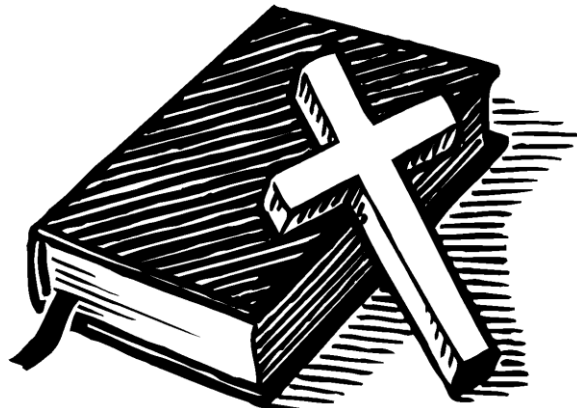

Making the Transition

from Elementary School to Middle School

A Guide for Middle School

Students at

St. Mary's School



St. Mary's Catholic School



St. Mary's Philosophy

St. Mary's School has a strong commitment and responsibility to be caring, sharing, and witnessing community of faith guided by the Gospel message, rooted in Catholic tradition. We create an accepting environment in which students are challenged academically and spiritually to develop their talents to their fullest potential. We strive to teach the value of community service as well as to raise an awareness of peace and justice issues in our world today.

St. Mary's Mission Statement

St. Mary's School in Bird Island serves the area students in preschool through eighth grade by providing a Christ-centered Catholic education where academic excellence, self-worth and faith development go hand in hand in a nurturing environment.

St. Mary's School
Where Academics and Faith
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St. Mary's is a Bully-Free Zone

What is Bullying?

- *any negative word, look, sign or act that hurts a person's body, dignity or things
- *interferes with a person's education
- *includes an imbalance of power

Our School's Anti-Bullying Rules

- ***We will NOT bully others.***
- ***We will try to help students who are being bullied.***
- ***We will try to include students who are left out.***
- ***If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and at home.***

Congratulations! You've made it to Middle School! So welcome to Middle School at St. Mary's. We would like to share this information with you to help you prepare for the transition.

The material included in this booklet will provide you with vital information about the school day and basic procedures for making the coming school year successful.

We welcome you into the Middle School and we encourage you to communicate with the teachers or Mrs. Bertrand Sigurdson whenever you have any questions or comments. We hope you have a challenging, growth-filled school year.

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*****Getting Started*****

Remember, it may take some students two-four weeks (or MORE) to adjust to the changes of Middle School. Be patient with yourself and others. Ask for help if you need it.

****First Day****

The schedule for the first day is a little different due to the School Mass held at 10:30 a.m. You should be in your homeroom and ready to begin your day when announcements begin at 8:10 AM. Attendance will be taken and a few forms handed out. Teachers will tell you where to sit in church. Listen and follow directions carefully.

****Lockers****

The locker is for your books, learning supplies and coat. Do NOT decorate your locker, or bring too much stuff. Everything you bring must fit inside the locker *with the door closed*. Books must be placed in such a way as to protect them from damage. Pictures/posters inside the locker must be modest and appropriate. No decorations are allowed on the outside. Students will be fined if lockers are permanently damaged by decorations, tape, etc. Random locker checks may be conducted at any time. Students respect each other's property and privacy and never enter each other's lockers. Lockers will be cleaned once per quarter.

When can I arrange my locker?

The first day of school is a fine time. Arrive a little early to get your "things" situated in the locker.

May I store my supplies on the ledge above my locker?

No. The ledge should be free of all books, trash, papers, etc. Athletic gear should NOT be stored on top of the lockers.

Will I be able to take my backpack with me to each class?

No, you must leave your backpack in your locker, hanging on the hooks or sitting on the bottom of your locker. You may bring a small pencil bag with you to class for your supplies.

****Schedule****

The schedule in the Middle School will have 8 periods every day. Periods will range from 35 minutes to 55 minutes. Schedules will be given to the students on the first day of school.

