slip initialed to return to the class.

The reason for early dismissal must give an explicit reason for the early dismissal. (i.e. doctor appointment, dentist appt, etc.) Excuses of "needed at home" are unexcused. The school may request a doctor/dentist excuse upon the student's return.

TARDINESS

Students who are tardy to school or miss any part of the school day are to report directly to the office to secure an admission slip to enter class. This admission slip is to be shown to the student's teachers for the remainder of the day. Students will not be admitted to class without an admission slip. Students may receive an excused tardy due to the following reasons:

Inclement weather

Illness

Family illness

Medical/Dental appointment

Death in family

VACATION POLICY

We strongly discourage families from planning to take their student out of school. Vacation days other than those that appear on our approved school calendar could be documented as a unexcused absence. Unexcused absences negatively impact a student's performance due to the loss of instructional time. This loss can result in failure for the quarter and loss of course credit.

However, if a parent chooses to remove a student from school, he/she must contact the school director and submit their vacation request form at least three weeks before the proposed vacation date. **If the vacation form is not submitted prior to the student's vacation, the student absences will be considered unexcused.**

Parents and students must agree to the following requirements:

1. Parents may request work in advance, but the teacher may not be able to provide any or all of it.
2. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the assignments from his/her teacher on the last day prior to departure.
3. On the day the student returns to school, he/she is responsible for giving his/her teachers all the work that was assigned prior to his/her departure and for requesting from the teacher any additional work that was assigned while he/she was absent.
4. This additional work, plus any tests or quizzes, must be made up within three days of the student's return. Students should plan to stay after school during SEEK the three days upon his/her return to gather assignments and to make up quizzes and tests.
5. Students may be unable to make up some work that was completed as part of a group project or as a part of a class activity. They may have to take a -0- for this work.

6. The student is responsible for contacting his/her teacher to schedule a time to complete all missed tests and quizzes. Any work not completed within three days may be assigned a grade of -0-.
7. Parents will be expected to pay for the test proctor or tutor in cases where a student is not able to master new material on his/her own.

Parents: Please look at the calendar before planning your winter vacations or summer activities to ensure your student is in school. **Midterm and Final Exams will NOT be made up due to a vacation.**

BISHOP ROSECRANS DISCIPLINE

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOR RULES AND REGULATIONS:

In order to achieve its goals in an orderly manner every school must establish certain policies and procedures, including those relating to student behavior. This section is

provided to define the policies and guidelines which govern the responsibilities and modes of conduct expected of Bishop Rosecrans High School students and student athletes. It is also intended to provide information for parents regarding the day-to-day operation of the school. *This section is not all-inclusive.* The administration will make decisions as necessary based on the best interests of the students, the school, and the community.

The Catholic Church and this Catholic School recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. The education of students at our school is a partnership between parents and the school. If, in the opinion of the administration, the partnership is irretrievably broken, the school reserves the right to require the parent to withdraw his or her child. This is a very serious decision that is not made lightly.

BISHOPS 24/7 POLICY

The Diocese of Columbus has a concern with conduct by students at school or away from school that may bring discredit or harm to the name of the school or the reputation of the student body, faculty and staff. This includes but is not limited to any and all Social Media. Consequently, conduct at school or away from school that is inappropriate to Christian moral standards, conduct that is in violation of the law, conduct that is detrimental to the common good, threatening, harmful, or offensive to other students, faculty, staff or coaches or conduct that is of such nature as to jeopardize the good name of the school, will subject a student to discipline.

If a student is found to be in violation of Policy 5140.11 discipline for such conduct shall be at the sole discretion of the school administration and may include any or all of the disciplinary actions listed below depending on the severity of the offense as well as the previous disciplinary record of the student.

- Detention(s)
- Suspension and/or removal from participation in extracurricular and athletic activities and contests
- Counseling/family counseling;
- Approved school/community service;
- Saturday School;
- In-School suspension;
- Referral to Juvenile Court and/or other appropriate law enforcement agency;
- Suspension from school
- Expulsion from school following suspension; and
- Diversion programs

"Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5144.3 and 5140.12

BULLYING

The Diocese of Columbus schools and their staff shall not tolerate any bullying on school grounds, via social media or at any school activity on or off campus.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behavior that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more people who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

The diocese expects staff members who observe or become aware of an act of bullying to take immediate, appropriate steps to intervene. If a staff member believes that his/her intervention has not resolved the matter, or if the bullying persists, he/she shall report to the school's Dean of Students and/or High School Director for further investigation.

The diocese expects students and parents who become aware of an act of bullying on school grounds or at any school activity on or off campus to report it to the school principal for further investigation. The Dean of Students and/or High School Director will contact parents of the aggressor and the victim. This investigation may include interviews with students, parents, teachers, school staff, and reviewing records.

Consequences for students who bully and/or harass others may include, but not limited to, counseling, parent conference, detention(s), Saturday School, suspension(s), and/or expulsion depending on the results of the investigation. No retaliation shall be taken against a person who reports bullying.

***Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5140.02*

CHEATING, FORGERY & PLAGIARISM

A VIOLATION OF ANY RULE RESULTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DETENTION, IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, COURT REFERRAL, LOSS OF PRIVILEGES.

The unauthorized possession of any academic material including tests, quizzes, exams, assignments, etc., is considered cheating. Students shall not give or receive information regarding graded work or activities; shall not misrepresent the results of researched or laboratory assignments; shall not give or receive unauthorized assistance or assignments. Copying material or claiming ownership of another person's work is a serious academic offense and can result in severe disciplinary action. Any student who comes into possession of unauthorized academic material involuntarily must inform a school official immediately. Student(s) will receive zero credit for tests or assignments, parents will be notified, and incidents will be noted in the student's permanent academic record.

Students caught conducting forgery or **using an online application (Chat GPT, AI Writers)** will be disciplined under a serious misconduct policy.

DETENTION/SERVICE DETENTIONS

Less serious offenses will result in detention(s). Detention is served before school by teacher arrangement or immediately after school 2:45-3:30. Students are notified the day of the infraction and are to serve the detention on the assigned date. General Detention is held on Thursday from 2:45-3:30 pm. The parents will be informed, in advance, **through the FACTS SIS system** and a copy of the detention notice sent home with the student and after parental signature the student is to return the signed copy to the office or teacher. Transportation home after detention is the responsibility of the student/parent. There will be no exceptions to this rule and there are no exemptions from serving a detention(s). Detentions assigned at the end of the school year must be served and grade reports will be held until the detention is served.

The following rules must be followed in detention:

1. Students must arrive on time.
2. No talking or moving from assigned seat.
3. No headphones, electronic devices, cell phones.
4. Students must bring schoolwork or reading material.
5. Failure to attend assigned detention will result in further disciplinary action which may include additional detentions or suspensions.

Misconduct during detention will result in automatic dismissal from the detention, In-School Suspension will be issued, and parents and coaches will be notified. During any one quarter, each student is allotted five detentions from two or more sources. Upon a student receiving his or her sixth detention, the student will be assigned a one-day Saturday School. Upon a student receiving his or her seventh or more detention, the student will be assigned an In-School Suspension. Extracurricular advisors and coaches may impose additional consequences.

HARASSMENT POLICY

1. Harassment can take many forms. Harassment can occur at any school activity, and/or can take place in classrooms, halls, cafeterias, via social media or even at programs sponsored by the school at other locations. It does not include compliments of a socially acceptable nature. Harassment is verbal or physical conduct that embarrasses, denigrates, or shows hostility toward a person because of his/her race, color, religion, gender, sex, national origin, age or disability or other protected characteristics.
2. It is the policy of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Columbus to maintain a working and academic environment, in all programs and activities, free of all forms of harassment and intimidation. No student, teacher, or other staff member or volunteer—male or female—should be subject to harassment in any form, and specifically not to unsolicited and/or unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical.
3. Conduct which constitutes sexual harassment is prohibited. Sexually harassing conduct includes but is not limited to, the following:
 - Offensive sexual flirtations, advances, propositions;
 - Continued or repeated verbal abuse of a sexual or gender-based nature;
 - Explicit or degrading sexual or gender-based comments about another individual or his or her appearance;
 - The display or circulation of sexually explicit or suggestive writing, pictures or objects;
 - Any offensive or physical conduct which shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of gender or sex;
 - Graffiti of a sexual nature;
 - Fondling oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual activity in front of others;
 - Spreading rumors about or categorizing others as to sexual activity.
 - Sexual harassment is not limited to conduct that is sexual in nature - it also includes harassment that is based on gender.
 - Gender-based harassment, which is also prohibited, is conduct that would not occur except for the sex of the person involved.
 - An example would be referring to a woman by or as a female body part, or a demeaning sex-based term, or treating people differently because of their gender.
 - The same prohibitions apply with regard to inflammatory or offensive comments or conduct which is based upon race, color, age, religion, disability, or national origin. In short, working relationships between employees must be based on mutual respect.
 - Sexual harassment also includes the taking of, or refusal to take, any personnel or academic action on the basis of a person's submission to or refusal of sexual overtures.
 - No person should so much as imply that an individual's "cooperation" or submission to unwelcome sexual activity will have any effect on the individual's employment, assignment, compensation, advancement,

development, academic evaluation, participation in school programs or activities, or any other condition of employment or academic achievement.

- Not all physical conduct is necessarily considered sexual in nature. (For example, a coach hugging a student after an accomplishment, a teacher consoling a child with an injury, or physical conduct during athletic events would not be considered sexual conduct.)
 - However, peer-based sexual harassment (e.g., student to student) can be a form of prohibited conduct where the harassing conduct creates a hostile environment.
4. A sexually hostile environment can be created by a school employee, volunteer, another student, or a visitor to the school.
 5. Any person who believes he/she is subject to harassment or intimidation must contact either the Executive Director, Elementary Director, or pastor at the elementary level; or the Executive Director, High School Director or superintendent at the secondary level. A complaint must be filed in writing. In case of harassment involving a student or students, the parents or guardians of the respective students shall be duly notified. In the event that an individual alleges harassment by an Executive Director, Elementary Director, High School Director or a pastor, the individual may file the complaint with the superintendent. All complaints will be promptly investigated, and the person initiating the complaint will be advised of the outcome of the investigation. A student who believes he or she has been sexually harassed (or a parent who believes that their child has been harassed) should immediately report it to a responsible school official.
 6. Where it is determined that improper harassment has occurred, the appropriate authority will take immediate disciplinary action against any administrator, teacher, staff or student engaging in harassment. The response shall take into account the individuals and circumstances. Such action may include, depending on the circumstances, disciplinary measures up to and including termination of employment.
 7. No retaliation against anyone who reports harassment will be tolerated. The Diocese prohibits such retaliation and will take appropriate responsive action if retaliation occurs.

***Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5140.05*

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

1. Students serving in-school suspension shall be permitted to make up and receive credit for assignments during in-school suspension.
2. Students are to bring schoolwork.

3. Students may use the restroom or get a drink only with permission of the office staff.
4. Parents will be notified of in-school suspension and of the student's right to appeal.
5. This applies to actual days of instruction. Calamity days, scheduled holidays, teacher professional development etc. are not included in the assigned days of suspension.

School administration has the authority to recover costs associated with **Saturday School** and In-School suspension(s).

MINOR MISCONDUCT CODE

A VIOLATION OF ANY RULE RESULTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DETENTION, IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, COURT REFERRAL, LOSS OF PRIVILEGES.

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| <u>First Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | Student receives a detention. |
| <u>Second Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | Two detentions issued. |
| <u>Third Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | One day in school suspension |
| <u>Fourth Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | Saturday School |

The fifth offense of any misconduct will result in two day in school suspension. After the sixth offense, the student will have a one day out of school suspension for each incident.

- Obscene Language/Materials: Students shall not use obscene, vulgar or profane language, or possess vulgar materials. Staff members will exercise control of obscene language in all supervised activities.
- Truancy: Students shall abide by the attendance laws of the State of Ohio.
- Driving: Students driving a vehicle shall follow the rules and regulations established for this privilege.
- Tardiness: Students shall arrive at school and for each of their assigned classes at the properly scheduled time.
- Inappropriate Display of Affection: Students shall refrain from displays of affection. Students will be warned, parents contacted, and appropriate reprimands issued.
- Unauthorized or Unsupervised Areas: Students may not be in unauthorized or unsupervised areas.
- Gambling: Gambling is not permitted. (i.e. cards, electronic games, etc.)
- Dress Code: Violation of the dress code is prohibited. Repeat violations can result in more serious consequences.
- Hall Pass: Any student out of class must have permission from the classroom teacher and sign out of the classroom.
- School Safety Procedures and Drills: Students must follow the procedures and directives of school personnel for the safety of all students, faculty, and staff of Bishop Rosecrans High School.
- Skipping class/school: students not in assigned class

- Leaving the building without permission: Students must have parent permission and administration permission before leaving the building for any reason.
- Violation of Bus Rules: Students must follow all bus rules and regulations. Violation of any rule will be reported to the Principal and appropriate reprimand issued.
- Intentional disregard for policy: Students who intentionally disregard school policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Consequences may be enacted in accordance with major misconduct.
- Horseplay: Students must treat each other with respect, rough and boisterous play will not be tolerated.

Bishop Rosecrans High School: Reserves the right to waive and/or adjust any disciplinary regulation for just cause. Repeated violations will be dealt with in accordance with the serious misconduct code. This includes student being involved in same or similar incident more than once.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

In cases of violation of conduct, students may be assigned an out-of-school suspension. In such instances:

1. A student who has been suspended from the building for any reason may not return to school property or participate in any extracurricular activities until the suspension has expired.
2. Suspended students will not be permitted to make up any graded work such as quizzes, homework, lab reports, etc. missed during the periods of suspension.
3. Suspended students will be permitted to make up tests or exams missed during the period of suspension or to hand in major papers or projects due during the period of suspension within one (1) school day after returning to class.
4. A parent/guardian conference may be required before the student may return to class.
5. Emergency removal from the building does not count towards the suspension.
6. This applies to actual days of instruction. Calamity days, scheduled holidays, teacher professional development etc. are not included in the assigned days of suspension.
7. There are no in-school suspensions in lieu of Out of School Suspensions.

RESPECT

Within the school community, it is especially important that students treat one another and all school personnel with respect. Any student who displays disrespectful, defiant

behavior in words or actions and/or refuses to obey a directive of any teacher or administrator will be suspended from school for a minimum of two (2) school days. Parents will be notified of the suspension and a conference will be required before the student returns to class.

Any deliberate act or threat of violence toward any student or any member of the school staff will render the violator(s) subject to expulsion.

