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**2017-2018**  
**STUDENT / PARENT**  
**HANDBOOK**

MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL

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*Dear Parents and Students:*

*On behalf of the faculty and staff of Archbishop McNicholas High School, welcome to the 2017-18 academic year! Parents, thank you for entrusting your students to us as we partner with you in their educational and developmental process. Students, we are excited to help you embrace the journey of becoming the person that the Lord sees. Whether the beginning of the year finds you ready to take on leadership roles in your school or simply trying to navigate the most efficient way to class, we want you to discover your talents and abilities and grow in an environment where you reach your fullest potential, always pursuing full stature in Christ.*

*As parents, you send your children to Archbishop McNicholas to receive an excellent Catholic education. Our faculty and staff are uniquely qualified to enable your daughters and sons to grow in knowledge and faith as they develop a closer connection to God. The opportunities your student experiences in the classrooms, on retreats, through Christian service, and at school Masses will allow this growth to occur.*

*Archbishop McNicholas High School offers a curriculum that challenges all of our students and utilizes a personalized approach with the goal of elevating your child to his or her best. The variety of courses allows our students to develop a strong foundation in the core courses as well as to challenge themselves in elective courses so that they are prepared to be life-long learners.*

*Being well informed about school policies and procedures can eliminate problems before they occur, so I ask you to please make the time to carefully read through this student handbook. Each family is expected to be familiar with the policies and procedures so that an atmosphere of respect and cooperation with the school community can be fostered on campus and reinforced at home. Good communication is the key to a good school environment, and students and parents are urged to try to resolve problems directly with teachers and coaches. We do have an open door policy to assist you in your needs, but we encourage accountability and direct communication as the first steps.*

*I am excited to embark on this school year and look forward to working with you and our community to make our students' high school experiences positive and successful. I look forward to great accomplishments by our students as they grow spiritually, intellectually, morally, and physically at Archbishop McNicholas High School. Thank you for your support and Go Rockets!*

*Yours in Community,*

*Patty Beckert  
Principal*

# **STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK**

## **MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL**

Archbishop McNicholas High School is a Roman Catholic, co-educational high school serving a variety of students with differing socio-economic backgrounds and educational needs. Archbishop McNicholas High School is fully chartered by the Ohio State Department of Education and is accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association.

Archbishop McNicholas High School has existed as a co-educational, inter-parochial institution since 1951 and prior to that as St. Joseph Academy since 1915. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati purchased Archbishop McNicholas High School from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille on July 1, 1998. We are proud of our rich history of educational success.

### **VISION**

*This is the impact we hope to have on our world or community.*

Our Vision is a world where members of the Archbishop McNicholas High School community are widely recognized as leaders in their chosen vocation and people who strive to live the Gospel through service to others.

### **MISSION**

*This is what we do.*

Archbishop McNicholas High School is a co-educational, Christ-centered, Catholic community that embraces each student – spiritually, intellectually, morally, and physically. We provide a safe, nurturing, creative and challenging environment where individuals will grow in faith and knowledge. We equip young men and women with opportunities and experiences that will enable them to achieve excellence, live gospel values and attain full stature in Christ.

### **VALUES**

*This is how we behave.*

- We cultivate Catholic identity through faith development.
- We vigorously pursue academic excellence, at every level of instruction.
- We embrace the highest level of integrity in all areas of our lives-standing for honesty, fairness, and justice.
- We strive to reflect the face of Christ by seeking and welcoming a diverse community and we value each student as a unique child of God.
- We promote the stewardship of God's creation.

### **CHARISM**

Faithful to the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, their patron, St. Joseph, and to the lay women and men who have shaped our community, we embrace the call to humbly serve God and others.

Grounded in Scripture and in our Catholic Christian tradition, we are bonded together as a people united in compassion, action and hope. We respond with confidence to God's call to servant-leadership and we seek to live our faith-filled commitment as witnesses to the Gospel.