What if I can't remember my schedule?

The classrooms have the schedule posted. Usually, you will have your schedule on a piece of paper with you at all times during the first several weeks. Copy and tape it into your locker and into your binder!

Will there be enough time for me to go back to my locker between classes?

Yes. The pass time between classes is three minutes. This amount of time seems to be sufficient.

What if I think I'm going to be late?

Get a pass from the class you just left or go to your next class and talk to the instructor. Politely request a few moments to do what you need to do. Do NOT make a habit of this.

What if I need to use the restroom between classes?

You will have time. Or, if you think you need more time than normal, go to the classroom instructor and ask permission to be late in order to use the restroom. Generally, there is enough time to use the restroom, get your books out of your locker and still get to your class on time, especially if you don't chat, and you do walk quickly.

Is the schedule the same on Mass days?

No. Mass time will change the schedule. The mass schedule is posted on the same sign as the regular schedule in the classrooms.

****Dress Code****

A student's appearance should reflect the impression that formal learning is important enough to call for neatness in dress. The development of self-respect, self-discipline, motivation, school unity and pride, modesty and other Catholic values are critical to the formation of all St. Mary's students. It is important the students take pride in their appearance, always remembering that by wearing it inside and outside the classroom and the school, they are representing the school. Their dress and behavior should be a credit to God, themselves, and the school community.

St. Mary's students, under the direction of their parents are neat, clean and appropriate in their apparel for school. If students or parents are unsure whether something is appropriate school attire, do not wear it to school.

The following types of dress are **UNACCEPTABLE AT ST. MARY'S**:

1. **Yoga pants, leggings, tight fitting/spandex pants, are not worn unless when the child's arms are raised above their head the waistband of the pants is still covered by the shirt. This is for all students kindergarten through 8th grade.**
2. Jeans that are frayed, torn, or shabby looking;
3. T- shirts with inappropriate designs or sayings, and muscle shirts;
4. Skirts, dresses and shorts that are too short or too tight (NO mini-skirts); these items must be longer than when the student makes a fist with their arms by their side, it goes below their fist in length for all students kindergarten through 8th grade.
5. Straps on dresses and/or tank tops must be the width of 3 fingers or covered with a clothing article.
6. Sweatshirts that are worn and faded;
7. Cut off T-shirts or sweatshirts or pants;
8. Midriffs or inappropriate tank tops

Consequences for wearing clothes not in dress code will be as follows

1. **Violation 1 – Student will be given a verbal reminder of the dress code and parents will be notified. Student will be asked to change into appropriate attire.**
2. **Subsequent Violations – Parents will be called to bring in something for the child to change into. If parents are unable to bring in replacement items, student will be issued replacement clothing for the day.**

DRESS UP DAYS: Every Thursday, on the day of the All School Liturgy, we have a dress up day. Sweatshirts/sweatpants, blue jeans and athletic shorts are NOT PERMITTED on these dress up days. Neat, appropriate dress clothing should be worn on these days. Bermuda shorts are allowed to be worn on Mass days during designated months.

FOR GIRLS: Dresses, split skirts, dressy capris, dress pants and denim dresses or skirts are considered appropriate apparel. Also, yoga pants, leggings, tight fitting/spandex pants, if the hind-end is fully covered by a longer top/sweater.
NO BLUE JEANS.

FOR BOYS: Dress pants, dress shirts, or sweater. **NO BLUE JEANS**, dress denim shirts with tie are also considered appropriate. Solid colored t-shirts and/or polo shirts are preferred.

SHORTS: During the months of April, May, September and October, shorts may be worn. Short shorts and spandex (volleyball) shorts are not appropriate. Shorts should be FINGER TIP IN LENGTH. If temperatures are warm during some of

the other months of the year, the principal in conjunction with the Committee of Education may designate other "shorts' days."