SERIOUS MISCONDUCT CODE

A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, court referral, expulsion, compensatory payment of damages, loss of credit for assigned work or tests, loss of bus privileges, suspension from participation in curricular and extracurricular school activities and/or athletics, and in the case of seniors participation in graduation exercises. After ten (10) accumulated days of out of school suspension the student will be recommended for expulsion. Any students' conduct which would constitute criminal conduct under the Ohio Revised Code is also a violation of the serious misconduct code.

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| <u>First Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | Student receives a one-day Saturday School |
| <u>Second Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | One day in school suspension |
| <u>Third Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | One day in school suspension or 1 day out of school suspension. |
| <u>Fourth Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | Two day out of school suspension. |

The fifth offense of any misconduct will result in three days out of school suspension. After the sixth offense the student will have five days out of school suspension for each incident. Student may be recommended for expulsion.

- Disruption of School: Students shall not by the use of violence, force, coercion, threat, incite panic or any other means cause material disruption or obstruction to the normal operation of this school.
- Damage of Property: Students shall not cause or attempt to cause damage of school or personal property.
- Assault: Students shall not act or threaten in such a way as could cause physical injury to other students, any school employee, or other persons.
- Dangerous Weapons and Instruments: Students shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any dangerous weapon or instrument.
- Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverage and Drugs: Students shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal or be under the influence of the aforementioned items. "Look-alike drugs and drug paraphernalia are included under this rule and will be dealt with similarly.

- Tobacco: Tobacco, in any form shall not be carried or used by any student.
- Repeated Violations and/or Insubordination: Students shall not fail to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teachers' aides, principal or other authorized school supervision of school personnel.
- Stealing: Students shall respect the personal ownership rights of others. The principal may exercise his/her prerogative of reporting thefts to local authorities.
- Hazing: Students will not participate in humiliating and sometimes dangerous, activities as part of a program of rigorous physical training and/or initiation.
- Harassment: Students shall not harass other students, school employees, people who are guests of the school or persons conducting business for the school.
- Sexting and Egregious behavior: Students will not participate in activities that are demeaning to self or others.
- Student Pranks: Pranks are prohibited. Any mischievous or malicious act which causes damage to the school facilities, jeopardizes safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and/or visitors in the school.
- Other violations: which are not covered in the above codes.

Bishop Rosecrans High School reserves the right to waive and/or adjust any disciplinary regulation for just cause. However, if investigations reveal additional student misconduct further disciplinary action may be taken by school administration or designee.

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

The image a school portrays is often determined by the behavior of its students and the physical appearance of the building. We must all—students, teachers, administrators, custodians, and community members—show pride by doing our share to make Bishop Rosecrans High School a better place in which to learn and work. The ultimate goal of the Bishop Rosecrans staff is to develop self-discipline in all students.

The following rules apply while on school premises, school buses, or any other school property during school activities at or away from school. Students participating in extracurricular activities (athletics, clubs, activities, etc.) may be subject to additional disciplinary actions.

BISHOP ROSECRANS GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCREDITATION

Bishop Rosecrans High School is fully accredited by the Ohio State Department of Education and the Ohio Catholic Schools Accreditation Association and is a Columbus Diocesan High School. The Ohio Department of Education has issued teacher certification and licenses to the teaching staff for the grade level and subjects they teach.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS

Employees of the schools of the diocese, and public-school employees (e.g., school counselor) working in schools are permitted to administer prescribed medication to a student when conditions exist, which in the judgment of the employee merit giving assistance to the student (e.g., immaturity of the student, nature of the medication). Employees of the school of the diocese and public-school employees working in the schools of the diocese are NOT required to administer medication to students.

A student using prescribed medication during school hours must have on file a signed medical authorization form from the parent or guardian, and a properly completed physician's statement. The authorization must include the following:

1. written permission from the parent(s)/guardian(s);
2. physician's verification of:
 - a. the necessity for the medication;
 - b. name of the medication;
 - c. dosage;
 - d. times or intervals at which it is to be taken;
 - e. duration; and
 - f. possible side effects;

A statement releasing and holding school personnel harmless from all liability for damages or injury resulting directly or indirectly from the presence of the medication in the school or its use by the student.

Medication must be in original containers and have affixed label including student's name. Accurate records of the medication given must be kept in the student file. The possession or use of non-prescription, over-the-counter medication during school hours is discouraged.

Administration of these medications (i.e., throat lozenges, acetaminophen drugs such as Tylenol and Datril) should be determined on the school level, if the school judges that adequate personnel are available, and if appropriate permission forms are on file. The school will not administer aspirin to students because of its connection to Reye's Syndrome.

At the discretion of the principal, the school may require that medication be kept by school personnel. (Diocesan Policy 5141.0)

APPEAL

Should you not agree with a disciplinary action, please start the appeal process where it originated (i.e., if a teacher assigns a detention, you do not agree with, discuss it with the teacher. If the High School Director recommends expulsion, discuss it with the High School Director. The "Chain of Command" to appeal (in general) is Teacher, High School Director, Executive Director and Columbus Diocese.

Background Check and "Protecting God's Children"

All volunteers must have on file a BCI background check and must attend "Protecting God's Children" no matter how much or how little contact they have with children or youth, and no matter what time of the day or night they volunteer.

In addition to the above requirements all volunteer coaching staff must obtain a Coaching Permit through the Ohio Department of Education. The information to apply for a Coaching Permit is found through the ODE website <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits>. *Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #4110.0*

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Bishop Rosecrans High School provides many opportunities for each student to deepen his/her relationship to Christ. As a Catholic school an opportunity is provided for the student body to participate in the celebration of the Liturgy. Mass is celebrated twice per month, on Holy Days and on other special occasions. The sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer services is held during Advent and Lent. A Catholic/Christian based all school retreat is held once per year. Attendance is mandatory for all students.

All Bishop Rosecrans High School students are required to take a one credit religious class each year during their attendance at Rosecrans. These classes cover Catholic history, beliefs and practices. A student's personal religion is respected. All students are expected to participate to the maximum level allowed by the faith they practice.

Faculty and staff perform a very specific role in creating and maintaining the school's religious educational environment. The specific role of our faculty and staff is to enumerate and advance the teachings of the Catholic Church in all of their activities associated with the School. Specifically, our faculty and staff are required to integrate Catholic teachings into their coursework, to serve as religious advisors and mentors to our students, to propagate and disseminate Catholic tenets, and to engage in religious training of all students. Our faculty incorporates Church teachings into the curriculum, accompany students to Mass, and serve as role models for Catholic tenets. All of our faculty are expected to teach and conduct themselves in furtherance of our School's religious mission. Schools play a central role in fulfilling the mission of evangelization, which is shared by Church and School. In addition to Catholic indoctrination, our schools are to incorporate fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and culture and must confront the challenges of the modern secular world in our teachings.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones & personal electronic devices have become an integral part of the fabric of society and an important tool for communication between parent and child. However, because cell phones have video, photographic, and text-messaging components, use during the school day can be, at best, a distraction, and at worst, a violation of school rules. Students are not permitted to photograph or video students, faculty, staff, parents, or visitors to the school building or activities without permission of the parties involved and a violation of this policy will result in a two-day suspension. Additional violations will be considered as serious misconduct. Please see Electronic Device Policy p. 40. Refusal from a student to turn over electronic device upon request will result in an automatic 3-day OSS (increasing with subsequent violations)

Therefore, use of cell phones is not permitted between 7:55 am and 2:45 pm, **excluding** lunch periods. Students may use cell phones during class period if designated to do so for instructional purposes and under the direct supervision of a teacher. This policy is per semester.

- First Offense: Phone/device is confiscated. Student receives a warning.
- Second Offense: Phone/device is confiscated. Detention issued.
- Third Offense: Phone/device is confiscated until parent/guardian pick up the phone or device. Detention issued.

Parent is required to pick up the phone/device for third offense and each one thereafter; in addition, the student will serve a detention.

**Other inappropriate electronic devices (Ipod,tablet,Ipad etc.) are also prohibited and are subject to these consequences. Please refer to the Bring Your Own Device policy (BYOD) for additional information.

CHANGES TO HANDBOOK AND POLICIES

Bishop Rosecrans High School reserves the right (in writing) to amend handbooks and change policies with proper notification of those affected. Final decisions are made by the Executive Director, Pastor and/or Superintendent of the Diocese of Columbus. Pursuant to contracts, faculty and staff are subject to decisions affecting their employment which are based on religious considerations, are required to abide by Catholic Church teachings, and to seek an ecclesiastical source of dispute are solution through the Bishop. Although at times it may be necessary to hire otherwise, practicing Catholics are strongly preferred for hire and retention at the school.

Our faculty and staff are required and expected to uphold Catholic values and doctrine and to advance the School's Catholic mission by their teaching and conduct.

CHILD CUSTODY

The custodial parent is required to provide the Executive Director with a certified copy of any child custody order or decree pertaining to a pupil. *Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5119.2*

CHILD ABUSE LAWS

Bishop Rosecrans High School abides by the Ohio Revised Code that states that it is the responsibility of each professional staff member by law to report immediately to the appropriate community agency any suspected case of child abuse and/or neglect. The professional staff member shall also notify the building principal about the referral (OCE 5140.0)

CLOSED CAMPUS

Bishop Rosecrans High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave the premises for any reason without permission from the office and their parents. **All students must report to the school office prior to leaving the campus.**

COURT REFERRAL

Referral to the Muskingum County Juvenile Court may be used when **other** disciplinary actions have not been effective. The two most common reasons for referral are truancy and unruliness. The parents will receive a warning notice that students are going to be referred and notice when they are referred.

CRISIS PLAN

A Crisis Plan is in effect for any type of emergency that may arise. Each faculty and staff member has a copy and is familiar with the procedures. In the event of a crisis, the students will be informed of the proper procedures. **The school crisis plan is updated and reviewed yearly.**

DANCES

School dances are open to all Bishop Rosecrans students except for prom, which is open to only juniors, seniors, and their pre-registered guests. Students are required to abide by all guidelines established by the school regarding behavior at dances. Students should arrive at dances no more than thirty minutes after the designated starting time. Students who arrive more than thirty minutes after the designated starting time will be

denied entrance. Students may not leave a dance more than thirty minutes before the designated concluding time without verbal consent from a parent or legal guardian.

Styles or types of dancing that are judged to be overly suggestive are not appropriate. It is expected that all Rosecrans students dress modestly. Modest dress does not include clothing that is low-cut in the front or back, has open midriffs or is judged to be too short or too tight. Also clothing that has inappropriate or offensive language, symbols, advertises or glorifies alcohol, drug or tobacco use is prohibited. Any Bishop Rosecrans student who does not follow school guidelines for behavior at dances is subject to removal from the dance and suspension from future school events.

Guests of Bishop Rosecrans students attending any dance must be at least in the 9th grade, except for prom, which is open only to guests who are in the 11th grade and 12th grade and are currently enrolled in high school. All guests must be under the age of 21 years old.

Request forms are available in the school office or from the club advisor. Guests for all dances must be pre-registered in the office one week prior to the day of the dance. All guests are expected to act appropriately and will be held to the same standard of conduct as Bishop's students, It is the responsibility of the student to insure that their guest behaves properly. Any guest who acts inappropriately will be asked to leave and will be forbidden to attend future events.

All students must adhere to the beliefs of the Catholic Church when attending school dances.

DANCE CONDUCT

1. Dancing must reflect Christian values and morals.
2. Dancing must be respectful of self and others.
3. When dancing is judged to be inappropriate, the following rules will be enforced:
 - Dancing face to face is strongly encouraged.
 - All dancing must be vertical.
 - There must be visible space between all dancers.
 - All dancing viewed as inappropriate or disrespectful by the dance chaperones
 - 1st - the students will receive a warning
 - 2nd -the students will be removed from the dance floor
 - 3rd — the students will be removed from the dance and the parents will be called.

Chaperones reserve the right to end the dance if students continue to disrespect the school dance policy and Code of Conduct. Failure to cooperate with the Dance Conduct will result in immediate removal.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION NOTICE

"Directory information regarding students will be released in various Formats including websites unless a parent notifies the school that such information is not to be released regarding his/her child. Directory information includes names of students, grade level, honor roll, activities, sports, awards, and date of graduation."

Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy # 5126.0

DRIVING & PARKING POLICY

Driving to school is a privilege not a right. The following procedures must be followed to retain driving privileges.

1. Vehicles must be registered with the school office and have proper insurance coverage.
2. Registration must be on file in the school office.
3. Students must purchase a yearly parking permit for \$25.00.
4. Students must visibly display the parking permit in their car.
5. A student shall not sell, give, share, or otherwise transfer the parking permit to another student.
6. Students must park in their assigned parking spots.
7. Students are not permitted in their cars during the school day unless permitted by a supervising authority.
8. Students will operate a motor vehicle on school premises safely and at a rate of speed consistent with the existing conditions, but in no case should speed exceed 10 miles per hour.
9. Students parking illegally will receive one warning and then the car will be towed at the owner's expense.
10. Any student observed speeding on school grounds will lose on-site parking privilege for the remainder of the semester.

DRUGS/TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL USE/ABUSE

It is the primary objective of Bishop Rosecrans High School to ensure that the education of all shall proceed in an efficient, orderly and non-disruptive manner. The sale, use or possession of intoxicants/tobacco, illegal drugs, vaping, e-cigarettes, or any item that resembles a smoking device or is used as a smoking device, other controlled substances on school premises is an obstacle to that objective and an interference with the rights of other students to receive quality academic instruction. While student drug education and referral to counseling resources will continue to *be* made available, such measures should be viewed as instructional or rehabilitative and will not ordinarily be considered as an alternative to disciplinary measures.

A student's self-referral to the school administration will not be processed in a disciplinary framework. A student seeking help and/or information regarding his/her usage of mood-altering chemicals has rights to confidentiality as provided by law.

1. Statement of Policy Regarding Students: Student while on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, shall not possess, buy, use, give or otherwise

transmit, apply, or be under the influence of a mood-altering chemical of any kind, including alcohol, caffeine pills, and ("look-alike") controlled substance, the possession of which is prohibited by law.

a. Definitions:

Possession: Includes, without limitation, retention on the student person or in purses, wallets, lockers, desks or automobiles parked on school property.

Under the influence: Defined as manifesting signs of chemicals, misuse such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of chemicals, nervousness, restlessness, memory loss, abusive language, falling asleep in class or any other behavior not normal for that student.