We especially dedicate ourselves so that young men and women attain full stature in Christ. For the glory of God, we offer the work of our minds and the work of our hands in the service of a more just world.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Archbishop McNicholas High School admits students of any sex, race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

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**ACADEMICS**

Excellence in academic pursuits is a major goal of Archbishop McNicholas High School. In order to meet the challenge of providing an academic environment that is conducive to excellence and to fulfill our mandate as a comprehensive high school, Archbishop McNicholas High School offers a broad range of academic rigor. Each academic department maintains a current graded course of study that lists the specific learning objectives for each of its courses. Teachers use the graded course of study to develop lesson plans and each professional within our school structure demonstrates commitment to excellence by understanding and constantly seeking ways to improve our academic programs. In all cases, our goal is to offer courses that challenge students and elevates them to their fullest potential.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM** Archbishop McNicholas High School offers AP courses approved by the College Board in English, Physics 1 and Physics 2, American History, European History, U.S. Government, Calculus, Biology, Music Theory, Studio Art, Computer Science, French, Spanish, and Latin. This program is designed to challenge superior students and provide them with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. The purpose of the Advanced Placement Program at Archbishop McNicholas High School is to enable academically capable and highly motivated students to complete rigorous college level courses during the secondary school years. Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses instills a sense of scholarship in the student and an appreciation of the intrinsic value of devoting oneself to the pursuit of knowledge. Success in the Advanced Placement Program is achieved through dedication to excellence on the part of teachers, students, parents, counselors, and administration.

**COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM** Archbishop McNicholas High School has 99% or more of its graduates go on to further their education at either a two-year or four-year college, because we provide an outstanding college-prep curriculum for our students. Our students are scheduled into classes in areas such as English, social studies, math, science, theology, foreign languages, fine and performing arts, business, and computer science and the curriculum in these areas prepare a student to pursue college programs in any field. Our college preparatory program has various levels to challenge the students and meet their academic needs.

### **WRITING PROGRAM**

Archbishop McNicholas High School provides all students with writing opportunities in all areas of the curriculum. The school-wide approach to teaching and practicing writing recognizes that writing is an important learning tool necessary for effective communication in every field. The English Department provides a variety of writing types to all students, but teachers in all departments are challenged to incorporate meaningful writing assignments that are tailored and relevant to their course. All teachers must require a minimum of one writing sample per quarter from each student.

**SAIL PROGRAM (Support and Accommodations for Identified Learners):** Archbishop McNicholas High School has established SAIL to address the needs of certain students whose learning styles require tutorial assistance. The program serves students in every academic program and strives to develop skills that will allow the students to learn material presented in a mainstream classroom.

**PEER TUTORING PROGRAM** Academic tutoring is available to all McNicholas students through the National Honor Society (NHS). Students may attend weekly open sessions, or may request a private peer tutor in a particular subject for one hour per week. Requests for private peer tutors are made in the counseling office. NHS tutoring begins after the first quarter's interim grades have been determined. Math tutoring by Mu Alpha Theta students is available as well. Please see your math teacher for days and times. Some teachers offer group tutoring at various times, and all teachers will meet with individual students before and after school when possible. It is the responsibility of the student to contact a teacher for extra assistance. Families who wish to hire a private tutor may request a list of tutors from the counseling office, but Archbishop McNicholas High School does not endorse any specific providers. Contracts with tutors are a private matter between the family and tutor.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL/TUTORING PROGRAM**

Archbishop McNicholas will only accept up to five (5) credits gained in any duly accredited summer school program toward the total credit requirement for graduation. The minimum number of hours for tutoring and outside study assignment are set by the state and a school-administered examination may be required before credit can be given. Archbishop McNicholas' summer school schedule can be obtained by calling the Counseling Office (231-3500 ext. 5128).

### **FEES FOR SPECIAL COURSES**

If there is a fee for a course that will be explained to the students at the time of registering for class.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

The scheduling of enriching opportunities for students is encouraged, but procedures must be followed that allow other teachers to make minimal adjustments in their planning. The extra-school activity (including athletic tournaments, etc.) must be scheduled through the Director of Curriculum for approval at least two weeks prior to its occurrence. All trips are subject to the discretion of the Principal and the Director of Curriculum. The field trip will be put on the master calendar, thereby notifying all teachers involved. Clear preparation as to the educational purpose of the field trip must be done with all participating students. Follow-up activities should be planned. Field trips during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter are strongly discouraged.