MAKE-UP: Small amount of make-up may be worn.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: For Physical Education classes, students are required to wear tennis shoes. Grades 5-8 are required to have t-shirt, shorts and/or sweat pants to change into.

INAPPROPRIATE APPAREL: The principal will make the determination of inappropriate apparel. In such a case, the parent will be contacted.

****Class Time****

In most classes, teachers expect their students to be seated and ready to begin when the bell rings. You will be informed if there are exceptions to this rule. Each class will begin with attendance. All students are expected to be respectful and participate during prayer activities.

What should I bring to each class?

Each teacher, in their syllabus, will outline what is expected to be brought to their class. Art supplies, like markers or colored pencils, are not required on a daily basis and may be kept in your locker until needed. All students are expected to use the planner which is purchased from the school for each class and therefore, needs to be brought to each class.

If I forget supplies will I be allowed to return to my locker?

Plan to bring everything you need to class at the beginning. A teacher may allow you to leave for something truly important, but not for routine supplies. It is distracting to have students roaming the halls and slamming lockers after classes begin.

Should I always ask permission to get out of my desk?

Generally, yes. There may be exceptions in certain classes, especially during different types of activities.

Am I expected to bring my own tissues if I have a cold?

You are to bring two boxes of tissues at the beginning of the school year. Teachers will then have a supply in their rooms. If you have a cold, it is a distraction to always be getting up to get tissues. It is responsible and polite to get tissues at the

beginning of class. It is also responsible and polite to dispose of your own used tissues in a waste basket and NOT drop them on the floor or leave them inside or by a desk.

May I do extra credit to “make up” for late or missing assignments?

The general school policy for extra credit is that no more than 5% of the total points in a quarter may be earned with extra credit. If a teacher gives 500 points of work in a quarter, 25 extra credit points may be earned. Some teachers may require that all missing work be finished before extra credit can be earned, or there may be specific due dates or other requirements.

What do I do if I have a question on an assignment I’m working on at home and it is due the next day?

Email your teacher or call a classmate and ask them for help. Go directly to the teacher’s room in the morning to get help. If the teacher is not in his/her room, leave a note explaining your difficulties. Be sure to mark the time and date, and sign your name. You might also go to Mrs. Smith to see if she could help you locate the teacher you are looking for.

What if I start to have a lot of problems with homework and keeping up in all my classes?

Make an appointment and talk to your teachers about it first. You will also need to talk to your parents about it.

*******Getting/Staying Organized*******

Organizational skills are key to success both in school and in life as an adult. Learning how to organize is an important skill to learn for yourself.

****Lockers****

Keeping your locker clean and neat is one of the most important ways to stay organized. Arrange your locker so that it is easy to find books and notebooks. Stack your books laying flat, so that they are not damaged (you will have to pay for book damage). It should be possible to hang your coat/backpack in your locker. Don’t jam your locker with junk. (See above Locker information under the “Getting Started” category).

****Assignment Books****

6th – 8th Grade students will have to purchase a school issued planner for \$4.00. Each class period, the student will enter the assignment, due date, quiz dates, project dates, etc. During the last few minutes of each class for the first quarter, the teachers will check the planner to make sure the assignments are recorded correctly. **The end of the day is NOT the time to enter all assignments.** It is a time to simply check over and review what needs to be taken home for homework.

****Folders/Binders/Notebooks****

If you have trouble getting organized, color code your textbooks, notebooks and folders. Have a different color for each subject. Keep all papers, handouts, assignments, etc. from each class separated from other papers in their individual subject folders (don't mix science papers with math papers). This is the **number one** cause of "lost" assignments. Clearly label all of your textbooks, notebooks, and folders with your name and the subject (Science, English, Math, etc.).

What should I do with all of my graded papers?

It is wise to use them to study before a unit or chapter test, so keep them until the unit is complete. After that, take them home. Your parents deserve to see how you are doing in your classes on a daily basis, then you can recycle them. Don't keep all old papers at school in your locker – it makes a big mess.