Mood-altering chemical: Includes without limitation, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, counterfeit drugs, marijuana, alcohol, and any common substance such as "whiteout", glue, gasoline, etc., used for its mood-altering effect. Prescription drugs are included in this, unless authorized and kept in the original container which container shall state the student's name and the directions for proper use.

Counterfeit or look-alike: (O.R.C., Section 2925.01p) any drug that bears, or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade name or other identifying mark used without authorization of the owner of rights to such trademark, trade name or identifying mark.

b. This policy extends to the use of the above:

- On or near any property owned, leased by, or under the control of Bishop Rosecrans High School, including vehicles used for the transportation of students.
- During normal school hours, including lunch and class changes, an summer activities.
- At any school-sponsored or sanctioned activity or event away from or within the school.

2. Staff Responsibilities: All Bishop Rosecrans staff has responsibilities to report all suspected cases of drug and or alcohol use, misuse, or abuse by students. Staff members will report to the principal alleged possession, misuse or selling of drugs and/ or drug paraphernalia or instruments. Staff will promptly notify the High School Director and/or Executive Director in writing of the alleged offense.

When the Executive Director and/or High School Director has reason to believe that a student is in violation of the drug/alcohol policy, the following actions will be taken:

- a. The student will be informed of the alleged offense, the evidence to support the allegations and the disciplinary action which may apply,
- b. If the student needs medical attention, the emergency squad will be notified.
- c. The parent or guardian of the student will be notified immediately and asked to meet with the administration.
- d. Only in the case of a medical emergency and the parent(s) cannot be reached, will the person on the student's emergency call list be notified.
- e. The Executive Director and/or High School Director will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and report to them any information that would be considered beneficial in their efforts to stem the use of drugs and alcohol.
- f. Notification to the police department shall be in accordance with the provisions under each offense. When reported a written record shall be made of the incident to the sheriff or deputy, who at his discretion may conduct an investigation.

3. Searches:

If the school has reason to believe that intoxicants, illegal drugs or potentially harmful substances or drug paraphernalia or instruments are concealed in a school locker or on a student, the following applies:

- Locker Searches: School lockers are the property of Bishop Rosecrans High School and are subject to search at any time, with or without cause by school officials.
- Personal Searches: The school official may ask a student to reveal any illegal or dangerous item(s) suspected of being on his/her person. If the student refuses, the school official may ask the student or the student's parent for permission to conduct a search. The school official, at his discretion, may call the Zanesville Police Department to investigate.
- Student Vehicle: When the possession of illegal or dangerous items is suspected to be in a student's vehicle on school property, permission of the driver or owner will be secured to search the vehicle. If permission to search the vehicle is denied, the Executive Director will notify the police department and proceed to search the vehicle.
- Security Searches: For security purposes backpacks and all bags may be subject to search.

4. Medication: In accordance with O.R.C. 3313.713 prescription medications must be kept locked in the office and administered by school personnel. A "Physician's Medication Procedure Request Form" must be completed, signed and on file in the office before any prescription medication will be given.

5. Disciplinary Guidelines:

- a. Upon any student offense, a parent will be contacted.
- b. The Executive Director retains the option to suspend or expel the student at any time. A parental/guardian conference to decide options is held before the student is readmitted.

- d. The Substance Abuse Policy is a freshman through senior year "career" policy.
- e. Failure to comply with the policy results in the severity of the offense being increased to the next level of offense. Suspension or expulsion can also result with failure to comply.
- f. In the case of an underclassman, offenses which occur at the end of the year carry over to the following academic year unless treatment by a professional is documented during the summer and the principal is notified on the foregoing. A student who fails to complete the contract will have transcripts and (in the case of a senior) diploma withheld until contractual obligations are fulfilled.
- g. The student's parent or guardian will be required to sign an Evaluation for Treatment Agreement and an Authorization for Release of Information, if requested by the school.
- h. Any parent or guardian who chooses not to support the school policy faces the possibility of the student being suspended or expelled.

6. Consequences:

A. *First Offense:*

- Any violation of the previously mentioned policies will render the violator(s) subject to a minimum three (3) day or a maximum five (5) day out-of-school suspension. Student must maintain all class work. The parents and student agree to be assessed and have the assessment results released to the school.
- In all instances, police officers may be called to the scene.
 - Completion of approved counseling program.
 - No leadership positions including but not limited to officer positions in clubs/classes, House Council, Valedictorian or Salutatorian status, captains on athletic teams etc. for the remainder of the school year or two semesters whichever is greater.
 - Five (5) community service hours.
 - Loss of privileges (i.e. dances, athletic events, trips, extracurricular activities).

B. *Second Offense:*

- Mandatory ten (10) day out-of-school suspension. Student must maintain all class work. The parents and student agree to be assessed and have the assessment results released to the school.
- In all instances, police officers may be called to the scene.
- Professional assessment with completion of recommended treatment plan. (A list of approved chemical dependency counselors or licensed physicians specifically trained in chemical dependency will be provided).
- Contracted agency will notify school that client is in assessment process.
- No leadership capacity for academic year or extracurricular activity for one calendar year.
- Ten (10) community service hours.
- Loss of privileges (i.e. dances, athletic events, trips, extracurricular activities).

C. *Third Offense:*

- Suspension with an expulsion hearing.

7. Expulsion/Withdrawal for Disciplinary Reasons: Any student who has been expelled from Bishop Rosecrans or has been withdrawn for disciplinary reasons or has been asked not to return at the end of an academic year may not return to school property at any time or participate in or attend any extracurricular activities including Prom. Former students who violate this policy will be considered a trespasser and will be subject to arrest.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

All students must have a new Emergency Medical Form on file at the beginning of each new school year. If your child should become ill or injured at school, it is imperative that we know how to reach parents or a designated contact person. **All information will need to be submitted yearly through the FACTS SIS portal.**

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

Students, visitors and guests must enter and exit the school building through the main doors on the north side of the building. The doors facing the east, west and back of the building will be always locked. This is for the safety, security and protection of our students, faculty, and staff.

FOOD ALLERGIES

The Diocese of Columbus schools strive to provide a safe environment for students with life-threatening food allergies. Parents should notify the school office of any life-threatening food allergy on or before the first of each school year or as soon as food allergy is diagnosed. Each school year, parents and physicians will be required to complete, sign, and return a "Food Allergy Action Plan" specific to the student with life-threatening food allergies. The administrator will review all allergy information provided by the student's parents and physician and share this information with the appropriate teachers and staff. Parents will provide the school with the medications prescribed in the "Food Allergy Action Plan". Medications will be kept in the Clinic or with the student as specific needs dictate. The parents of a student with a life-threatening food allergy will provide a supply of "safe" snacks for use by their child. Parent of children with life-threatening food allergies are responsible for notifying bus transportation providers with information regarding their child's allergy. (Diocesan Policy 5141.3)

FOOD AND DRINK

During school hours, water (flavored or unflavored) is the only drink permitted outside of lunch during the school day. All water bottles must have a lid, no exceptions. Food is

only to be eaten during lunch or in classrooms for special circumstance (mentor groups, club). There is to be eating in the hallways or between classes. Food/Drink should not be stored in the lockers for longer than one (1) school day.

FUNDRAISING

All fundraisers done on behalf of Bishop Rosecrans High School or any group that represents Bishop Rosecrans High School is not permitted unless prior permission is granted by the Executive Director and/or High School Director.

All fundraisers are to be reviewed by the school administration and submitted to the Catholic Schools of Zanesville Finance Committee for approval on a year-to-year basis.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Bishop Rosecrans school hours are 7:30 am - 2:40 pm.

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| WARNING BELL | 7:55 |
| PERIOD ONE | 8:00-8:42 (Prayer & Pledge) |
| PERIOD TWO | 8:45-9:27 |
| PERIOD THREE | 9:30-10:12 |
| PERIOD FOUR | 10:15-10:57 |
| PERIOD FIVE | 11:00-11:42 |
| MENTOR GROUP | 11:45-11:55 (Mentor Group) |
| PERIOD SIX | 11:58-12:28 (A Lunch) |
| PERIOD SIX | 12:40-1:10 (B Lunch) |
| PERIOD SEVEN | 1:13-1:55 |
| PERIOD EIGHT | 1:58-2:40 |
| ANNOUNCEMENT/DISMISSAL: | 2:40-2:45 |

LOCKERS

A locker is assigned to each student at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to keep their lockers clean and not abuse them in any way. Adhesives are not allowed to be used on the inside or outside of the locker. Magnets are preferred. **A student will be fined \$150.00, if any damage is found inside or outside the locker.**

LUNCH HOUR/CAFETERIA

The following common courtesies are expected of our students during lunch:

1. Students are to remain on campus during lunch period
2. Food is to be eaten only in Dury Hall, not in the hallways, classrooms, or outside of the building unless student(s) obtains permission from the classroom teacher or administration.
3. Students are to go through the serving line in single file, behaving appropriately.
4. Running, pushing, yelling, displacing other in line, and disruptive behavior are not permitted in the cafeteria or Dury Hall.
5. Throwing food, paper or other items is unacceptable. After eating, all trash in your area must be disposed of in their proper location.
6. Students may not order or have delivered to them food items from outside vendors unless a medical condition so warrants. Students must "brown bag", purchase meals from the school cafeteria or Beanery.
7. No card playing is allowed.
8. All students are to remain in Dury Hall during their assigned lunch period unless proctors on Duty excuse them.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Bishop Rosecrans High School admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs, and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, color or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational programs and athletics/extracurricular activities. Admission to Bishop Rosecrans High School is probationary pending approval of all required and requested records. Furthermore, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court, or administrative agency ordered, or public school district-initiated desegregation.

NON-PARTICIPATING CHURCH MEMBERS

Recognizing the unique role of the Catholic school as an agency for carrying out the educational mission of the Church, the diocese encourages schools to welcome students of other faiths as well as Catholic students who express a desire for the Catholic school's program and environment.

In accepting students of other faiths, Catholic schools shall be directed by the guidelines for admission contained within diocesan regulation. During the pre-admission interview, parents and students should be informed about the school's philosophy, program (particularly the program of religious education), expectations for parents, students, and religious activities. Since the Catholic school is defined by its religious character, enrollment in a Catholic school assumes involvement in the religious life of the school. Therefore, students of other faiths shall participate in religion classes, attend liturgical and para-liturgical services, and take part in the school's program of service. However, such participation shall not belie the fundamental Christian principle of the individual person's freedom and dignity. That students will participate in the religious life of the

school - and how - must be made especially clear to parents and students at the time of registration. *Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5119.1*

NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

Students who leave school for non-school sponsored events will be marked absent unexcused. These students must have written permission prior to the beginning of the school day, to be permitted to leave school grounds. Students will not be given permission to call during the school day. This includes but is not limited to events at Bishop Fenwick, Sertoma Pancake Day, and other community sponsored events.

OUT-OF-CLASS PERMISSION

No student may be out of his assigned class without signing the Sign-In Sign-Out sheet in his/her respective classroom. Teachers will issue permission sparingly. Teachers will be always responsible for the whereabouts of their students. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Students must report to the office if they have a need to leave the building (such as getting something from their car) and they must check back in the office upon their return. For student safety students must be escorted by a member of the faculty or staff.

PARENT CONCERNS

Parents are encouraged to set up an appointment to meet with teachers and/or administrators to address any questions or concerns.

PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIP IN A PARISH

Families must be recognized by their Pastors as Participating Member rate according to the current tuition scale for the grades in which students are enrolled. In recognizing families as Participating Members, the Pastor agrees to pay the appropriate Parish Subsidy Grant. Questions concerning parish membership should be directed to the Pastor.

For a family to be recognized by the Pastor as a "Participating Member", the family must:

1. Be registered in the parish;
2. Be recognized as participants in the sacramental life of the parish;
3. Contribute time and talent to the ministries of the parish;
4. Regularly contribute to the financial support of the parish,

Families who are not recognized as Participating Members will not receive the Parish Subsidy Grant (Non-participating) according to the current Tuition Scale for the grades in which students are enrolled.

Parish membership is subjected to periodic review. Families who, at any time, are found to be outside this definition may be charged the non-participating rate, or a prorated adjustment of that rate.

PARTNER SCHOOL AREAS

Bishop Rosecrans High School accepts students from the following areas: Muskingum, Perry, Guernsey, and Morgan. Students from all other counties must have a release signed by the Executive Director.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Valuable property should not be brought to school. Items such as electronic devices, expensive jewelry, electronic games, and cellular phones etc., may not be used by students during school hours. These items will be confiscated and returned to the parents. The school will not accept responsibility for the loss of personal property. No backpacks or book bags are permitted in the classrooms.

PUBLISHING STUDENT INFORMATION

A school, school employee, school organization or the Diocese may publish student information in various formats including websites under the following conditions:

If proper notice is given and the parent of a student does not object, directory information may be released. Directory information includes names of students, grade level, honor roll, activities, sports, awards, and date of graduation. A consent signed and dated by the parent(s) of a student must be obtained to release personally identifiable information. Personally identifiable information is information that makes the identity of a student more traceable. Personally identifiable information includes pictures with and without names, addresses, social security numbers, ID numbers, personal characteristics (height, weight, etc.), and educational records.

Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5126.0

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be reported on WHIZ-TV, WHIZ radio, School Website, and broadcast call system.

SCHOOL CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Each school will develop, print, distribute, and implement a plan to address school safety. A copy of this current plan will be on file with the Office of Catholic Schools and

the Ohio Department of Education. The plan will be reflective of the involvement of appropriate stakeholders and in coordination with local community services.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students must abide by the rules set forth in the handbook. Serious misconduct violations or multiple minor misconduct violations can result in removal from leadership role. Students in leadership roles must attend 90% of the required meetings and events. An excuse with a doctor's note only, can be submitted once per year. Failure to do so will result in removal from the position and student will not be able to hold the same role in future. Faculty advisor will be responsible for communicating with administration when a student is in violation.

STUDENT PREGNANCY

In consideration for the sacredness of life and Christ's example of compassion and forgiveness, no Catholic school shall suspend or expel a student on the grounds of pregnancy.

The religious instruction given in a Catholic school should make it clear that any act involving procreation is the exclusive right of those who are married. If, in the case of an unmarried student, the faculty has an attitude of compassion rather than approval, and if the school offers appropriate religious instruction, there is every reasonable hope that the attitude of the student body will, likewise, be a rational and Christian one.

At this time in their life, students involved in a pregnancy **need** Christian acceptance, compassion and counsel. It is the Christian community's responsibility to give support and aid to those involved. For both the boy and the girl, counseling by those who may be of assistance is strongly recommended.

Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5138.0

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Schools within the Diocese of Columbus have implemented voice, data, and video electronic communication systems that will allow unprecedented educational opportunities for students and staff to communicate, learn, and publish information. These network resources provide students and staff access to electronic resources and are to be used for educational purposes.

Communication over the diocesan network is not to be considered private. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspection of network activity. Students are prohibited from using electronic equipment or devices in a manner that may be physically harmful to another person. Further, at no time may any camera or

other electronic device be utilized by a student in a manner that might reasonably create in the mind of another person a perception of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated.

Students are prohibited from using cameras and other electronic devices to capture or record tests, information, or any other information in a manner that constitutes fraud, theft, or academic dishonesty. Similarly, students are prohibited from using cameras and other electronic devices to capture or record the words and/or images of any student, administrator, faculty, staff member, or guest of BRHS in the school or while attending a school related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture and recording of such words and/or images. Cameras and electronic devices are banned from and may not be possessed, activated, or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists.

Unauthorized electronic devices will be confiscated from the student by school personnel and disciplinary action taken (p. 30)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERNET ACCESS AND USE:

The use of the Internet must be in support of education or research and adhere to the educational goals and objectives of the Diocese of Columbus Department of Education. While some material accessible via the Internet may contain information that is inappropriate or inaccurate, the Department believes that the benefits to students exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using network resources.

1. Acceptable Use of the Internet: Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using the Internet just as they are in a classroom or hallway. Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette:
 - a. Do not view, send or access abusive, obscene or harassing materials. A good rule to follow is never to view, send, or access materials which you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately.
 - b. Do not access or participate in chat rooms. or multi-user environments including but not limited to IM, MUDs or MOOS; download or play games; subscribe to or access list serves; download music files or check, send or receive e-mail unless prior permission is granted by a teacher.
 - c. Do not give out any personal information including names, addresses, phone numbers or credit card information pertaining to them or any other person without appropriate staff approval.
 - d. Do not engage in any commercial, for-profit activities.
 - e. Do not violate copyright laws. Materials accessed through the Internet must be properly cited when referenced in a student research assignment.
 - f. Do not download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks. Do not copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.
 - g. Do not waste school resources by printing excessively or consuming limited hard drive space or network space.

- h. Do not use the Internet in any way which disrupts the service or its operation for others.
2. Consequences for Inappropriate Use of the Internet: Since Internet access is a privilege and not a right, users have the responsibility to use the Internet in an appropriate manner. Consequences of misuse or abuse of the Internet, depending upon the severity of the situation may include one or more of the following:
 - a. A warning followed by re-clarification of the acceptable use guidelines.
 - b. Loss of privilege of Internet access for not less than 45 school days.
 - c. Notification of parents and administrators by phone or personal conference.
 - d. Referral to proper authorities for disciplinary and/or legal action.

Term and Conditions for Technology Network and Equipment Access and Use:

Schools within the Diocese of Columbus provide a variety of technology resources that will allow unprecedented educational opportunities for students and staff to communicate, learn, and publish information. These resources include computers, software, scanners, printers, digital cameras, video cameras and much more. Students will be required to act appropriately when utilizing technology equipment and work areas.

Acceptable Use of Networks and Technology Equipment:

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using Diocesan or school technology resources. Students are expected to abide by the following rules:

- A. Do not intentionally damage computers, computer systems or computer networks. Students should take special care with the physical facilities, hardware, software, and furnishings. Students may not remove/move, unplug, alter or add equipment or software to the network without the approval of the network administrator.
- B. Do not create or willfully disseminate computer viruses. Students should be sensitive to the ease of spreading viruses and should take steps to ensure that disks and files are virus free.
- C. Do not attempt to gain unauthorized or illegal access to Diocesan technology resources or any other technology resources.
- D. Do not attempt to gain access to the Diocesan or any other computer system or go beyond your authorized access by entering another person's password or accessing another person's files.
- E. Do not download, install or run any software without the express permission of your teacher or the network administrator.
- F. Personal technology equipment brought to school is subject to the procedures outlined in the Student Acceptable Use Policy.
- G. Do not alter the computers or change the settings or system configurations in any way.
- H. Do not alter, damage or vandalize Diocese technology equipment or software in any way.
- I. Do not use Diocese resources to create, manage or access personal web pages or personal servers without the express permission of your teacher or network manager.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Networks or Technology Equipment:

Users have the responsibility to use technology resources in an appropriate manner. Consequences of misuse or abuse of these resources, depending upon the severity of the situation may include one or more of the following (consequences are listed randomly):

- C. A warning followed by re-clarification of the acceptable use guidelines.
- D. Temporary or Permanent Loss of access to Diocese technology resources.
- E. Notification of parents and administrators by phone or personal conference.
- F. In-School/Out-of-School Suspension.
- G. Expulsion
- H. Referral to proper authorities for disciplinary and/or legal action.
- I. Students who have lost technology privileges may not use personal equipment in lieu of Diocese or school equipment.

Conclusion:

School personnel will exercise reasonable oversight to ensure that the communication and technology resources of the school and Diocese are used in the appropriate manner. The Diocese makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the Diocese system will be error-free or without defect. The Diocese will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The Diocese is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The Diocese will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

Internet Users: If you continue past this page you are agreeing to the terms of the Columbus Diocesan Technology Acceptance Use Policy. This means you will be subject to the consequences for violations of that policy.

A Summary of the policy Concerning Use and Care of Computers and Equipment and The Acceptable Use Policy of Internet and Online Resources

Do:

1. Sign in
2. Take care of equipment
3. Ask for help with printer problems
4. Print just one copy of a document (School related only!)
5. Use the Internet for educational pursuits
6. Treat teachers and fellow students with respect
7. Ask before you enter a site that you think might be questionable
8. Immediately back out of any questionable sites
9. Follow instructions of teachers, librarians, tech teachers and lab assistants
10. Close applications by going to File and Quit and then sign off when you are finished
11. Leave computer on

Don't

1. Have food or drink around equipment
2. Share any passwords
3. Access or download any inappropriate material
4. Access chat rooms, newsgroups or listservs or instant messaging
5. Access or download games, game cheat codes, MUD'S, MOO's or simulations
6. Harass others in any way
7. Submit or reveal your name, any personal information or phone numbers of yourself or others
8. Change any computer settings, hardware, parts or cabling
9. Access or manage a personal web page on school computers
10. Download without permission

If you agree to and have read the Acceptable Use Policy, continue and use good judgment...

***Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #6142.1 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)*

Bishop Rosecrans High School encourages all students to bring their own electronic device to assist in their learning process.

Definition

TELEPHONE USAGE

If a student must make a necessary phone call during school hours, they are to be sent to the school office where the telephone call will be placed, Students may use their cell phones or office phone to make the necessary call in the presence of school personnel. Students using their cell phones during the school day, must be given permission from the office staff.

TUITION AND FEES

A tuition schedule for the current academic year may be obtained from the school office or on the school website. Tuition for the next academic year must be paid by the last day of school of the present academic year. Requests for financial assistance may be obtained by completing the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment online form. This form(s) may be obtained from the school website and must be completed in March of each year for the following school year.

No financial assistance may be considered without the completion of this form and you must be registered with the school for which you are requesting financial assistance. Arrangements may be made through the school Finance Director to obtain student loans through FACTS Tuition Management. Loan forms must be completed in accordance with the above schedule. Insofar as the school offers opportune time and methods for payment of tuition, a late fee of \$50 will be assessed to those accounts not settled prior to the deadline.

Tuition and fees must be current. If at the end of a grading period a tuition account is not current, a student's grade report, transcripts, and diploma will be withheld until the

tuition account is current. All tuition accounts and fees must be paid in full for students' report cards and/or transcripts to be released. A student may not return to Bishop Rosecrans High School without fulfilling financial obligations of the previous year.

A non-refundable Application Fee of \$25.00 is required each year.

A non-refundable athletic fee of \$300 is required of all students who participate in the athletic program. The fee must be paid prior to participation.

Students are required to pay a retreat fee of \$25.00.

Students participating in the vocational program offered by the local technical school must enroll in religion class and will be charged 1/8 of the annual cost of tuition in order to receive a Bishop Rosecrans High School diploma.

TUITION REFUND POLICY

Any student who voluntarily withdraws or is expelled during an academic year will be responsible for payment of tuition.

- July 1st - First day of school: full refund will be given if the tuition is paid in full less a \$300.00 administration fee.
- First day of school - January 1: One half of tuition will be charged.
- January 2- June 1: Full tuition will be charged.

NOTE: If a student has received a tuition grant or scholarship award and the student withdraws or is expelled before December 31st no grant/scholarship amount will be applied to their tuition account. A prorated amount will be applied to the tuition account depending on the date of withdrawal after December 31st. If a student is expelled all prepaid tuition is forfeited.

Any student who has any type of suspension is no longer eligible for financial aid from Bishop Rosecrans High School for the remainder of their high school career.

Scholarships given to the school in the name of a student are returned to the donor for redistribution.

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

All visitors must register in the office upon their arrival to school and departure from the school.

BACKGROUND CHECKS & VOLUNTEERS

All paid school staff and volunteers who have care, custody and control of students must have on file a current Bureau of Criminal Investigation criminal background check and an FBI background check and must attend the "Protecting God's Children," workshop.

WELLNESS POLICY

Catholic schools recognize that it is essential to educate the whole child, spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Similarly, wellness education must be multidimensional and encompass all the same areas in order to promote ultimate health. Catholic schools aid this emphasis on total wellness by embracing the reverence for life, self-respect, and respect for others.

The primary goal of nutrition education is to positively impact eating behaviors.

NUTRITION EDUCATION:

1. Wellness objectives concerning nutrition are supported through the Diocesan Health Course of Study grade-level indicators relating to diet, nutrition, and exercise. Additionally, similar grade-level indicators are included in the Science Course of Study.
2. Nutrition guidelines, MyPlate, charts, suggestions for healthy food choices, and other messages that support wise food choices will be displayed in or near the cafeteria as well as in classrooms during the nutrition unit of instruction.
3. Snack breaks, if applicable, will be scheduled as necessary to maintain energy levels. Additionally, school policy will outline what types of healthy snacks may be eaten during this time.

The primary purpose of Physical Education is to promote physical fitness and to have students develop habits that will be beneficial throughout their lives.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

1. Physical fitness is supported through the Diocesan Physical Education Course of Study.
2. All elementary students and the designated grade levels in high school shall participate in Physical Education.
3. All appropriate grade levels will have scheduled recess times (K-8).
4. Discipline should not include loss of recess time except in rare instances.
5. Students will be encouraged to participate in school and community sports programs and to be physically active outside of school.

The school has activities in which both nutrition and physical education are inherent parts of the activities. Therefore, the school must be mindful of these connections when planning activities.

SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES:

1. The Religion Course of Study supports reverence for life, self-respect, and respect for others, which are foundational concepts of wellness. All school-based activities are also rooted in these Religion Course of Study concepts.
2. The school should use food in limited ways as a reward for behavior, and minimize sugary treats for classroom celebrations.
3. Schools are encouraged to consider healthy food or non-food fundraisers.
4. Parent education concerning wellness should be provided by the school as is appropriate.
5. Teachers will be offered professional development in nutrition as is needed, and in physical activities that might be appropriated to incorporate in the classroom.

All schools with a lunch program must follow nutritional guidelines.

NUTRITION GUIDELINES:

1. School lunch programs must follow nutritional guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition Services.
2. School lunch periods will be scheduled so as to provide nourishment within a reasonable time frame from the start of the school day.
3. Schools should evaluate food and beverage products sold and determine nutritional guidelines for all foods and beverages that are available.
4. Drinking fountains are available in all buildings.

All schools are required to measure and evaluate their wellness policy.

MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION:

1. The policy shall be reviewed regularly to evaluate school-wide compliance effectiveness.
2. Based on the regular reviews, the school will determine any revisions necessary to support wellness in the school.
3. Whenever applicable, students could monitor wellness through activities such as monitoring their heart rate, or keeping a food and/or exercise journal.

***Catholic Diocese of Columbus Policy #5145.0*

BISHOP ROSECRANS HIGH SCHOOL



“So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, ‘You call me teacher and master, and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so what I have done for you, you should also do...’” Jn 13:12-15

SERVICE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Welcome to Bishop Rosecrans Catholic High School! This handbook is to help you find ways in which you can serve the needs of Church, Community, and School. As Christians we are called

to service in Christ's name. Our goal is not only to help you find ways to serve during your time at BRHS but to continue to serve the needs of others well beyond your high school career.

In the pages that follow are examples of service that can be rendered within each service area required. Please note that these are suggestions and are not to limit you in finding other possibilities or needs of service. Please see the Service Committee Coordinators (Ms. Theresa Jenkins, Mrs. Chelsea Tolliver, or Mrs. Kelly Sagan) for permission on new ideas and possibilities.

- Service year can begin after the students' completion of 8th grade. All high school students are **required to give 20 hours of service to their Church** (see pages 3 and 6) and **55 hours to their Community and School** (see pages 4 and 6) over the 4 years they are at Bishop Rosecrans High School to meet one of the graduation requirements. Students who come into the school beyond their freshman year will have prorated hours for their time at BRHS. For example:
 - 3 years** - 41.25 hours in Community/School and 15 hours for Church
 - 2 years** - 27.5 hours in Community/School and 10 hours for Church
 - 1 year** - 13.75 hours in Community/School and 5 hours for Church
- **Students who arrive at school after 9:10 am on Mass days, without a signed Doctor's excuse, will have an additional 2 hours of service added to the 20 hours of Church service each time Mass is missed.**
- Documentation and submission of hours for each service year must be signed from quarter to quarter. **No hours may be claimed for a previous year after the new school year has started. It is your responsibility to see that you have your hours signed off and turned into your mentor group leader in a prompt manner.**
- **Hours that are mandatory** for your club, sport, teen programs with required hours, or club team **cannot be used** as volunteer service hours. Service that is performed must be free of charge/donation and must not in return benefit you or your club, sport or team in any manner (ie. new uniforms, free admittance to an event or place, discount for admittance to event or place, etc.)
- **Some service areas/hours show an “hour cap” which signifies the posted amount that will be rewarded per service year.** This is to encourage students to participate in a variety of service areas.

- **Parents or relatives cannot sign/verify students' service hours. Students must obtain the verification signature for service performed from an objective supervisor.**
- **All hours are subject to verification and approval by the committee members. Mrs. Sagan has the final decision regarding any hours.**

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all new revisions and updates are effective immediately.

