



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 SCHOOL 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 PARENTS commit to:

- guiding their child in his/her Catholic faith by fostering a love of Jesus, being strong Catholic role 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;

