



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH SCHOOL

Middle School Expectations, 2018-2019

The habits of good students pave the way for their increased success and joy in learning. Changing behaviors into automatic habits takes energy, effort and persistence. These expectations may seem strict and difficult, especially at first, but they underpin a goal we share with you and your parents: that you do well in school and in jobs for all the years to come.

Work Quality

- Complete heading starting on the top line on the left at the red margin line, using four lines to list full name, date, subject, and assignment
- Loose leaf paper or clean-edged notebook paper (no spiral fringes)
- Blue ink, black ink or pencil (math always requires pencil)
- Easily readable writing
- Responsible spelling and punctuation
- Complete sentences
- Restating the question within the answer

Absences and Tardies

- As seldom as possible!
- Student checks the RenWeb website for a head start on doing missed work
- Two days absence usually gives two days to complete the work
- Projects or tests that were due the first day of absence are due the first day of return
- Student keeps up with current assignments while finishing missed work by due date
- 15 absences in a trimester may result in retention or transfer
- If a student gets a homework packet before a family vacation, it is due the first day of return

Late Work

- Late work affects learning. The expectation at Saint Alphonsus is that every student completes their homework each night in accordance with due dates.

Honor Roll

- First Honors: students earning a trimester GPA of 3.7-4.0
- Second Honors: students earning a trimester GPA of 3.4-3.69
- Entire middle school attends the Honor Roll celebration after a school Mass in December and March

Emergency Restroom Trip during Class time

- Should happen rarely if student uses the opportunities of morning break and lunch period
- Student asks teacher's permission
- Student lists date and time of departure/return on the restroom sign out sheet in class

Service Learning

- Part of our culture and mission is to help those in need
- Based on our faith and includes reflection
- Opportunities are offered at and through our school (e.g. "One Saturday" trips to Burlington)
- Families are encouraged to consider also finding opportunities outside of school
- Helpful in high school applications

Moving in the building

- Single file and quiet in halls and stairs in respect for students/teachers

Morning Break

- Opportunity to get a drink and use the restroom
- All students go outside, exiting silently
- Students are encouraged to bring a snack from home
- Snack is to be promptly eaten in the designated area outside, not in the classroom, hallways or stairwells
- Before running/playing, snack must be finished, and wrappers/garbage put in outdoor garbage can

Gum

- Not allowed in the building or on campus at any time (not even after hours)

Cell phones/electronic devices

- Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed at school

Exceptions:

Electronic devices: pre-approved educational use arranged with teacher

- Cell phones: safety concerns for students walking/busing home (parent form required)
- Cell phones: Student medical needs that necessitate a phone (parent form required)
 - In these cases, phones must be off and in the homeroom teacher's designated area during the day and not used until outside the building after school

Computer Use

- Pre-requisite for use: tech policy forms signed by both students and parents
- Misuse has serious consequences
- When getting a tablet from the cart, student chooses the tablet with his/her student number
- When returning a tablet, student plugs it into the correct slot, making sure cords are in place

Academic Dishonesty

- Anytime school work does not reflect a student's individual and independent effort
- Example: providing or copying work meant to be done independently
- Example: discussing a test with someone who has not taken the test yet
- Example: forging a parent/guardian signature
- Plagiarism: copying from Internet or books without giving credit to the source
- Consequences: email to parent and negative grade impact