CHURCH HOURS

Participation in the life of a parish or congregation is the most important element of the BRHS Service Hour requirements for graduation. The following service areas will only be counted for Church hours. They cannot convert over to Community/School hours.

Work Camps - Diocesan sponsored such as “Gospel Road” or other Church. affiliated camps - hours to be claimed are only the hours of work time. *There is a 20-hour cap for hours being claimed.*

Living Stations of the Cross - Local and/or Diocesan

Help in Church office - mailings, stuffing bulletins, filing, etc...

Children’s Liturgy of the Word - teacher, aide, presenter

CCD/PSR classes - teacher, aide, clean-up, or set-up, etc.

Vacation Bible School - teacher, aide, clean-up, set-up, activities chair/aide

St. Nicholas Breakfast - set-up, greeter, serve, clean-up

Youth Representative on Parish Council - only meeting time can be claimed

Church Picnics/Socials - set-up, clean-up, help with planning (these are events that are only for the parish for fellowship)

Liturgical Ministries:

- *Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist - 15 minutes*
- *Choir, Cantor, or Musician for Choir - 1 hour*
- *Altar Server - 1 hour*
- *Lector/Reader - 30 minutes*
- *Gift Bearer - 15 minutes*
- *Usher - 15 minutes*

Note: For those who are not a member of St. Nicholas or St. Thomas Parishes, you are more than welcome to serve at these parishes or your own and explore the option with your pastor. If you do not have any church affiliation, you can work through BRHS campus minister and house mentors.

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COMMUNITY HOURS

Participation in work performed for an established community agency or organization whose goals address the heart of Catholic Social Justice.

Sports Camps - *only time that is NON-MANDATED can be claimed.*

There is a 2-hour cap per day for hours being claimed.

Christmas on the Hill - *only hours that are NON-MANDATED time can be claimed. There is a 6 hour cap for hours being claimed.*

Babysitting - hours for watching siblings, cousins, or other family cannot be claimed. Must be volunteer, no money or other incentives can be received.

4-H or Girl/Boy Scout Camp Counselor - *only the hours you are working can be claimed. There is a 15 hour cap for hours being claimed.*

Eastside Community Ministry - tutoring, summer camps, summer lunch programs, etc.

Animal Shelter - clean cages, walk dogs, etc.

Coaching - this is for biddy ball, rec team outside of school or partner schools. (hours are only those you are working with a team - paperwork, score sheets, etc... do not count)

Safety Town or Cake Auction sponsored by the Alfred S. Carr Center Nursing Home or Hospital Volunteer (hours acquired through a teen program that requires hours, cannot be claimed in this area)

Outreach established through school clubs - see advisor for details (ie. Kiwanis Peanut Sale)

Salvation Army - bell ringers, agency volunteer

Habitat for Humanity

Muskingum County Library

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry or other charitable work sponsored by the K of C's

Starlight after school program

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SCHOOL HOURS

School Service refers to individual assistance to school-sponsored activities organized by the administration, faculty and staff, House groups.

Beanery - You can only volunteer if you have 6th period study hall

Concessions for Sporting Events - *cannot claim hours if using this for pay to play reduction.*

Alumni/Development Office - mailings, filing, sorting, etc...

Announcement times during school - lunch and end of day - see office to Volunteer. *There is a cap of 1 hour per week for hours being claimed.*

BRHS Bazaar - set-up, clean-up, concessions, food runner for vendors

BRHS Dinner Auction - set-up, clean-up, server, auction help

Coaching - biddy ball, middle school league for Bishop Fenwick, St. Rose, or St. Benedict

Helping Teachers with classroom work - (see teachers for help needed)

Tutoring - Bishop Fenwick after school program, working with Intervention Specialist with students who need extra help during your study hall or after school.

Bishop Fenwick Basketball Tournament - *There is a 5 hour cap for hours being claimed.*

School Play - backstage, make-up, costumes, etc... *There is a 10 hour cap for hours during play practices that can be claimed. The day(s) of the play, only the hours that you are actually working can be claimed. Those on stage performing do not receive hours.*

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HOURS THAT CAN BE USED FOR CHURCH OR COMMUNITY

The following service ideas may be recorded for Church or Community hours. You must pick one, the hours cannot count for more than one area at a time.

Parish Festival Work – Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, St. Benedict, or St. Rose
Neighbor helping Neighbor - spon. by St. Nicholas Youth Ministry - go out to help those in need with cleaning, small home repairs, yard work.

St. Benedict School Auction

Souper Bowl - fundraiser for Senior Citizens (sponsored by local churches)

Right to Life events - *March for Life* - 2 hours max - only the time spent at the actual march counts.

Christ's Table or other soup kitchens or pantry work

NO HOURS GIVEN

- Any “mandated” service as directed by coaches or club responsibility.
- Service rendered to personal family members.
- Service during a regular school day where attendance is required.
- Service done as part of regular school activity and/or assignment (ex. Job shadowing, school project)
- Service cannot be claimed for attending Club meetings. If a service is performed during a regular scheduled meeting - only the service time can be claimed.
- ***FAMILY RELATED SERVICE:***
 - *Performing a family obligation is NOT considered service (ie. taking out the trash, mowing the lawn)*
 - *Working for free at a Parents or Relatives place of employment (ie. filing, answering phones, janitorial work)*

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Parent/Student Handbook

2023/2024

"Home of the Bishops"

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Introduction/History

Bishop Fenwick School is a consolidated Catholic School of the Diocese of Columbus. The school consolidated St. Nicholas School and St. Thomas School in 2005. Both parishes are located in Zanesville, Ohio. At the time of consolidation, both parishes did not want to give up their buildings so the school has had a unique design until the 2016 school year.

In 2010, the St. Thomas campus housed our Kindergarten to third grade. Our St. Nicholas Campus housed our Pre-School and fourth grade to eighth grade classrooms. In 2016, due to increased enrollment in our Pre-School, the school restructured again. Now the pre-school is housed at the St. Thomas campus and the kindergarten to eighth grade is housed at the St. Nicholas Campus.

Students who graduate from our program feed into Bishop Rosecrans High School. Bishop Fenwick School is the only Catholic elementary school in Muskingum County.

Our school is fortunate to have two Pastors who support the school. Both Pastors work in conjunction with the teachers, Executive Director, and Board of Trustees to develop a strong Catholic foundation for Bishop Fenwick School. Both parishes support the school with their subsidy, but also through separate tuition assistance. Even though Bishop Fenwick School is comprised of a Dominican background, the Pastors support the student equally. The school celebrates Mass weekly. Once a year we celebrate with a feeder school Mass, embracing our Catholic foundation.

Belief Statement

We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children, together we collaborate on the development of the whole child; academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

We believe:

- As a Catholic community, we provide an environment that is conducive to all learning styles. We promote high standards that enable individuals to reach their greatest potential.
- Recognizing that we are all God's children, we accept the uniqueness of each individual and believe that a positive self-image is enhanced by cooperation and respect between students, parents, staff, and parishes.
- The teaching of Catholic values, practice, and doctrine, along with service opportunities and worship, is essential to the development of the whole person.
- Children experience learning success, become life-long learners and contributing members of their community.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Bishop Fenwick is to create a nurturing environment where Catholic teachings are integrated with academic excellence.

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Attendance

Absences:

Attendance at class is a basic requirement for academic success and is monitored according to state law which requires students to have prompt, regular attendance for the entire day, unless excused for a valid reason.

- Only the Executive Director can determine and give permission for an excused absence. Absences for reasons other than illness must be prearranged and have the prior approval of the Executive Director to be considered excused. **Parents are urged** to use discretion when requesting such consideration and try to **schedule vacations and other such absences according to school calendar**.
- Excused absences include illness, death in the family and inclement weather. **Parents must call or email the school office before 9:00 am on the day a student is absent.** Parents are required to give advance notice to the school if their child will be absent for any reason other than illness.
- A student arriving after 10:00 am will be marked absent for $\frac{1}{2}$ day. A student absent from school for two or more hours will be marked absent for $\frac{1}{2}$ day. No student shall be permitted to leave school before the dismissal time except in cases of sickness or emergency.
- A student who is absent must, upon his/her return to school, present a note bearing the date(s), reason for absence and signature of a parent/guardian.
- A student who is absent more than 7 days in one quarter may receive an incomplete on their report card. **The school may refuse credit to a student who misses 28 days or more**, whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Parents will be notified when a student has missed 20 days of school.
- Continuous absences will be subject to review by the Executive Director. An exception is hospitalization or extended illness or injury. The ability to make up work through tutoring or aid may be approved by the Executive Director.
- **Students who miss classes regularly or take vacation during school time cannot demand the privilege of being given assignments, makeup work, or tests by teachers either before or after the absence.**

Appointments

Parents are encouraged to schedule medical and other appointments outside of school hours. When this is not possible, parents should send to the office a written request for release of the student during school hours. Students going to the appointments during the school day must be signed out at the office by the parent or guardian. Students will be

dismissed from the office, not the classroom. A note from the doctor/dentist visited is needed for admission to class.

Field Trips

Field trips are taken to enrich the classroom learning experiences. Students will receive a permission form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to school before the scheduled trip. At times a fee will be requested to defray the cost of bus transportation or facility use. Parents retain the right to withhold permission for their child/children to participate in field trips.

Students not participating in a scheduled field trip, because of either parental concerns or disciplinary reasons, are expected to report to school on the day of the field trip. Work will be provided for the student. **Any student not reporting will be marked absent.**

Schedule

Supervision by school personnel is provided for students from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and during school sponsored extracurricular activities. The school assumes no liability for students outside of the above times, unless their bus prior to 7:30 am drops them off or unless they are part of the Extended Day Program (EDP). Parents are therefore required to see that their children do not arrive at school before 7:30 am or remain after 3:00 pm except for approved reasons.

The school is responsible for the safety of students during school hours. Students are not allowed to leave school premises during school hours unless a written notice from a parent/guardian is presented to the school office. This policy applies from the time a student arrives at school until he or she is picked up by bus/car or leaves for home by other designated means (in this case, permission must be on file in the school office). If a student is to remain at school for an after school sponsored activity, this policy applies until that activity is over and the student is authorized to leave.

School Closings

School delays, cancellations and early dismissals due to inclement weather or other problems (i.e. heating, plumbing...) are announced on **WHIZ (AM 1240, FM 92.7) radio and WHIZ (channel 2) and WBNS (channel 10) television**. These stations also post the information on their websites. Families can sign up through the stations for immediate text notification on their cell phones as well.

The Catholic Schools of Zanesville will also notify each family using our **ALL-CALL** broadcast phone system of any type of school closing. Each family is encouraged to register their phone numbers with the school office.

Families who cannot get their child(ren) to school for delayed opening **related to weather** should notify the school and the child(ren) will not be marked absent. **Parents should listen to the radio, check their phones, or check the TV stations and/or their websites if the weather becomes severe during the day.** A decision to close school early will be announced and we will do our best to follow the request the parents indicated on the emergency dismissal form. Parents should report any changes to this information during the year. Parents who are concerned when the weather worsens but the school does not close may pick up their children at their discretion.

Tardiness/Truancy

A student is tardy if he or she is not present by 8:00 am or does not promptly enter the classroom after recess or for middle school, between classes. **Students entering the building/classroom after these times should report to the office for a tardy slip.** A note from the parent or guardian must be brought to school excusing morning tardiness for unavoidable delays (e.g. car trouble, accident...) In the event of a medical appointment, verification from the physician must also be presented. A student who continues to be tardy for school and/or class must make up the missed work during detention.

Students who are truant from school will be required to make up the total school time missed. **Cumulative unexcused absences may be reported to the central office of the public school district.**

VACATION POLICY

We strongly discourage families from planning to take their student out of school. Vacation days other than those that appear on our approved school calendar could be documented as an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences negatively impact a student's performance due to the loss of instructional time. This loss can result in failure for the quarter and loss of course credit.

However, if a parent chooses to remove a student from school, he/she must contact the school director and submit their vacation request form at least three weeks before the proposed vacation date. **If a vacation form is not submitted prior to the student's absence, the absence will be considered unexcused.**

Parents and students must agree to the following requirements:

1. Parents may request work in advance, but the teacher may not be able to provide any or all of it.
2. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the assignments from his/her teacher on the last day prior to departure.
3. On the day the student returns to school, he/she is responsible for giving his/her teachers all the work that was assigned prior to his/her departure and for requesting from the teacher any additional work that was assigned while he/she was absent.
4. This additional work, plus any tests or quizzes, must be made up within three days of the student's return. Students should plan to stay after school during SEEK the three days upon his/her return to gather assignments and to make up quizzes and tests.
5. Students may be unable to make up some work that was completed as part of a group project or as a part of a class activity. They may have to take a -0- for this work.
6. The student is responsible for contacting his/her teacher to schedule a time to complete all missed tests and quizzes. Any work not completed within three days may be assigned a grade of -0-.
7. Parents will be expected to pay for the test proctor or tutor in cases where a student is not able to master new material on his/her own.

Parents: Please look at the calendar before planning your winter vacations or summer activities to ensure your student is in school. Midterm and Final Exams will NOT be made up due to a vacation.

Crisis Plan

In accordance with the Diocese of Columbus policy #5140.13, Bishop Fenwick School has developed a plan to address school safety in conjunction with local community services. This crisis management plan is in place to go into effect in the event of an on-site crisis such as an intruder or hostage situation, bomb threat or other event that includes trauma to the school community. When appropriate, the administration will contact the diocesan intervention for assistance.

Emergency Drills

In accordance with the state regulations, the following emergency drills are conducted during the course of the school year.

- **Evacuation** (in the event of fire or unsafe building) - one month when the school is open with students.
- **Rapid Dismissal** (in the event of a bomb threat) - one per year
- **Duck, Cover and Hold** (tornado, explosion, severe weather) - one monthly when school is open with students beginning in March.

In addition to required drills, Bishop Fenwick School also conducts the following periodically:

- **Reverse Evacuation** from outside (in the event of severe weather, intruder, sniper or hazardous materials release)
- **Shelter in Place** (hazardous materials in the environment)
- **Hit the Deck** (gunfire - usually followed by lockdown or evacuation)
- **Lock Down** (intruder)

Evacuation

The evacuation site for Bishop Fenwick School is St. Nicholas Church and for Bishop Fenwick Pre-School, St. Thomas Church basement or in the event it is inaccessible, the Welcome Center on South 5th Street.