The teacher scheduling the field trip is required to

- send a list of all students participating in the field trip to the Director of Student Life, the attendance officer, the forms manager, and ALL teachers at least one week prior to the day of the trip. If possible, provide student ID numbers along with names to the forms manager.
- fill out the details on the Field Trip/Activity Permission Form (updated 2/2017) and pass out to students for parent signature. Permission forms must be returned to the requesting teacher at least 24 hours before the activity. Students not returning the form may NOT participate.
- get Emergency Medical Authorization cards for each student from the forms manager.
- take attendance on the day of the activity and report absentees to the attendance officer before the trip begins.
- bring permission forms and EMA cards to the activity and keep them in your possession at all times during the out-of-school activity. Forms must also be kept on file for 7 years.
- retake attendance at the end of the field trip to ensure that all students have returned to school safely.

As stated on the Permission Form, emergency medical information for each student will be drawn from FinalForms so that parents are not required to provide the same information for multiple activities.

Any teacher has the right to question a student's participation in a field trip or extra-school activity for lack of performance in his/her class. Students allowed to participate in the field trip and whose names are on the requesting teacher's list should NOT be counted absent on the regular teacher's attendance report form. Students on academic ineligibility list may NOT go on field trips. There should be 1 VIRTUS trained adult per 20 students, with a minimum of 2 VIRTUS trained adults.

Transportation for all field trips must be either by chartered bus, the school van, or parent-driven cars. Only authorized professional personnel employed by Archbishop McNicholas High School can drive the school van. Payment of the bus service must be coordinated with the Business Office. Generally the transportation cost is divided equally among the students. All funds must be collected in advance of the trip. **STUDENTS MAY NOT DRIVE TO FIELD TRIPS.** Students are to be in full school uniform for field trips unless the administration has agreed to an exception.

Assignments for classes of the teachers that are participating in the field trip must be given to the designated person at least two days prior to the trip. Students on any field trip are totally responsible for the content of all classes missed.

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 4 Theology
- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Math
- .5 Health
- .5 Physical Education
- 1 Fine Arts
- 4 Electives
- 24 TOTAL CREDITS
- 40 Service Hours
- Senior Retreat

(1 credit = 1 full year course work)

Pass applicable state testing.

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

Students who fail two or more courses (semester or full year) in a given year may be placed on Academic Probation for the following school year. Students who have failed more than one class, or who have accumulated several failures over a two year period, or students whose attendance record jeopardizes academic credit, may be placed on academic probation. Academic Probation means the student's grades, effort, and attendance will be carefully monitored the following year. McNicholas High School reserves the right to withdraw students who continue to fail courses or otherwise violate the intent of academic probation.

Transfer students are automatically placed on academic probation to ensure that they are fully adapting to McNicholas and succeeding academically. All rights of the school are maintained.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULARS**

To participate in extra-curricular activities at Archbishop McNicholas High School, students must adhere to academic standards set by the school, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is important that the student place primary importance on classroom performance; therefore, all students will be evaluated at regular intervals. Any questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the Director of Curriculum.

## **QUARTERLY ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, a student must receive passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses in the immediately preceding grading period. A student must receive passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent during the fourth (4th) quarter to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities during the first quarter of the following school year. Summer school grades earned may NOT be used to substitute for failing grades from the fourth (4th) quarter of the regular school year. Parents and students will be notified at the end of each academic quarter if the student is ineligible for extra-curricular participation the following quarter. Incoming freshmen must have passed 75% of their core courses in the eighth grade in order to be eligible for the first quarter of high school.

## **INTRA-QUARTERLY ELIGIBILITY**

Archbishop McNicholas High School conducts an academic review every two weeks beginning in September and continuing through May. Students who are failing two or more classes are placed on PROBATION and are notified in writing that they have two weeks to bring up their grades. If the student is still failing two or more classes after the two-week probationary period, the student is placed on the INELIGIBLE list and is not permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activity for two weeks and parents are notified in writing. Every two weeks coaches/moderators and teachers receive the names of students who are ineligible or on probation. It is possible for a student to fall under the state guidelines without having been through the intra-quarterly process.

## **YEARLY ELIGIBILITY**

Archbishop McNicholas High School requires that students stay on track for graduation to participate in extra-curricular activities from year to year. If appropriate and sufficient credits are NOT earned, the student may NOT participate in any extra-curricular activity for the entire academic year. Summer school credits will be considered on an individual basis.

# **GRADING AND TESTING INFORMATION**

## **GRADING SCALE**

Numerical grades are assigned each quarter and for each semester examination. First and second quarters and the first semester exam grades determine the first semester average with quarter grades counting twice as much as the exam grade. The same procedure is used to determine the second semester average. If it is a full year course, all four quarters and both semester exams determine the final average. Credit for each course is awarded according to state standards. The grade equivalencies are as follows: 93%-100% = A; 85%-92% = B; 75%-84% = C; 70%-74% = D; below 70% = F.