Will I get to keep all of my graded tests, projects, etc.?

No. To prevent cheating teachers may collect and keep some of your graded work.

Do I have to have a three-ring binder for each class?

No, only if you want to. The accordion-filer, with 7 or more slots that expand, is a very efficient filing system. It is lightweight and has room for every subject. Plus, it is a lot less expensive than a three-ring binder and you don't have to three-punch anything.

*******Getting the Work Done*******

All the organization and information in the world won't do you any good unless you do the work of learning. Homework should be done at HOME! Just like muscles, your brain must be

worked to increase its abilities. As Nike says, “Just do it”! No one can do your learning for you!

****Doing the work****

Follow these guidelines for all homework. Your first name and last name initial should be on all student work. The heading for all assignments on loose leaf should include: your first name and last initial, date, subject, and the assignment all in the right hand corner of the paper. Neatness, correct spelling, correct grammar mechanics, paragraph structure, etc. are all important in every class, especially on multiple-draft final work. The following is an example of what your homework heading should look like:

Name
Assignment

Other daily work guidelines:

- *Properly headed: first name, last name initial and assignment.
- *Right and left hand margins open (no writing in them)
- *Scribble-free: If work is done in pen - correct errors using one straight horizontal line through errors. If work is done in pencil – erase mistakes
- *Spelled correctly for all final drafts.
- *Neat (free of doodles, scribbles, unreadable text)
- *Colored pens for correcting/editing

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in loss of points, or being required to rewrite the assignment, with no credit provided unless rewritten.

May I work on an assignment during class the day it is due?

No. All work is due at the start bell on the due date. It is considered late if not completed at that time. Instructors reserve the right to accept late work with reasonable explanations (funeral, serious illness in the family, etc.).

What if I don't get my homework finished by the due date?

In every case, the late assignment is due by class time the following day. If the assignment is completed and turned in one day after the due date 10% will be deducted from the assignment. An additional 10% will be taken off daily until the assignment is completed and turned in. Teachers will still require all work to be turned in even if it is late and for no credit. This is especially true if it is part of a larger assignment or project.

How do I turn in my work?

Some teachers have baskets for you to put your homework in as soon as you enter the classroom. If not, do not take it out of your folder until the teacher asks you to pass it in. This prevents it from being copied or misplaced.

*******Understanding Procedures*******

Procedures are standard ways of doing things. Knowing procedures will help you to fit in, meet expectations, and generally know what's going on or what's going to happen.

****Assignment Notebook****

Using your assignment notebook is crucial to your success in middle school. Before leaving class each day, students should copy from the white board that day's assignments for that class. Parents should expect to examine their child's assignments in their planner to see homework amounts, test dates, project assignments, etc. Students who need extra support in organization may be required to get a teacher's signature in their planner to help students, teachers and parents to all be informed.

****Being Absent****

Always have a parent call the school before 8:15 a.m. when you are absent or will be arriving late to school. It is very wise to attempt to avoid being absent whenever possible. If possible, family trips should be planned around holiday breaks and days off. Sometimes, it is simply impossible to replace the learning that happens during a class period, especially when it involves group activities and discussion. If you have regularly scheduled absences, such as orthodontist or chiropractic appointments, ask your parents to NOT schedule them for the same slots each time, so that you are not always missing the same class.

If I'm sick, how do I get the assignments I missed?

Homework will not be gathered for first day of illness. If you are absent due to illness more than one day, a parent would have to make a request in order to get your assignments.

What if I miss class because of a school activity?

In every case, when it is a planned absence, you are to talk to every teacher of the classes you will miss and get the assignments and information you will miss ahead of time. If you do not do this, teachers have the right to not give you points for the

assignments you have missed. Always talk to your teachers *ahead of time* when you know you are going to be absent.

What if I have to leave class due to a band lesson?

