

## \*DEFINITELY SUSPENDABLE INFRACTIONS

# GOLDEN RULES

### FORBIDDEN HAIRSTYLES: MOHAWKED/SPIKED HAIR; TAILS LONGER THAN 1 INCH

It is our belief at St. Michael's that learning takes place in a gentle but disciplined atmosphere. Students need the respect, trust and cooperation of their parents and teachers as well as of their peers.

The following rules and regulations are to be observed by all students:

1. An important aim of Catholic education is the Christian development of the person. Students must learn to get along with others and to respect others.
2. All students are expected to attend Sunday worship at their churches, possibly with their families. Attendance at the annual Catholic School Week Mass is required with a financial assessment of \$25.00 per family for parents due to non-attendance.
3. Students will be well-mannered, polite and courteous at all times and with everybody, including fellow students.
4. \*No student can interfere with the right of another student or another person. Interference with the rights of other students to learn (fooling around in class, etc.) will result in severe penalties.\*
5. \*Students have the right to be heard, to be given explanation and within the limits of possibility to be helped individually. However, a time—agreeable to all is required. **Children may never answer a teacher back.** \*
6. **\*Students are never allowed to be rude or loud; in case of perceived injustice, they can talk to the concerned part in private, after or before school hours or they may see the principal at dismissal or before school. A student may never walk out of class.\***
7. All students are expected to promote school spirit, school cleanliness and respect for school property.
8. Students will always wear the complete uniform; they will be neat and clean with hair properly groomed and no make-up. (No shaven, tinted, long, spiked, extra-long, dyes, streaks, tints or frostings allowed.)
9. \*Ethnic or racial slurs are strictly forbidden and will never be tolerated.\*
10. \*Fighting in any shape or form is forbidden. (This includes play fighting and pencil fighting, etc.)\*
11. Respect must be shown for school property. Any property damaged, vandalized or destroyed will have to be paid for by the parent. This includes student's desks, textbooks, etc. (Uncovered textbooks will cause damage to the book.)
12. \*Smoking, drugs, drinking alcohol and carrying weapons are forbidden on school premises and will result in suspension or expulsion. Cellular phones, radios, and beepers are not allowed. Should such items be discovered on students, they will be confiscated and a one day suspension will be issued. If cellular phones are heard or seen, child will immediately be suspended 1 day for seeing phone, a two day suspension if it rings or is being used to text, photograph, calculate, etc. Pictures may be taken by disposable cameras only. Cell phones MAY NOT be used for picture taking.\*
13. \*During outdoor activities, students are not allowed to engage in any deal, conversation or discussion with people that are not part of St. Michael's School. This includes relatives and/or friends who are not registered in St. Michael's. Once a student is on school property, he/she may not leave without the principal's permission.\*
14. Students will refrain from playing on the grass, near the trees in the parking lot. Touching/kicking snow can result in suspension.
15. Students cannot return to the building after dismissal unless accompanied by a teacher or parent. Forgotten items remain until the next day. Please don't ask. Please do not ring the bell to return.
16. \*Students must remain on the class dismissal line until they reach the point designated by the teacher. No child may leave the line to go with a parent, relative, or babysitter. This is for safety reasons.\*
17. Children may never chew gum on the school grounds. The playground is part of the school grounds. This rule is in effect during after school activities, also.
18. Necklaces and bracelets may not be worn in grades 5-8, unless they are of a religious nature. Small earrings may be worn by girls—no dangling ones, and none larger than a quarter. Boys may not wear earrings. Band-Aids, etc. will not be permitted to “hide” earrings. **ONLY** one ring per hand is permissible. Make up is not allowed. Only clear nail polish is permitted. No designed nails—children will be required to removed designed nails, regardless of expense.

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19. Students must have all books covered and carried in a book bag.
20. Students must wear the complete gym uniform on their assigned gym day. 1<sup>st</sup> Offence: Warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Parent call home, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Detention, 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Failure in Gym
21. Students may not use the school phone without office permission. If cellular phones are heard or seen, child will immediately be suspended 1 day for seeing phone, a two day suspension if it rings or is being used to text, photograph, calculate, etc.
22. \*For safety reasons, students may not receive phone calls in school. Cell phones and beepers are not allowed and a suspension will be given if children carry these items to school. (See rules #12 & #21)\*
23. **PICTURE TAKING OR RECORDING IN SCHOOL AT ANY TIME UNLESS GIVEN PERMISSION BY A SCHOOL AUTHORITY MAY RESORT IN EXPULSION.**
24. Students are expected to be responsible enough to have all books, projects, gym suits, etc. on the day they are needed. Failure to be responsible will result in punishment by the teacher, which may include receiving an “unsatisfactory” grade. Students will not be allowed to call home for “forgotten items”. Handbook indicates gym day. Also, check with your child.
25. Uniform and General Appearance—Students are required to wear the uniform at all times. It should be neat, clean and in order. All articles of clothing should be marked with name tapes at the top of the uniform. Students are made aware of the need for good grooming. A neat, short haircut is considered part of the good grooming expected of the boys.
26. **Forbidden hairstyles: Mohawked/spiked hair, tails longer than 1 inch. Students will always wear the complete uniform: they will be neat and clean with hair properly groomed and no make-up. (Hairstyles: no shaven, mohawked, tinted, long, spiked, extra-long, dyes, streaks, tints or frostings allowed.)**
27. In grades K-4, if boot type shoes above the ankle are worn to school, they must be removed and replaced with school shoes or a detention will be issued. For grades 5-8 the school shoe must always be carried and worn.
28. English is to be used at all times during classes and school sponsored activities.
29. St. Michael's is not responsible for “Home” items brought to school (example: toys, games, etc.) if found—they will be confiscated—(beepers, cellular phones, etc.) If lost, we are not responsible for finding them. If children trade items with others, the school will not intervene when there is a difficulty. Electronic devices are not allowed. Train children in these areas, please.
30. Children absent from school must return with a note or the absence is unexcused and a “0” will be given for missed work.
31. **Birthday celebrations are not allowed. However, cupcakes (not cakes) and juice in small packages are allowed during lunch—with teacher permission. Birthday invitations are not to be given in school.**
32. The summer uniform in its entirety may be worn May, June and until October 11<sup>th</sup> ONLY. Plain white socks and black school shoes or required shoes for grades 5-8 are to be worn. (No designs on socks.)
33. **\*ANY PHONES OR GAMES CONFISCATED FROM CHILDREN WILL BE EXAMINED AND ANY INFORMATION IN THEM WILL BE CHECKED AS NOTHING ELECTRONIC IS ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL.\***

When a student seriously undermines the atmosphere of a Catholic School where Christ-like charity, respect for authority and peers, and mutual cooperation are considered essential, he/she shall be subject to suspension from school or possibly expelled.

Parents remember we are here to train your children to be good members of family, school and community.

Remember, expulsion is our last resort when all other means of discipline have been used and proven ineffectual, or when the violation is of an extreme nature and/or harmful to other students, disrespectful to staff or disregards the purpose of a Catholic School education.

### **BE AWARE:**

**A student is a St. Michael Student AT ALL TIMES—on and off school property. Behavior, which is harmful to the school's reputation, is punishable by a 3-5 day suspension or EXPULSION. For example fighting/smoking/drugs/stealing/loud verbal altercations warrant the same penalty whether in the building or off campus. Videotaping of same requires similar penalties as above including expulsion.**