## **WEIGHTED GRADING**

Advanced Placement courses, Honors courses, and several higher level college prep courses are weighted for difficulty. Weighted values for individual grades are not printed on report cards or transcripts.

## **HONOR ROLL**

The honor roll is a way of recognizing academic achievement for those students who attain specified marks. To be



eligible, a student

- 1) must earn unweighted grade no lower than 75% in each class and
- 2) be enrolled in a minimum of 6 classes in the quarter (a minimum of 5 classes if enrolled in the SAIL Program).

There are three levels of honor roll status. Each requires the above criteria as well as the specified marks below.

**Dean's List** is reserved for students who are enrolled in a minimum of three weighted courses (freshmen must have at least two weighted courses), and achieve a weighted average of 95%.

**First Honors** is achieved by earning a weighted average of 93%.

**Second Honors** is achieved by earning a weighted average of 85%.

Any student who earns honor roll status in three of the four quarters of a year is eligible for a scholastic letter award presented during the awards program in May. A Four Year Scholar Award is presented to seniors who have achieved this each year.

## **CLASS RANK**

Class Rank is determined at the end of each semester and is based on the cumulative GPA of each student. The highest GPA is ranked first and so on. Weighted GPAs and weighted class ranks are used only for honor roll determination, National Honor Society membership eligibility, Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection, and on college applications where the weighted numbers are to the individual student's advantage. Weighted grades for individual courses are not printed on report cards. Weighted ranks, and cumulative weights are reported on report cards and transcripts.

## **VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN CRITERIA**

The formula for determining valedictorian/salutatorian are as follows:

1. Grades earned over 7 semesters and the third quarter of senior year are used.
2. Student must have attended McNicholas for a minimum of 6 semesters.
3. A student must have completed a minimum of three Advanced Placement courses.
4. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision based on weighted grade point average (GPA), the number of and level of classes taken, or any other mitigating circumstances. Completion and success in Advanced Placement and honors courses will be given priority.
5. In the event of an exact tie in all aspects, there can be more than one valedictorian and/or salutatorian.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The Archbishop McNicholas chapter of National Honor Society follows the selection guidelines of the constitution of the N.H.S. Junior and senior students achieving a minimum weighted GPA of 90% are notified that they are eligible to apply in September. Selection for membership is an honor bestowed by a committee of faculty members. The membership application requires proof of character, scholarship, leadership, and service within our school and the broader community. Continued membership requires on-going service to the school, and the upholding of academic excellence.

McNicholas has local chapters of the following subject-specific National Honor Societies:

- French National Honor Society
- International Thespian Society
- Latin National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics)
- National Art Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Spanish National Honor Society

Entrance into these Honor Societies is set by individual departments in compliance with national guidelines.

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM ENTRANCE AND EXIT PROCEDURE**

Students enrolled in AP courses are committed to a full year membership in the class. However, should circumstances warrant a means of exit, a written request for withdrawal directed to the student's school counselor is initiated by the student or AP teacher. The student, parents, teacher, and school counselor meet to discuss the decision. If a neutral party is needed to participate in the meeting, the AP Coordinator may be invited. In cases where a consensus cannot be reached, the Director of Curriculum or the Principal will intervene.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

The administration establishes the schedule for 1st and 3rd quarter test weeks and end of semester examinations. Semester examinations may not be taken early unless the student presents written permission to the teacher from the administration. If a student has not been able to take a semester exam due to illness by the end of the examination schedule, the student must make arrangements with the counseling office. It is not the policy of McNicholas High School to permit vacations during the school year for any reason; this may not be cause for missing an exam. Students who have a 92.5 average or better in any academic course may be exempt from taking the second semester exam. In addition to grade average, attendance will be considered. Students with excessive absences may be required to take exams regardless of exemption. With good cause, a teacher may request that a student's name be removed from the exemption list prior to senior exam days.

Students are not permitted to take tests with private outside tutors. Provisions for extended time or special accommodations will be made through the classroom teacher or the counseling office. (This policy does not affect those students in the SAIL Program. They will take tests with the SAIL tutor in cases where this is a part of their formal Service Plan.)