It is the student's responsibility to turn in any daily assignment that is due and to ask the teacher what the new assignment will be and when it is due before leaving for the band lesson.

What if my family goes on a two week vacation?

Be sure to talk to all of your teachers at least a week or two before you are to leave. Ask for homework ahead, if it is possible, and get it done before you come back from your vacation. If extra time is needed, make arrangements with the teacher. Work that is given ahead of time before a planned absence is expected to be finished when the student returns to school after the vacation. **It is beneficial to the student if you would please consider the school calendar when making these plans.**

****Passes****

If you are going to be leaving the building for an appointment, etc. or returning from an appointment, etc., you will need to stop in the office to sign in or out.

How am I expected to behave in the hallways?

There is to be NO talking in the halls during class time. You are to walk directly to your intended destination. You may NOT go to any other place unless it is marked on your planner, including the restroom.

May I go to the rest room or my locker, on my way to the library or any other place?

No. You may only go to the place designated on your pass. There is a limit to the number of students allowed in the rest room at the same time, and too many students in the hallways clanging their locker doors is very disruptive to classes.

****Media Center (Library)/Computer Lab****

Students use on a supervised basis only.

****Teacher Appointments****

Whenever you need to see a teacher, plan to make an appointment. Appointments can be made at the end of a class session. Teachers are usually available before

and after school. Teachers have regular commitments (meetings, etc.) during these times, so it is important to make an appointment to ensure the teacher is available.

If I need to see a teacher, what is the proper procedure?

Ask the teacher at the end of the class period if she/he could see you at a specific time/day. Write down the time/day the teacher tells you, and be sure to keep your appointment.

What should I do if the teacher isn't there when she/he said they would be?

Stay for about five minutes. Then leave a note that you were there and put the time and date on it. Return ten minutes later, if possible.

What if my parents want to talk to a teacher?

Have your parents call the school and leave a message for the teacher, bring a note to the teacher from your parents asking the teacher to call and arrange a meeting time, or send an email to the teacher. Parents should **not** just “show up” and expect to be able to meet with a teacher during the school day (7:45-3:15) without a prior appointment.

****Grading Standards****

Although each teacher may choose their own grading standards and practices, at the end of the quarter, those grades are converted to the school standard, which is as follows:

A = 100 - 96
A- = 95, 94, 93
72, 71
B+ = 92, 91, 90
B = 89, 88, 87
and below

B- = 86, 85 D+ = 75, 74
C+ = 84, 83, 82 D = 73,
C = 81, 80, 79 D- = 70, 69
C- = 78, 77, 76 F = 68

Is it hard to get an “A”?

Students should remember that an “A” represents the most outstanding, advanced, masterful representation of learning. Students who work hard can get “A”s.

****Academic Delinquency Notification****

If a student has a C- or less at the middle of the quarter, teachers will send home a midterm report. The school keeps a copy of every failing midterm report sent

home. Teachers require all reports to be signed and returned. Parents are then expected to call or send a note if they desire further progress updates.

****Conferences****

Conferences are held at the end of first and the middle of the second quarter, in October and February. Parents will pick up report cards and visit with teachers. If a student is having difficulty in some or all of his/her classes, a “staffing” may be requested by the school or by the parent. (See description of “staffing” below.) During regular conferences, parents have about three minutes to discuss each of their students with each teacher. This is not a time to discuss other concerns (athletics, extra curricular activities, general school policies, etc.)

****Staffing****

A staffing may be called by a parent, the principal or teacher. The purpose of the staffing is to have open communication between student, parents, teachers and support staff to ensure the best possible plan of action for helping the student. A staffing may be called for academic, social, emotional, or behavioral reasons. Plans of action may include anything from notifying the parents weekly of student academic progress to developing a modified academic plan based upon testing-identified areas of need.

****Teacher Privacy Areas****

There are certain areas in the school building that are for staff members only. Students should respect the privacy of those areas. Students should never sit at a teacher’s desk or enter an area of the classroom normally reserved for the teacher. Office spaces are also included in this restriction.