If the need arises for emergency evacuation of either building or subsequent early dismissal of students, plans are announced on **WHIZ** radio. In an emergency situation, Bishop Fenwick School is able to communicate information to appropriate stakeholders through the local media; Radio (**WHIZ - 1240AM, 92.7 FM**) & TV (**Channel 10**). Television stations also post the information on their websites.

The Catholic Schools of Zanesville will also notify each family using our **ALL-CALL** broadcast phone system for any type of evacuation.

It is recommended that parents have alternative childcare plans in place in the event that it becomes necessary to dismiss school early. *It is important that children know exactly what those plans are.* During times of crisis, it is imperative to keep the school telephone lines open. Every attempt will be made to contact parents.

If an evacuation to another location is necessary, students and teachers will walk along the sidewalk to the evacuation site. While walking, students should remain with their teacher whose class they were attending prior to the emergency dismissal. When the entire school has arrived at the designated site, students should find their homeroom teacher and remain with that teacher until they are released to their parents.

Parents should go to the Dismissal Table when they arrive. Runners from that table will find all of the students from that family and bring them to the Dismissal Table. Parents should sign out their children on the Emergency Dismissal Sign Out Sheets located at the Dismissal Table. **NO STUDENT MAY LEAVE UNLESS A PARENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED ADULT SIGNS THE STUDENT OUT.**

General Safety Procedures

Catholic Schools of Zanesville has the following security measures in place:

- Each campus is equipped with a keyless entry system. Only authorized personnel are issued an ID card for entrance to the building. All activity is recorded on a central computer database.
- All entrances are locked at the start of the school day.
- Visitors are required to enter the front entrance by ringing a doorbell and being buzzed in by school personnel. Visitors must proceed to the Main Office, sign in and out upon arrival and departure, and wear an identifying badge while they are in the building.
- Students are instructed **NOT** to open doors.
- Each building has a security and surveillance system.

Educational Programs

Preschool Program

Bishop Fenwick Preschool is designed to enhance the child's self-esteem, facilitate learning and encourage creativity in a Catholic environment. Chartered by the State of Ohio and staffed by certified teachers and teacher aides, the preschool serves children three years through kindergarten age. A *Preschool Handbook* is available to parent desiring more information.

Curriculum

Curriculum in academic subjects is developed in cooperation with the Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools. Each year a diocesan committee reviews the Learning Standards and begins a process for revision and adoption of new materials. The Learning Standards are adopted with approval from the State of Ohio Department of Education and serve as the basis for instruction.

The Bishop Fenwick School faculty selects textbooks from a diocesan approved list. Each year a new subject is approved, purchased and implemented. Following the diocesan timetable, each core subject is updated every 7 years.

Evaluation of Student Progress

Evaluation is a process by which student progress is monitored and assessed in light of the Learning Standards that form instructional content. Mastery relates to an individual's ability to be successful, and to make learning a life-long process according to a set of standards. Mastery of the standards is critical in the development of skills required for the next grade level. This standards-based education program emphasizes the teacher's knowledge of a student's learning on a daily basis and is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to nurturing each student's growth into a productive and responsible adult.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports, prepared quarterly, are one part of the evaluation process. Student progress is measured in light of the prescribed standards for each area. There are different methods used for measuring achievement. For a more complete understanding of progress, parents should also consider information from other sources such as conferences, interim reports and ability/achievement tests in order to evaluate student progress in light of student growth and development process. Parents should contact the teacher if there is a question of how a student has been evaluated.

Evaluation also measures the degree to which a student is developing effective study habits and social skills. Some forms of evaluations used at Bishop Fenwick School are:

- **Interim Reports:** indicates student progress since the last progress report. These are given 3 to 4 weeks after a progress report and are sent home at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- **Behavior Reports:** will be sent each quarter to parents to indicate a student's mastery of such skills as good study habits and appropriate conduct.
- **Standardized Tests:** are administered each spring to students in grades 3-8, and each spring to students in grades K-2. Students who receive a scholarship from the State of Ohio in grades 3-8 are required to meet the state testing requirements. (For more information concerning state testing requirements, please see the Ohio Department of Education website). Score reports are usually distributed to parents during the third and fourth quarters. These reports measure student achievement considering the ability according to national norms.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** are scheduled formally during the school year but may also be scheduled at other times as needed. Conferences may be arranged by calling the school office during school hours. **It is best to speak with the teacher involved before going to the Executive Director, Elementary Director or a board of trustee member with a problem.**

Government Programs

Bishop Fenwick School accesses available state and federal assistance programs in order to provide services such as tutoring for students with diagnosed learning disabilities, diagnostic and therapeutic speech/language services and health services. Parents who suspect a learning disability should request a conference with the classroom teacher. Teachers are required to follow the process prescribed by the Diocese of Columbus. The school cooperates with all government regulations and public-school district policies regarding special services for students.

Speech/language therapy is available for students who qualify based on a screening process. If the screening indicates further testing is necessary, permission from parents will be sought in order to proceed with a more detailed evaluation. Students in kindergarten are screened annually, along with those students for whom a follow-up screening has been suggested. Therapy may be provided based on the results of the evaluation in the areas of articulation, language development, fluency and/or voice.

Grade Placement/Promotion/Retention

Decisions regarding the grade placement of current students and those entering Bishop Fenwick School for the first-time rest with the Executive Director. Such decisions will be made in consultation with teachers and parents and utilizing any pertinent reports and recommendations. Prior to placement consideration, the parent of a student who has been schooled at home must present verification of grade placement or credit form the public-school district in which the child resides. Bishop Fenwick School has no provisions for granting credit for home schooling. Should there be a possibility of retention; parents will be notified by the end of the third quarter. (Policy 5123.01). **Credit may be denied if a student misses 28 days or more within one school year.**

Criteria for Promotion/Retention:

- Academics (Grades K-3): Since the main emphasis in primary grades is on Reading & Math, not meeting the learning standards for the year may result in retention.
- Academics (Grades 4-8): Failure for the year in one major subject area (Math, Language Arts, Science or Social Studies), unless tutored with a grade of satisfactory, may result in retention.
- Maturity: Ability of pupil to adapt to classroom procedures; to work independently; to interact and relate with peers, may result in retention.

Homework

Students are expected to complete assigned work and observe study time each night. If specific assignments are not given, students are encouraged to work on long-term projects, student problem subjects, practice reading and math skills, review class notes, etc. Parents should write a note to the teacher explaining if a student is unable to complete work for good reason. **Parents are not expected to do the work for the student**, but parental guidance and support are needed to see that the student has enough time and suitable environment in which to complete homework.

A student who has not done a homework assignment may be required to complete work during a lunchtime detention. **Repeated failure to complete assignments may be grounds for the issuance of a Discipline Notice or withholding of credit and/or student's progress report.**

Work will not typically be sent home for a single day absence, but may be requested during extended illness. Please make requests for homework in the morning when calling in the absence, thereby allowing sufficient time for work to be prepared. Following an absence,

students are allowed the amount of time equal to the number of days missed to complete/turn-in assignments. **Due dates for long-term projects assigned prior to the absence are not extended.** Work missed due to vacations is provided for students **upon their return to school.** Assignments may be required to be done by students, even if no credit may be given, such as in the case of late assignments or make-up work during unexcused absences. Teachers may adapt assignments to differing circumstances or adding alternative work for work missed during an absence.

Expectations for homework differ from grade to grade and teacher to teacher. If it seems that students are spending an inordinate amount of time on homework, parents should share this information with the teacher, who will attempt to ascertain to what extent other problems may be present.

Media Center/Technology

Bishop Fenwick School maintained a well-equipped library and incorporated educational technology throughout the curriculum. Books, maps, reference materials, audio-visual media and computer hardware/software are available to serve student and faculty needs and must be used in a manner that is educationally appropriate and consistent with standards of electronic ethics and copyright laws. Students are instructed in computer basics, informational search skills, word processing, keyboarding, and standards for acceptable use.

Technology use is a privilege, which may be revoked. Misuse is grounds for disciplinary measures and/or legal action. (Policy 6142.1). Parents are responsible for setting/conveying standards for appropriate behavior their children should follow when using these resources. The school makes every effort to monitor technology access by students but make no guarantee regarding the content or appropriateness of materials to which students may be exposed. Prior to gaining access to interactive telecommunications at school, including the Internet, students & parents must sign a copy of the acceptable use policy.

Religious Education

Bishop Fenwick School is defined by its religious character and offers a comprehensive program of religious instruction woven into the general curriculum. All students are welcomed, Catholic and non-Catholic and participate in the religious life to the extent permitted by church law. This includes religion classes, and participation in liturgy, prayer, service projects and sacramental celebrations. The Learning Standards for Religion, developed by the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis of the Diocese of Columbus pursuant to the contemporary

teachings of the church, serves as the basis for instruction. It takes into consideration our traditions, rituals and celebrations and is based solidly on an understanding and appreciation for the principles of child development. Formal instruction in human growth and development and grounded in Christian theology and morality is included in the Learning Standards for Religion and Health. All students participate in these related programs as they do in other religion education efforts.

Sacramental preparation programs are parish based. Students in 2nd grade prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist; 8th graders prepare for Confirmation. In order for sacraments to be received, students & parents must comply with the programs/expectations prescribed by each parish.

State Accreditation

Bishop Fenwick School meets the State of Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools and maintains its state charter through participation in the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. All teachers are appropriately certified/licensed according to Ohio Standards and are required to proceed with graduate level course work or other appropriate professional development programs on an annual basis. Teachers annually participate in local staff development programs designed to improve curriculum and instruction.

Enrollment

Child Custody

Parents must inform the school immediately if the custody status of their child changes and provide a copy of the court-ordered document to school officials. Both the custodial and non-custodial parent is entitled access to their child's records and to conferences with the teacher unless the court rules otherwise. The non-custodial parent may not visit the child at school or remove the child from the premises without written and verbal permission of the custodial parent. Stepparents have no legal rights to records, reports, or conferences without permission from the custodial parent.

Extended Day Program

Extended Day Program (EDP) is available from 2:45-5:30 pm Monday through Friday in the school cafeteria/activity center. It is designed to offer each child a safe, enjoyable place to spend time until pick up, while attending to needs of working parents. A handbook with full details and registration form can be requested in the school office.

Partner School

Bishop Fenwick School is a partner school to Bishop Rosecrans High School, located next door.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Bishop Fenwick School adopts Diocesan Policy, "Right to a Catholic Education." (Copies of which are available in the school office), which read in part: "Schools recruit and admit students of any race, color, gender or ethnicity to all its rights, privileges, programs, and activities...the school will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, English proficiency or disability in the administration of its educational programs and extra-curricular activities."

Bishop Fenwick School is not intended to be an alternative to court of administrative agency ordered, or public school-initiated desegregation, and is open to students of families who sincerely seek the religious nature of our program. Preference is given to parish members; others are welcome as space allows.

New admissions are subject to the approval of the Executive Director who will exercise discretion to assure enrollment for reasons consistent with the school's belief/mission. Bishop Fenwick School will not enroll a student for whom financial obligations to this or another school of the diocese remain unpaid.

Registration

Parents must supply all the necessary information (birth certificate, baptismal and immunizations, permanent records or transcripts, and a certified copy of the child custody order or decree, when appropriate {Policy 5119.2}), complete the required forms, participate in a registration conference with the Elementary Director and submit the **non-refundable registration fee**.

Transfer students in grades 1-8 may undergo assessments before admission and **may be placed on a 9-week probationary period** at the discretion of the Executive Director. Current students experiencing academic or behavioral problems may be placed on probationary status.

Qualified staff members will screen incoming kindergarten students in early April. The preschool and kindergarten teachers, in consultation with the Executive Director, will determine the eligibility and/or readiness of students based on the results of the screening. At times parents may be asked to provide remediation during the summer months and a child may be screened again in August to determine readiness.

Tuition

Each parent/guardian registering a child(ren) in Bishop Fenwick School agrees to pay the designated tuition and to meet the requirements for Participating or Non-Participating Family status by signing the annual tuition agreement. Tuition for Bishop Fenwick School is determined annually by the Board of Trustees and provides the following payment options:

1. Prepayment of the entire amount.
2. Prepayment of partial sum and the balance financed by the school's Tuition Management Company (FACTS) or
3. Financing the entire amount through the school's Tuition Management Company (FACTS)

To qualify for Participating Member tuition rate, a family must:

1. Be a registered member of St. Nicholas Parish, St. Thomas Parish or neighboring parish;
2. Attend Mass on a regular basis;
3. Be committed to raise your child in the Catholic faith;
4. Be an active volunteer; share time/talent on parish and school activities;
5. Contribute to financial support of the parish using Sunday envelopes.

Tuition rate for each child of a Non-Participating Family is the actual per pupil cost of one child.

Tuition Assistance

Limited tuition assistance is available to Catholic families who meet the Participating Member criteria from the Diocese of Columbus and from St. Nicholas and St. Thomas parishes. Families financially unable to pay the set tuition must first apply to the Diocese (online). Grants are awarded on the basis of need, depending on available funds & number of applicants. Grant applications are due by mid-March of the preceding school year. Completing these forms fulfills the requirement for both diocesan and parish assistance. Adjustment in the procedure will be made only for new families registering after March 15 of the preceding year.

Bishop Fenwick School is also an Ed Choice option for families. All information concerning the Ed Choice Scholarship program can be found on the Ohio Department of Education Website. Bishop Fenwick School follows all the deadlines and registration requirements set by the State of Ohio.

Withdrawal/Tuition Reimbursement

The school must be notified in writing if a parent intends to withdraw a student prior to the end of the school year. The effective date of withdrawal is determined by the date on the written notice. Records are released to the receiving school upon parent signature AND full payment of financial obligations. Upon withdrawal, tuition is collected based on quarters the student attended school. Attendance of one day in a quarter count as a full quarter. Tuition for any quarter attended will not be reimbursed.

Health and Safety

Health Services

Bishop Fenwick School seeks to promote/protect the health of students through cooperation with the student, family, health care provider, and the school. **Students who are ill should not be sent to school. (Students must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.** Student health is monitored in cooperation with local & state health department regulations. Parents should complete and keep current the Emergency Card, including dietary restrictions, which are consulted & followed in emergencies. When sick, students can only be released to individuals listed on the Emergency Card.