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Students are responsible for all books issued to them and any books lost or severely damaged will be charged to the student. Student's name clearly marked inside the front cover of the book. If online texts are used, teachers may distribute a home copy of the textbook and keep a classroom set for school use. At the end of the year, students are responsible for ALL books issued to them at the beginning of the year. No report cards/transcripts will be released to the student until textbooks are properly returned to the school. Diplomas will be held for missing textbooks or related fines.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be issued approximately one week after the end of each quarter. In order for parents to have an on-going record of quarterly achievement, the report card becomes the property of the parents and need not be returned to school. The report cards for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of the academic year will be distributed to the students during the school day. All fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home to the parents.

## **INCOMPLETES (I)**

It is the student's responsibility to see that an "I" or INCOMPLETE grade on a report card is removed. For the first three quarters of the school year, the student must make arrangements within one week after report cards are issued; at the end of the fourth quarter, the "I" must be removed no more than two weeks after the last official day of exams. Failure to comply will result in the "I" being automatically changed to a "60%" for quarter grades and to a "50%" for exams.

## **YEARLY PROMOTION**

Each year a student must be on track for graduation. The student must have enough credits to be promoted to the next year according to the following scale:

- Promoted to Grade 9 = graduation from 8th grade
- Promoted to Grade 10 = 6 credits
- Promoted to Grade 11 = 12 credits
- Promoted to Grade 12 = 18 credits

No student will be enrolled for a new school year who does not meet the above criteria.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

We encourage continuous communication between the teachers and the parents. In order to give the parents the opportunity to meet privately with their child's teachers, we have scheduled conference evenings once in the fall and once in the spring. Please see the school calendar for the exact dates and times.

All conferences are by appointment only. Appointments need to be made through email contact with the teacher. If the need arises to talk with the student's teachers during the school year at a time other than Parent/Teacher Conferences, please contact the teacher directly, preferably through email.

## OHIO'S STATE TESTS

All students at McNicholas High School will take the IOWA one day test in lieu of the state end of course exams in the spring of their freshmen year. Scores on the IOWA convert to a 1-5 scale that is used on the 7 state end of course tests. To receive a diploma in the state of Ohio, students must earn at least 18 points on these tests in addition to completing all required academic credits. Students are able to continue taking the IOWA throughout high school until all necessary points are earned.

## STUDENT CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is a matter of intellectual honesty and is necessary for true learning and academic success. Students who blatantly show a disregard for academic integrity sabotage their own acquisition of knowledge and may also face academic and disciplinary consequences. Students who **have** academic integrity are students who:

- Do their own work.
- Refrain from any practice that gives an unfair advantage, such as discussing test questions with students who will take the same test later.
- Use legitimate academic resources and carefully cite work that is not their own, such as lines, passages or quotes from legitimate reference material.
- Avoid aids that short cut the learning process including:
  - o the use of Spark's Notes, Cliff's notes, Monkey notes, etc. as a substitute for reading assigned literary works is forbidden. Such use provides an inadequate understanding of the literature and falsely represents a student's effort in the class and completion of the assignment.
  - o the use of electronic translators, unapproved calculators, or other aids gives the illusion of learning where it does not exist.

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY (CHEATING/PLAGIARISM)

Cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are student behaviors that will not be tolerated at any time. Teachers have the right to permanently confiscate unapproved aids and are required to document cases of cheating and plagiarism. Examples that require documentation and discipline include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Plagiarism, whether it be in the form of stealing a single line of text, quoting an entire passage, or passing off as one's own another writer's ideas. Any line or passage that is not properly cited is considered plagiarism.
- 2) Copying another student's class work or homework.
- 3) Using previously submitted work from another class.
- 4) Cheating on an exam/quiz, whatever the means.
- 5) Any violation of test rules established by the teacher.

Procedure to be followed by the faculty:

- a. When a student has cheated (including plagiarism) on an exam, test, report, essay, homework, etc., the student is to be given a "no credit" on that piece of work. This grade is to be included with all other grades when determining an "average." (If another student has willingly cooperated in the cheating incident, s/he is equally guilty.)
- b. The teacher is also required to do the following:
  1. Call the parent(s) of the student(s) and notify them of the incident and the "no credit."
  2. Send a report of the incident to the Director of Student Life's office:
    - a) Student(s) will be assigned Saturday work detail for the first offense.
    - b) Should a second cheating incident be reported during the academic year, the above procedure will be followed and the student will be subject to additional disciplinary action which may include Saturday work detail, suspension, or expulsion.
    - c) Cheating offenses remove a student from Mardi Gras nominating, voting, or court list.
    - d) Cheating offenses will remove a student from NHS and other Honor Societies.

### ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance and punctuality are necessary for a student to benefit from the entire school program. Students have a responsibility to attend school regularly, to be punctual, and to follow attendance procedures. Regular school attendance contributes to academic achievement and a lifelong work ethic. The process of learning is as valuable as the content mastered and, though not testable, is irreplaceable. Attendance is taken during each class period and is recorded in the

permanent record by the number of times each class is missed. With this in mind, parents are expected to be cooperative and honest in dealing with situations that interfere with regular school attendance.

When a student is absent from school for any reason, his/her parent must call the school (231-3500 ext. 5120) before 9:00 a.m. on each day the child is absent. The parent must provide the following information to the Attendance Officer or leave on voice mail: student's name, grade, reason for absence and a phone number where the parent may be contacted.

Absences lasting longer than one day should be reported each day unless a circumstance such as hospitalization has been reported.

#### EXCUSED ABSENCE

The state of Ohio recognizes the following as excused absences:

1. Personal illness or unavoidable medical appointment
2. Illness in the family
3. Death of a relative
4. Legal court appointments
5. A transportation emergency
6. College showcase tournaments

McNicholas High School recognizes college days as excused absences in accordance with our College Visitation Policy found on page 28. Parents must call in at least one week in advance and report a student's absence for college days and/or special events such as athletic showcases and tournaments. Teachers will work with students to make-up work resulting from an excused absence. In the case of a foreseeable excused absence, arrangements for make-up work should be made ahead of time. Students are expected to make up all work that is missed during an absence. Teachers will not be required to issue the work prior to the absences.

Test and quizzes that are missed during an absence are to be made up within the number of days absent (i.e. 2 days absent = 2 days to make-up), if a test is missed it will be made up the next day. Parents of students who are absent for an extended period of time because of illness should notify the main office and the counseling office so that arrangements can be made to get assignments from the student's teachers. School sponsored activities such as retreats and field trips do not count as absences.

#### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are those that do not fall into any of the above categories.

Teachers are required to provide make-up work only for those students who will miss class due to illness or extreme family circumstances. We ask that a parent be as specific as possible when making a request/giving an explanation for a student's absence from school.

An unexcused absence, as determined by the McNicholas administration, is an absence not backed by a doctor's note or other legal papers.

Absence due to vacation or non-school related activity is discouraged and may be considered unexcused if prior notification is not given to the school. Students must accept the responsibility for such an absence and obtain makeup work. The faculty at Archbishop McNicholas is neither compelled nor responsible to provide make-up work in advance of a family vacation or non-school related activity occurring over several days. Please note that the student's academic and attendance standing will be taken into consideration and may influence the decision to deem the requested days as excused or unexcused, even with prior notification. Please contact the Director of Student Life in these situations at least two weeks prior to the planned absence.

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#### EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Absences are considered excessive when they exceed 10 per school year.

Please note: while it is NOT required that medical verification be submitted for each and every doctor's appointment on school time or absences due to illness. Administration may require medical verification on file. It is the responsibility of the student and parent(s) to monitor the total number of absences within the quarter, the semester, and the year.

Special item to note: Class absences due to tardiness or early dismissal do count toward the total.

The administration has the final power to approve the reasons for any absences. Students failing to explain excessive absences may receive a lower grade.

If a student is absent from school for more than half a day, s/he may not participate in any extracurricular activities on the day of the absence, unless s/he has permission from the Director of Student Life. This applies to rehearsals, practices, games, meetings, etc.

The administration of Archbishop McNicholas High School reserves the right to determine/review any special situation that may arise regarding attendance. Students with chronic attendance issues will be placed on Academic Probation the following year.

### **TARDY POLICY**

The school day begins promptly at 7:40 a.m. with the first period. A warning bell will ring at 7:30 a.m. each morning to remind students that they have 10 minutes to get to their assigned first period class. Students who are not in class by 7:40 are tardy and will need to report to the Director of Student Life for an admit slip. A tardy will result in 1 deremit.

