

Saint Martin de Porres School

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COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS Saint Martin de Porres School Commitments of School, Students, and Parents

Saint Martin de Porres <u>SCHOOL</u> commits to:

- nurturing a strong Catholic school environment to ensure all students reach their full faith development through a dynamic religious studies curriculum, daily prayer, regular Masses, sacrament preparation, service projects, and programs that cultivate love of and loyalty to the Church;
- creating an educational vision to ensure each student will reach his/her full academic potential and recognizing and supporting students with learning challenges while challenging and engaging stronger students;
- developing students' curiosity, thirst for knowledge, critical thinking, leadership, and problem solving skills while promoting independence and individual expression;
- developing a culture of reflection, continuous improvement, and strategic thinking;
- hiring, supporting, and mentoring the best possible teachers and support staff and providing them with the educational resources and support to ensure their success;
- fostering strong lines of communication between school administrators and teachers, teachers and students, and the school and parents by being open to feedback and explaining key decisions;
- treating all teachers, students, and parents with respect and fairness;
- recognizing parent's role as partners in their children's educational journey and listening and respecting their legitimate concerns;
- communicating with parents on a timely basis to ensure academic and emotional concerns are addressed;
- working closely with parents of students with serious learning challenges;
- cultivating a climate of kindness, mutual respect, and responsibility for all students through programs, activities, and a well-designed, age-appropriate discipline code;
- maintaining safe, clean, and effective facilities and grounds to further the educational mission;
- incorporating technology effectively to enhance student learning;
- providing age appropriate programs for students to develop healthy decision making skills, to foster positive social and emotional development; and
- providing a safe and nurturing before and after school care program to support students of working parents.

Saint Martin de Porres School STUDENTS commit to:

- developing a loving relationship with God, following his teachings, and acting as true Christian witnesses to Christ in the world;
- working to the best of their ability in all things they do both in and outside of school;
- respecting themselves by being honest, truthful, fair, and polite;
- recognizing they represent themselves, their parents, and Saint Martin de Porres School in all they do at and outside of school, including while playing sports through CYO and other organizations;
- developing themselves as independent people by being responsible for their conduct, dress, school work, and personal property and communicating directly with their teachers when in need of help;
- abiding by the rules of the school, most importantly respecting teachers, administrators, classmates, and school property;
- respecting their parents, abiding by family rules, and appreciating the gift of a Catholic school education that they have been given;
- supporting all classmates and cultivating a culture of kindness and caring by appreciating that each person
 is unique and made in God's image and likeness while displaying a true sense of concern and responsibility
 for others;
- completing all homework and special projects and assignments by their due date;
- arriving at school on time, dressed in proper uniform, and having eaten a full breakfast so they can work
 effectively for the school day;
- attending school each day, except when sick or injured, and arriving on time; and
- developing a commitment to healthy eating, exercise, good decision making, and living a healthy life.

No school can be wholly effective in teaching the values of religion; the importance of striving to be one's very best; the virtues of honesty, respect for authority, and consideration for the rights and property of others; and standards of morality and integrity unless these principles have been established, upheld, and valued at home.

Saint Martin de Porres School <u>PARENTS</u> commit to:

- guiding their child in his/her Catholic faith by fostering a love of Jesus, being strong Catholic roles models, and regularly attending Mass;
- nurturing their child's love of learning and academic curiosity;
- demanding excellence in their child and developing his/her mindset of always doing his/her very best in all they do;
- assisting their child in his/her academic development by creating a peaceful place for homework execution; encouraging careful, timely, and independent completion of homework and school projects; being interested and engaged in the topics being learned in the classroom; and reviewing test results, progress reports, and report cards;
- steering their child's moral development by encouraging kindness, gratitude, honesty, helpfulness, and good manners;
- demanding exemplary behavior by regularly reinforcing respect for school rules; respectful and courteous treatment of classmates, teachers, administrators, and parent volunteers; and supporting the school in disciplinary actions if their child violates the school's code of conduct;

- respecting the chain of command at the school by first contacting their child's classroom or subject teacher regarding questions or concerns;
- responding to teacher or administrator emails or phone calls in a timely manner;
- providing proper guidelines at home regarding discrimination, harassment, violent behavior; limiting access to violent video games, inappropriate movies, music, and internet content;
- monitoring their child's use of social media and the internet and setting standards for appropriate time and content access;
- teaching their child respect for law, authority, the rights and opinions of others, and public and private property;
- working in partnership with the school to carry out recommendations made in the best interest of their child, including those related to educational evaluations and counseling;
- promoting good sportsmanship at school and out-of-school sporting events by their child and themselves;
- attending parent-teacher conferences and maintaining an open, cooperative, and respectful relationship with their child's teacher(s);
- insisting on their child's regular school attendance and on-time arrival;
- sending their child to school in proper uniform and on dress down days, in clothing that meets standards of modesty and appropriateness;
- making all tuition and fee payments on time, and participating in fundraising activities; and
- interacting in a respectful manner when speaking with or about the administration, teachers, and staff of the school and being positive role models for conflict resolution for their child.
- Adults may never post to a social networking site any statements, pictures, or other materials that are false, derogatory, defamatory, degrading, malicious, disrespectful or threatening to a minor.

We look forward to a blessed, wonderful new school year!

I have received, read, and I am committed to meeting the expectations outlined in our Saint Martin de Porres School Community Commitment form.

(Parents/Guardians may sign on behalf of student(s) in Grades K-2)

Mrs. Mary Jane Daley		August 1, 2024
Principal	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
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