- **Allergies:** Parents are responsible for informing the school of a child's allergies (e.g. bees, food, medicine-related or respiratory). For bee sting allergies, parents must provide the school with proper medication and a doctor's statement about how medication should be administered.
- **Diseases:** Communicable diseases are monitored according to health department policy and must often be reported. Parents should describe the child's symptoms when calling to report an absence. School personnel will contact parents if a student must be sent home during the day for health reasons. The student may be excluded from class until symptoms are no longer evident.
- **Diseases: Nuisance:** (e.g. head lice): Parents may be asked to follow a prescribed treatment to deter the spread of the disease. We comply with the Health Department directives, which may differ from those of personal physicians.
- **Health Records/Immunizations/Screenings:** Parents are responsible to provide a complete and current health record for each student at the time of admission. Appropriate vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings shall be administered periodically. Parents will be notified of the dates and if screening results are problematic, or the need for follow-up. Law requires us to assure that students have the prescribed immunizations (State School Immunization Law, Ohio Revised Code Sections 371.13, 3313.617 and 5104.06E) Students are excluded from class in the case of non-compliance.
- **Illness or Injury:** If a student becomes ill or seriously injured during the school hours, the office immediately notifies a parent/guardian. The school nurse or authorized school personnel, who by law must render first aid treatment only, will care for the child temporarily. If emergency treatment is necessary, and a parent/guardian or designated adults is not available, the child will be taken to the emergency room at the hospital.
- **Other:** We do our best to accommodate special needs of students with other diseases, based on physician's recommendations. Parents must provide full disclosure of health matters that affect a student & cooperate with attempts to seek the best medical advice. Students generally remain in the classroom setting and perform usual tasks as the illness allows. Bishop Fenwick School reserves the right to form an intervention team, which may include the Executive Director, nurse, parent, physician and/or health

official, to review and make recommendation regarding participation in the school setting by students with specifically diagnosed or other health-related circumstances.

Medication

When medication is prescribed for a student, parents are encouraged to discuss with the physician a medication schedule outside school hours. Before school personnel can administer medication to a student, the parent/guardian must sign a medical authorization form, available in the school office & provide a completed physician's statement. Any prescribed medication must be in its original container, have a pharmacy label with student's name (Policy 5141.0) **and be delivered to school by a parent.**

The possession/use of non-prescription, over-the-counter medication during school hours is discouraged. Due to Ohio State law over-the-counter medications (i.e. throat lozenges, Tylenol, etc.) will be administered by school personnel **ONLY** if a consent form, signed by the parent/guardian is on file in the school office and the medication is brought to the school by a parent in the original container. The school will not administer aspirin to students because of its connection to Reye's syndrome. All medication must be provided from home and will be kept by school personnel until the student needs to use it.

Wellness Policy

The staff of Bishop Fenwick School recognizes that it is essential in educating the whole child to promote ultimate health. **School-based activities** are rooted in the Religion Learning Standards, concepts of reverence for life, self-respect, and respect for others, which are all foundational concepts of wellness.

All student's preschool-8th grade receive **physical education** instruction by a licensed Physical Education teacher. Students receive daily-supervised recess time, outdoors when possible & are encouraged to participate in sports/intramural programs.

A primary goal of **nutrition education** is to positively impact eating behaviors. At Bishop Fenwick School, we encourage and support healthy eating by students. Instruction is given at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive health curriculum based on the Diocesan Health & Science Learning Standards.

Lunch Program

Bishop Fenwick School participates in the Federal School Lunch Programs. Nutrition guidelines, food pyramids, charts and suggestions for healthy food choices are displayed in our cafeterias. Snack breaks are scheduled when appropriate to maintain energy levels.

- School lunches/milk are offered each day for purchase on both campuses to all students. Students may bring lunch from home & purchase milk at school. **Students may not bring pop or candy to school for lunch. Carryout lunches from restaurants are discouraged.**
- Our cafeteria staff follows **nutrition guidelines** established by the Ohio Department of Education and the USDA Child Nutrient Standards. The Food Service Director ensures **compliance** with nutrition policies by keeping up to date on USDA School Meals Initiative review findings and reporting changes to the Executive Director.
- Applications for free and reduced meals are available to all school families at any time during the school year.
- Lunch prices are published at the start of the school year & are subject to change each year. Payment is preferred by the week or month. Checks should be sent directly to the cafeteria manager & should include the name/grade for each child. Payment can also be made through the school's web-based program.
- All parents are expected to use the web-based system to check their lunch account.
- Students who forget their lunch or have no lunch monies left will still be allowed a lunch. Reminder emails will be sent from School Speak once your child's unpaid lunch balance is \$10.00 or more and must be paid in a timely manner.

Student Birthdays/Classroom Celebrations

- Parents are asked to assist by providing healthy snacks during classroom celebrations for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.
- For individual birthdays parents may provide a small treat for the classroom. Parents wishing to send in treats should consult with the classroom teacher. It is only necessary for the parent to provide for the students in the room in which the birthday child is a member. It is requested that no birthday party invitations be given out at school unless every child in the class is to be included in the party. The policy applies to invitations for all home parties at all grade levels. Floral and balloon deliveries are highly discouraged and will not be delivered to the student until the end of the school day.

General Information

Abuse Suspected

The staff of Bishop Fenwick School complies with state law which requires that persons entrusted with the care of children report immediately to the appropriate community agency and suspected case of child abuse and/or neglect (Policy 5140.0)

Arrival and Dismissal

The routes outlined below are requested, to be followed, to provide safety for children and drivers and for smooth traffic control. Please do not drop children off in front of the school building (we reserve that lane for our buses). **The safety of the children is our highest concern.**

Bishop Fenwick School:

1. Students will be dropped off in the green drop off zone in the back parking lot. Staff members will be in attendance to greet students and walk them to class if necessary.
2. Students arriving between 7:30 and 7:45 am will be supervised in the school gym.
3. Students will go to their classrooms beginning at 7:45 am.
4. If a student arrives after 8:00 am, students will need to enter through the front entry doors and follow the arrival procedures.
5. Masks are optional.

Bishop Fenwick Preschool

1. Students will drop off at the gym door entrance between the hours of 7:30-8:30.
2. Students will be escorted by a staff member to their classrooms.
3. If a student arrives after 8:30 am, students will need to enter through the front entry doors and follow the arrival procedures.

Pick-Up: On both campuses' teachers will supervise the children to the cars. Parents should wait for their children outside the building and not in the halls. Students exit the building and cross to the cars at the same time. Children whose parents have not arrived will wait near the building. Once all children are either in their cars or near the building, teachers will direct cars out of the lot. **Students may not walk from the building until all moving cars have proceeded out of the lot.** Teachers will give the remaining children permission to walk at the proper time. **Please do not move your car until you are directed to do so.**

Bishop Fenwick School:

- K-2 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:30 to 2:40.
- 3-5 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:40 to 2:50.
- 6-8 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:50 to 3:00.

In the parking lot, parents will need to park according to their oldest child! Once a car is ready to move, a staff member will dismiss you for departure. A car is not permitted to move until released by school officials.

Students will NOT be dismissed from the front or side doors of the school. All students must exit out of the same doors.

Bishop Fenwick Preschool:

- Students will be escorted to the parking lot by their teacher. Teachers will dismiss the students to their parent or guardian. Parents are not permitted to gather in front of the dismissal doors.
- All parents must wear a mask when picking up their child from the school.

Both parking lot areas are closed until 2:30, due to the fact that they are reserved for student/classroom use.

There is NO parking in the staff lot (gravel area) beside the St. Nicholas Activity Center or in front of the preschool building.

Articles Lost and Found

Articles lost and found at school are placed in the lost and found area near the office. Articles of greater value are turned into the office. Students may claim them after proper identification. Lost items remaining at the end of each semester will be donated to a local charity.

Authority and Governance

As a consolidated school in the Diocese of Columbus, a Board of Trustees consisting of the Bishop and the Superintendent of Schools for the diocese, the pastors of St. Nicholas and St. Thomas Parishes and six elected individuals governs Bishop Fenwick School. The Board of Trustees consists of individuals who are registered members of either parish or any person who is the parent or legal guardian of a student attending Bishop Rosecrans High School or Bishop Fenwick School. The Board of Trustees is responsible for long-range strategic planning for

both schools, approving the budget, setting tuition and monitoring school finances. More information is available in the school office.

By jointly sponsoring a Catholic elementary school, the parishes provide an education that is authentically Catholic, academically challenging and affordable. Bishop Fenwick School complies with diocesan regulations regarding the financing of the schools. The two parishes maintain facilities. Improvements are made, as funds become available, according to the long-range capital improvement plan for the school.

The Executive Director is charged with the administration of the school, pursuant to the laws, policies and regulations of the state and federal government agencies and those of the Diocese of Columbus. The policy manual for the schools of the Diocese of Columbus is available online through their website. The Executive Director consults with the school staff, Board of Trustees and parent organizations but maintains authority in school matters. Questions or concerns related to the administration of the school should be directed to the Executive Director, who is the decision maker of the school. Such decisions may, however, be appealed to the pastors, to whom the Executive Director is directly responsible. The decision of the pastors is final in all school matters.

Communication

A school calendar is published each year and a monthly calendar is provided online. No family information is published without permission from the families through a form sent home in August. Parents are notified in advance of any changes to the published calendar.

Each Wednesday a school newsletter will be posted online. Families are asked to check our web-based communication program often to keep up to date on all school to home communication.

Families who do not have a smart phone, a tablet, a computer or any way to access the internet will need to inform the school office so that an alternate way of communication between the school and family can be established.

Parents wishing to speak with a teacher should send a note to the teacher via the student or email to schedule an appointment. **Parents are asked to be respectful of teachers' morning preparations.** Trying to speak to the teacher in the morning may delay the start of their classroom procedures.

Cooperation

Reflective of a Christian community, it is expected that all problems will be resolved respectfully and openly. Bishop Fenwick School operates under the principle of subsidiarity in relationships and structure; thus, disagreements or complaints should be dealt with and resolutions sought in a conference setting at the level or with the party closest to the issue. Since the goal in these situations is to achieve a reconciliation of differences and so that the adversarial situation does not occur, legal counsel is not permitted to attend any conference. When it seems as though the conflict cannot be resolved, the Executive Director may be contacted, whose disposition of the matter is final.

There is no place for adversarial, confrontational, abusive or threatening behavior from anyone, including the adults at Bishop Fenwick School. Parents and others who engage in such behaviors at school or at any school-sponsored activity, event or program may be asked to leave the premises, refrain from future attendance or participation, or accept other appropriate consequences as deemed necessary. **If deemed appropriate by the Executive Director, a student may be dismissed from Bishop Fenwick School if parents refuse to comply with school policies or administrative directions.**

Dismissal

K-2 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:30 to 2:40.

3-5 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:40 to 2:50.

6-8 students will be dismissed from the activity center from 2:50 to 3:00.

In the parking lot, parents will need to park according to their oldest child! Once a car is ready to move, a staff member will dismiss you for departure. A car is not permitted to move until released by school officials. Teachers of the grade level ready to leave will let the dismissal person know that they are ready to release cars. Teachers must communicate to the person releasing the cars. All cars will be dismissed as a row, not on an individual basis.

Students will NOT be dismissed from the front or side doors of the school. All students must exit out of the same doors.

Electronic Devices/Cell Phones/Telephone

The office telephone is a business phone and is ordinarily not to be used by students. Students should not make a habit of calling home for forgotten items. Expectations will be

made with the permission of authorized school personnel. Students are not to be called to the phone during the school day except in cases of emergency.

Electronic devices are prohibited during school hours. Students participating in after school activities who need to carry a cell phone to contact parents for a ride home **must keep all cell phones, iPods, etc. turned off and kept in a safe designated area by school personnel upon their arrival in the morning until afternoon dismissal.** Parents wishing their student to have a cell phone at school must register the phone number in the school office.

Students misusing the privilege of using their electronic device during school hours could face the following consequences:

1. First offense: Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in the Executive Director's office until the end of the school day.
2. Second offense: Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in the Executive Director's office. Parent will have to come to the office to have the phone returned.
3. Third offense: Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in the Executive Director's office. Parent and student will participate in a conference to agree upon appropriate consequences.

The Executive Director is the final recourse in all matters and may waive any disciplinary rule for just cause at his/her discretion.

Extracurricular Activities

Student participation in school extracurricular activities requires that they maintain satisfactory academic and behavioral progress. Parents are encouraged to set standards for student participation and expectations, taking in accountability, developmental and personal needs. The Executive Director may declare a student ineligible in the case of suspension, poor attendance, poor academic performance, and lack of effort, repeated detentions or other serious matters. In such case, the Executive Director will provide the terms of ineligibility and timetable for review.

Students may participate in athletic as well as other school-sponsored activities. Participation rules of the specific activity must be adhered to. Before a student may participate, parents are expected to attend any mandatory meetings set up to explain policies and procedures, submit all required forms, and pay any fees required unless arrangements have been made for waiver of fees.

Please see the Athletic Handbook for clarification.

Lockers

A locker is assigned to each student in grades 6th - 8th at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to keep their lockers clean and not abuse them in any way. Use of a combination lock is an optional choice. Adhesives are not allowed to be used on the inside or outside of the locker. Magnets are preferred.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is essential to the educational advantages offered at Bishop Fenwick School. Parents are expected to monitor homework, communicate with teachers regularly, attend conferences, take note of concepts covered in class and fully support the efforts of teachers in providing a quality educational program for students.

Bishop Fenwick encourages parents to volunteer. Volunteers are aware they have considerable personal power because of their ministerial position. Therefore, they will maintain respectful ministerial relationships, avoiding manipulation and other abuses of power. Physical, sexual, or romantic relationships between an adult volunteer and a minor are unethical and are prohibited. Before volunteering is allowed, satisfying the requirements listed below must be on file in the school office.

Child Protection: Policy (4110.0): Diocesan policy states that every volunteer in a program or ministry for children/youth, regardless of their level of contact with children/youth, must complete and have on file a current criminal background check (BCI) and must attend the *Protecting God's Children* workshop prior to their involvement (Virtus.org). Duration of service does not mitigate compliance with this policy. Persons driving for field trips, etc., must provide a copy of insurance prior to the trip. Due to the sensitive nature of *Protecting God's Children* program, some victims of child sexual abuse may not feel comfortable attending the workshop session. Anyone in this situation may request to receive the materials needed for child protection training in an alternative way through the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **All requests for alternate child protection training for victims of child sexual abuse are kept confidential.**

Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of Bishop Rosecrans High School and Bishop Fenwick School is comprised of elected members from the school/parish communities. (See Authority and Governance section)

Parent-Teacher Community (PTC): All parents are members of the PTC. It seeks to promote a close relationship among the educators, parents, staff, students, & other interested individuals in the parish communities & to raise funds for classroom/program use in the school. The PTC sponsors a variety of social, educational, fundraising, service & public relations activities throughout the year & is directed by an executive board, elected annually.