May I enter the faculty lounge?

No. Knock and wait for someone to come to the door. If that teacher/staff member gives you permission to enter, then you may.

May I look at the papers/work which are on my teachers’, principal’s or secretary’s desks?

No. No matter whether the teacher/adult is present or not, you are not to look at what is on their desks.

May I enter a classroom when no teacher is present, for example, during noon hour or before/after school?

Yes, but only to leave a note, or if you have specific permission to be in a certain classroom at a specific time. For example, if you have an appointment and are

waiting for the teacher to arrive, you may stay a few minutes. In some cases, a teacher may simply have gone to do an errand between classes and will return in a few moments. If you are to be in the classroom for class, then simply take your seat and wait for the teacher to return.

What if a teacher does not come to class?

If a teacher is missing from your class for more than five minutes, the student who is seated closest to the door should go directly to the office and inform the secretary that the teacher is not present in class. The teacher may be ill or in a meeting, and someone will be sent to supervise the class.

****Before School/Lunch Time****

This is the time to use the restroom and water fountain. Once students have finished eating and disposed of their trays/trash, they will return to school with their teacher.

****Disciplinary Action****

When a student freely and knowingly chooses to violate stated expectations of behavior, disciplinary action will result. Teachers may choose a range of consequences, from “time outs”, to after school detention or even, possibly, in-school suspension, depending upon the seriousness of the violation.

What do I do if a teacher “kicks” me out of class?

Go directly to the office. You will not be allowed to return to your class until the end of the period unless instructed differently from the classroom teacher. If the cause is serious, you may receive in-school suspension for the rest of the day.

Must I always obey the teachers?

Yes, and this includes all other school personnel, from janitors, to the secretary and aides, to the cooks. You are expected to be obedient and respectful of all the adults in the school or at school activities. If you have a concern about the appropriateness of something an adult asks you to do, speak with the principal about your concerns.

****Cell Phones and other Wearable Technology****

St. Mary’s understands the importance of easy access to cell phones and other wearable technology in today’s society. Typically, the designated appropriate times to use such devices would include before school and after school. Use of cell phones and other

wearable technology will NOT be acceptable during class, this includes use in the hallway, bathrooms, or in route to another location unless otherwise specified by the classroom teacher. If a cell phone and/or other wearable technology is on school/church grounds during school hours and is seen by any staff of St. Mary's, the student will receive a verbal warning. A second offense will result in the device being turned over to the Principal for **three days**. At the beginning of day 4, the student may retrieve his/her device. If the device is taken from a student for a second time, it will be given to the Principal for **five days**. At the end of the 5 days, the device will be released to the student's parent. If a cell phone or other wearable technology was believed to be involved in cheating, the office will keep the device for up to five days.

What if someone commits a crime?

Crimes would include stealing, serious vandalism, harassment, trespassing (staff property or privacy areas), assault (physical violence), threats, etc. If the crimes are serious, charges may be filed with the local law enforcement officers. Suspension, expulsion, detention and fines are all possible consequences, along with the punishments assigned by the court system.

****After School****

If you are in an extracurricular activity, go to your designated area so that you are supervised. If you need extra academic help, you will need to make an appointment with the teacher. If you don't have an appointment, you may not be able to see the teacher. If you have no reason to be at school, go home! All students must have an adult supervisor responsible for them in order to remain in the building. **You may NOT use athletic equipment or facilities unsupervised.** Also, the library and computer lab may NOT be used without adult supervision.

Are there other ways to share my worries, fears, concerns?

Yes. You may go to your teacher and discuss your concerns or fears. You may also make an appointment to discuss them with the school counselor.

****Do all teachers have the same expectations?***

No! This would not be fair. Different teachers have different expectations due to variations in content, teaching style, ability level of students, etc. This is probably one of the most difficult changes to make in middle school – having several different teachers, each with a unique style and separate classroom rules. Get to know what each teacher wants from the students.