Volunteers: A number of volunteer needs exist, as do many opportunities for parents to lend support. These opportunities, though always expanding, currently include organized programs for the library and the cafeteria. All parents are required to complete the Diocesan Volunteer Application and have it on file in the school office.

School Pictures

Individual student pictures will be taken once during the school year. Usually within six weeks of the photography session the pictures will be available. Ordering pictures is optional for parents. All students have their picture taken for the school files at no cost to the parents.

School Visitors

All visitors must enter by the main school door and report to the school office to register. Visitors may be asked to wear an identifying badge while in the building or on school grounds. Parents visiting the building, dropping off lunches, picking up homework, meeting children for appointments, etc., should report to the office. The school secretary will notify the classroom teacher to send the child to the office. **Teachers may not release any student directly to the parent/guardian from the classroom.**

Student Records/Personally Identifiable Information

No data shall be released about students without the written consent of the parent(s) or guardian(s). School personnel may release information concerning student's identity is protected. Students' names, addresses, and likenesses (photographs, digital images, fingerprints, etc.) are considered student data subject to this policy (Policy 5125.0).

A permanent record is kept on each student, including directory information, attendance, academic, health records and standardized test scores. Only identified persons shall have access to the information contained in a student's permanent records.

A school, school employee, school organization or the Diocese of Columbus may publish student information in various formats including websites under the following conditions:

- If proper notice is given and the parents of a student do not object, directory information may be released. Directory information includes name of students, grade level, honor roll, activities, sports, awards and date of graduation (Policy 5126.1).
- A consent signed and dated by the parent(s) of a student must be obtained to release personally identifiable information. Personally identifiable information is information that makes the identity of the student more traceable, including pictures with or without name, addresses, social security numbers, ID numbers, personal characteristics (height, weight, etc.) and educational records.

Directory information regarding students, including names of students, grade level, honor roll, activities, sports, awards and date of graduation (Policy 5126.1), will be released in various formats including websites unless a parent notifies the school that such information is not to be released regarding his/her child. The form, ***Personally Identifiable Information Release Form***, (Policy 5126.2) must be signed and dated by the parent of a student prior to releasing personally identifiable information.

Transportation

The State of Ohio provides busing for students who live two (2) miles from school. These students have the option of being bused by the public-school district in which they reside. Each district's transportation department plans bus routes & stops. The districts serving Bishop Fenwick School are Zanesville City, East Muskingum, West Muskingum, Tri-Valley, Maysville and Franklin Local. **Parents wishing to utilize bus transportation need to contact their public-school district.** Most school districts will not allow students to ride any bus other than the one to which they are assigned.

The following rules are to be observed to ensure the safety of all students:

- Students waiting at a bus stop are not permitted to play on or near the road or on private property. Students are to cross the street in front of the bus after a signal from the driver that it is safe to do so.
- Students are to remain seated with hands, arms, legs, etc. kept to themselves and out of the aisles at all times in the seat that is assigned.
- Students are expected to speak in a normal tone of voice. Screaming, loud talking and profane or abusive language are not permitted.
- Students are expected to obey the bus driver's instructions and to be courteous and polite to the driver and to each other.

Infractions of the busing rules will be brought to the attention of the parents.

The first write up may result in a detention; continual abuse of bus privileges may result in the denial of transportation by the Executive Director. Parents would then be responsible for transportation to and from school. A parent having trouble with a driver or with a child from another school, who rides the bus, must contact the transportation department of their public district.

Parents must send a written, dated, signed note to the classroom teacher if there is a need for the child to change his/her trip home. This should be done any time there is a change, so that the teacher is properly informed.

Student Expectations

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct serves to guide the behavior of students at Bishop Fenwick School. Its intent is to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation so that a Christian learning environment may be obtained. It outlines expectations and indicates consequences for inappropriate behavior. It binds neither the administration nor staff to actions not in the best interest of the child; rather, it provides a framework within which behavior can be effectively monitored.

Bishop Fenwick School believes in self-discipline. The child must be free to choose one form of behavior over another and to take upon the consequences of that chosen behavior. Students are expected to have self-discipline and to be always respectful toward others. Efforts will be made to address each discipline situation according to the student(s) involved.

The Executive Director is the final resource in all disciplinary situation and may waive any disciplinary rule for just cause at his/her discretion.

Students at Bishop Fenwick School are expected to:

1. Be in prompt regular attendance, prepared with all books, materials, supplies necessary to meet their academic needs.
2. Adhere to the uniform policy.
3. Show respect for school authorities.
4. Treat others with respect and dignity.
5. Respect the school building, facilities, supplies, and materials.
6. Be active learners in and outside the classroom.
7. Show a concern for safety and always use good judgment, including in the classroom, cafeteria, library and playground.
8. Be active participates in the religious life of the school.
9. Provide service to the school, parish, local and global communities.
10. Carry necessary communications between home and school.
11. Report serious matters to school administration in a timely manner.
12. Use technology and social media in a respectful manner.

Consequences for behaviors outside these expectations normally relate to the offense.

At the discretion of the Executive Director or teacher, a student may be issued a Conduct Referral or a Discipline Notice indicating the infraction and the consequences of the infraction.

- The use, possession, concealment, manufacture, administration, dispensing or distribution of any drug (alcohol, tobacco, harmful intoxicant and/or legal substance and/or drug paraphernalia) or committing any drug abuse offense or appearance while under the influence of any drug, on premises, on or in school vehicles or at any school-sponsored event is prohibited." (Policy 5131.1)
- No student may use, possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object which is, looks like, or can be considered a **dangerous weapon** or instrument of violence. Objects, which are explosive in nature, or any object determined to be a threat to the safety or security of anyone, are prohibited on the premises and at school-related functions. (Policy 5140.11; 5140.12)
- **Bullying behavior is unacceptable.** Bullying is a **pattern of abuse over time** which includes a student being "picked on". It includes physical intimidation or assault, extortion, oral or written threats, teasing, putdowns, name-calling, threatening looks, gestures or actions, cruel rumors, false accusations, and social isolation occurring on school grounds related activity on or off campus. (Policy 5140.02)
- **Harassment** in any form will not be tolerated. Harassment is verbal or physical conduct that embarrasses, denigrates, or shows hostility toward a person because of his/her race, color, religion, gender, sex, national origin, age or disability or other characteristics occurring at programs sponsored by the school at other locations. Conduct, which constitutes sexual harassment, is also prohibited. (Policy 5140.05). (See the Diocesan Harassment Policy in the appendix of this handbook)
- In the case of repeated or more serious violations the school may abandon this process in favor of more severe consequences which might include longer or successive detentions, work duty, referral for intervention/counseling, suspension and/or expulsion. Measures may also be expanded to provide adequate treatment and other appropriate interventions.
- Parents/guardians are notified of a decision to suspend or expel a student. An expulsion decision may be appealed through the appropriate process. Upon receipt of notice, the parent must inform the Executive Director of the intent to appeal the expulsion. The Executive Director will then provide the parent a copy of the appeal procedure, the timeline for which the appeal will take place. Any time the health or safety of any person is in jeopardy, or in a situation, which the Executive Director deems necessary, a parent may be required to pick up a student immediately. Law enforcement officials may be contacted when appropriate. Failure, on the part of the student or parent/guardian, to pursue and cooperate with any outside referrals or related interventions is grounds for dismissal of student. (Policies 5114.0 and 5144.0)

Off Campus Behavior

The Diocese of Columbus has a concern with conduct by students at school or away from school that may bring discredit or harm to the name of the school or the reputation of the student body. Consequently, conduct at school or away from school that is inappropriate to the Catholic moral standards, conduct that is in violation of the law, conduct that is determined to be of such nature as to jeopardize the good name of the school, may subject a student to discipline. Discipline for such conduct shall be at the sole discretion of the school. (Policy 5144.3)

Student Consequences

MINOR MISCONDUCT CODE

A VIOLATION OF ANY RULE RESULTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DETENTION, IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, COURT REFERRAL, LOSS OF PRIVILEGES.

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| <u>First Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | Student receives a detention. |
| <u>Second Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | Two detentions issued. |
| <u>Third Offense of any minor misconduct:</u> | One day in school suspension (p. 20) |

The fourth, fifth and sixth offenses of any misconduct will result in two day in school suspension (p. 20). After the sixth offense, the student will have a one day out of school suspension for each incident.

- Obscene Language/Materials: Students shall not use obscene, vulgar or profane language, or possess vulgar materials. Staff members will exercise control of obscene language in all supervised activities.
- Truancy: Students shall abide by the attendance laws of the State of Ohio.
- Driving: Students driving a vehicle shall follow the rules and regulations established for this privilege.
- Tardiness: Students shall arrive at school and for each of their assigned classes at the properly scheduled time. (pp. 9-11)
- Inappropriate Display of Affection: Students shall refrain from displays of affection. Students will be warned, parents contacted, and appropriate reprimands issued.
- Unauthorized or Unsupervised Areas: Students may not be in unauthorized or unsupervised areas.
- Gambling: Gambling is not permitted. (i.e. cards, electronic games, etc.)
- Dress Code: Violation of the dress code is prohibited. Repeat violations can result in more serious consequences.
- Hall Pass: Any student out of class must have permission from the classroom teacher and sign out of the classroom.

- School Safety Procedures and Drills: Students must follow the procedures and directives of school personnel for the safety of all students, faculty, and staff of Bishop Rosecrans High School.
- Skipping class/school: students not in assigned class
- Leaving the building without permission: Students must have parent permission and administration permission before leaving the building for any reason.
- Violation of Bus Rules: Students must follow all bus rules and regulations. Violation of any rule will be reported to the Dean of Students and appropriate reprimand issued.
- Intentional disregard for policy: Students who intentionally disregard school policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Consequences may be enacted in accordance with major misconduct.
- Horseplay: Students must treat each other with respect, rough and boisterous play will not be tolerated.

Bishop Fenwick School: Reserves the right to waive and/or adjust any disciplinary regulation for just cause. Repeated violations will be dealt with in accordance with the serious misconduct code. This includes student being involved in same or similar incident more than once.

SERIOUS MISCONDUCT CODE

A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, court referral, expulsion, compensatory payment of damages, loss of credit for assigned work or tests, loss of bus privileges, suspension from participation in curricular and extracurricular school activities and/or athletics. After ten (10) accumulated days of out of school suspension the student will be recommended for expulsion. Any students' conduct which would constitute criminal conduct under the Ohio Revised Code is also a violation of the serious misconduct code.

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| <u>First Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | Student receives a one day in school suspension. (p.20) |
| <u>Second Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | Two day in school suspension or 1 day out of school suspension. (p. 20) |
| <u>Third Offense of any serious misconduct:</u> | Two day out of school suspension. |

The fourth, fifth and sixth offenses of any misconduct will result in three day out of school suspension. After the sixth offense the student will have five days out of school suspension for each incident. Student may be recommended for expulsion.

- Disruption of School: Students shall not using violence, force, coercion, threat, incite panic or any other means cause material disruption or obstruction to the normal operation of this school.

- Damage of Property: Students shall not cause or attempt to cause damage of school or personal property.
- Assault: Students shall not act or threaten in such a way as could cause physical injury to other students, any school employee or other persons.
- Dangerous Weapons and Instruments: Students shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any dangerous weapon or instrument.
- Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverage and Drugs: Students shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal or be under the influence of the aforementioned items. "Look-alike drugs and drug paraphernalia are included under this rule and will be dealt with similarly.
- Tobacco: Tobacco, in any form shall not be carried or used by any student.
- Repeated Violations and/or Insubordination: Students shall not fail to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teachers' aides, principal or other authorized school supervision of school personnel.
- Stealing: Students shall respect the personal ownership rights of others. The principal may exercise his/her prerogative of reporting thefts to local authorities.
- Hazing: Students will not participate in humiliating and sometimes dangerous, activities as part of a program of rigorous physical training and/or initiation.
- Harassment: Students shall not harass other students, school employees, people who are guests of the school or persons conducting business for the school.
- Sexting and Egregious behavior: Students will not participate in activities that are demeaning to self or others.
- Student Pranks: Pranks are prohibited. Any mischievous or malicious act which causes damage to the school facilities, jeopardizes safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and/or visitors in the school.
- Other violations: which are not covered in the above codes.

Bishop Fenwick School reserves the right to waive and/or adjust any disciplinary regulation for just cause. However, if investigations reveal additional student misconduct further disciplinary action may be taken by school administration or designee.

Diocesan Policies

Use of Name: Policy #1600.00

Attaching the school's name, logo, or other insignia to an event, activity or publication implies a close connection with the school, usually sponsorship or endorsement. However, involvement by individual faculty, staff, students, or parents is not, by itself, sufficient basis to title an activity, program, or event as "school" sponsored. Rather the activity, program, or event must be one for which the school takes institutional responsibility.

Faculty members, staff, students, parents, and parish members may use or authorize the use of the school's name, logo, or insignia (alone or in conjunction with the name of a specified organization or activity) only with the written approval of the pastor and principal in parish schools or the principal and Superintendent in Diocesan high schools.

In appropriate cases determined by the pastor/principal or principal/Superintendent, permission for ongoing events, activities, or publications requiring approval under this policy may be given.

Student Withdrawal on Grounds of Parental Behavior: Policy #5144.5

Normally a child is not deprived of a Catholic education or otherwise penalized for actions of parents. However, parents so significantly reduce the school's ability to effectively serve its students that the parents may be requested to remove their student from the school for any of the following reasons:

1. Refusal to cooperate with school personnel or
2. Refusal to adhere to Diocesan or local policies, regulations, Parent/Student Handbook or
3. Interference in matters of school administration or discipline
4. Public rejection of or public action contrary to laws, norms, and teachings of the Catholic Church.

In such cases, reasonable effort to elicit the minimum requisite parental cooperation shall be made and documented.

1. The principal must verify that parents were informed to terminate the inappropriate behavior and begin cooperating with the school or this policy on Student Withdrawal and Grounds of Parental Behavior would be enforced.
2. If such effort does not correct the situation, then, after consultation with the Superintendent, and, in the case of elementary schools, the pastor, the principal may require the parents to withdraw their child.
3. Documentation signed by the principal and parents, as well as any other information or evidence of consultation with the parents on the matter, must be retained on file.

If parents refuse to accept the withdrawal, the procedures for expulsion should be followed as outlined in Policy 5114.

Registration for the following school year may be denied on the basis of this policy but is not limited to the action specified herein.