****Cheating****

Cheating consists of portraying yourself as having learned information or a skill that you have not learned. Copying of any kind is always cheating; this includes the use of AI, ChatGPT, etc. Use of this technology portrays work and learning

that you have not done. Cheating is a violation of the seventh and eighth commandments, as well as the first and fourth commandments. As such, the consequences will be serious. Teachers will do everything in their power to prevent and respond to cheating so that it is discouraged. Students who cheat should expect to get zero credit, including students who provide answers for other students. Further, alternate test times/formats may be required. Multiple cheating offenses will have even greater consequences.

****Appropriate Language****

This is a Christian educational institution and as such, certain types of language are inappropriate as well as sinful. Some words are simply crude or rude. Others may be seriously sinful. Using the holy name of Jesus or God in vain is always a serious violation of our Christian standards. Using any type of language to threaten, intimidate or insult is also seriously wrong. Our language should be pure and gentle, as well as completely honest. Expect detention or suspension for violations.

****Weapons, Violence, Bullying, Harassment****

St. Mary's is a drug (illegal)-free, weapons-free, harassment-free institution. Any violation of these standards is considered very serious and may result in suspension or expulsion, as well as possible criminal charges. Vandalism, risqué locker photos, and inappropriate graffiti are also forms of harassment. Bullying and intimidation, as well as verbal, emotional or sexual harassment have no place in a Christian establishment. Threats of violence will be treated as serious and may require police action. Name-calling, mocking or insulting a person repeatedly is bullying. Report cases of violations to Mrs. Sigurdson, as well as telling your parents. Do not allow yourself to be bullied or harassed. Everyone deserves the right to learn in an environment free of fear. It is the student that is being bullied, harassed, etc. responsibility to make a verbal report to his/her classroom teacher.

****Additional Information****

No candy/snacks are to be eaten between/during classes. On Mass day, NO food, candy, gum, pop, juice, etc. is to be eaten for an hour before receiving Holy Communion.

*******Getting Involved*******

There are numerous opportunities for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to become involved in the academic, religious, social, musical, and athletic activities the school offers. Considerations

should include proper priorities and time management skills. Some students can handle a multitude of activities, and some can not.

****Religious Activities****

Outside of classroom prayer, middle school teachers often plan masses and request volunteers to assist with the various tasks of mass planning and ministry. During Lent & Advent, students go to Stations of the Cross, Adoration, confessions, etc. as a class. Praise Team Choir is required for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Their ministry is to lead the music at school masses. Students who desire to play piano or use a musical instrument are encouraged to attend rehearsals and join in.

****Social Activities****

Students are encouraged to cultivate good friendships without forming cliques. Teachers observe students for behaviors that are antisocial (bullying, isolation, etc.) and attempt to intervene when possible.

****Extra Curriculars****

Band lessons provide individual music instruction. Students should expect that homework is a part of their school activities. At least 60-75 minutes of homework per night will be normal. The following is a list of most of the extracurricular activities available to seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of school is academic learning. However, important social, intellectual, physical and emotional learning are accomplished through extra curricular activities. There are participation fees for most of these activities:

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| Football | Cross Country | Musical (by audition) |
| Track | Basketball | Volleyball |
| Golf | Dance Team | |
| Baseball | Wrestling | |
| Softball | Handbell Choir | |

Also, the school encourages other positive social and physical activities such as 4-H, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, summer athletic leagues, individual music lessons, etc.

****Awards****

Students are recognized, by their teachers, through a Student-of-the-Month Award. Also, further awards and/or recognition may be given to students who are

outstanding citizens, participating appropriately and encouraging fellow students in all areas of school activities, as well as in academic classrooms.

****Communications****

Use the standard phone number 365-3693 to reach the personnel directory. Using the school website will allow you to send an email to any teacher. Phone calls are also still appropriate.

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