### **TRUANCY**

Truancy is defined as absence from school without school and/or parental knowledge and consent. Sanctions for truancy include

1. Written notification to parents
2. Student must make up all class time missed
3. Saturday Work Detail; loss of lunch time privileges; and/or detentions
4. Failing grade for quizzes, tests, and/or class assignments missed as a result of the truancy

### **STUDENT ARRIVAL AND CLASS CHANGE INFORMATION**

Students coming to school prior to 7:30 a.m. should report directly to the Café, lobby, or library. Once a student arrives at school, either by bus, private car, or on foot, s/he becomes the responsibility of the school and must go directly inside the building and remain there.

Students may not be in classroom hallways during school hours (7:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.) except during class change or with a hall pass. Lockers may be used before school, after classes, and after school. Students are not permitted at their lockers during the lunch periods. Loitering in the halls, restrooms, parking lots, etc., is strictly prohibited. The school library is normally open at 7:00 a.m. each morning and closes at 5:00 p.m.. Quiet study, quiet group study, and tutoring are appropriate activities in the library. Students should not be loitering in the lobby and hallways after 3:00 p.m. Students staying on campus after 3p.m. and not under the supervision of a moderator, director, or coach need to report to the library

### **EARLY DISMISSALS**

If a student must leave school before the normal dismissal time because of an appointment or other family emergency, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Submit a note from the parent (including parental signature) to the attendance officer the morning of the early dismissal and receive an early dismissal slip.
2. Sign out in the main office before leaving school and present the early dismissal slip to the attendance officer.
3. If the student returns to school that same day, s/he must sign back in at the main office and present medical verification to receive a return to class slip.
4. Any periods missed due to an early dismissal are counted against a student's four (4) absences per quarter.

Every effort should be made to schedule routine medical and dental appointments after school hours. No student will be permitted to leave school early unless these steps have been followed. The school reserves the right to deny early dismissals.

**STUDENT GUESTS:** Students may not bring guests to school during ordinary school hours.

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICIES**

It is expected that Archbishop McNicholas students will be appropriately dressed and well-groomed at all times during the school day. The following dress standards are established as guidelines for students during the 2017-2018 school year. Final determination of the appropriateness of any student's dress will be made by the administration. Students who fail

to comply with the dress code will receive the appropriate demerits for each violation in accordance to our Progressive Demerit System.

## **GIRLS**

**SKIRT:** Uniform plaid skirt of modest length (the skirt length should not exceed 2 inches above the knee) purchased through the Rocket Shop. Parents are asked to check this to avoid problems when skirt length is checked at school. Rolling the waistband is not permitted. Skirts must be buttoned and zipped at all times.

**SHIRT/TOP:** Uniform polo shirt in white, grey, or hunter green (with Archbishop McNicholas logo), short or long sleeved. Tucked-in shirts are strongly encouraged. Any untucked shirt deemed sloppy in appearance will be asked to be appropriately tucked in.

**T-SHIRTS:** White or gray T-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform polo but must be tucked in.

**PANTS:** Dress pants in tan only. No denim-style, corduroy, cargo-style or capri slacks. No pockets on the outside of the pants. Pants are to be worn at the waist at all times. Belts are encouraged.

**SHORTS:** Uniform shorts, not to exceed 2 inches above the knee, in tan only, will be permitted throughout the year. Shorts must be worn at the waist at all times. No denim, denim-style, corduroy, cargo-style or capri shorts allowed.

**PERSONAL GROOMING:** The student must be neat and clean in appearance. Eccentric hair styles/ colors are not permitted. Visible tattoos and body-piercing are not permitted. Modest earrings may be worn. The administration reserves the right to decide if any hair style, hair color, jewelry, accessories, or other appearance is/are inappropriate for the school atmosphere.

## **BOYS**

**PANTS:** Dress pants in tan only. No denim-style, corduroy, cargo-style slacks. No pockets on the outside of the pants. Pants are to be worn at the waist at all times. Belts are encouraged.

**SHORTS:** Uniform shorts, not to exceed 2 inches above the knee, in tan only, will be permitted throughout the year. Shorts must be worn at the waist at all times. No denim, denim-style, corduroy, cargo-style shorts allowed.

**SHIRTS:** Uniform polo shirt in white, grey, or hunter green (with Archbishop McNicholas logo), short or long sleeved. Tucked in shirts are strongly encouraged. Any untucked shirt deemed sloppy in appearance will be asked to be appropriately tucked in..

**T-SHIRTS:** White or gray T-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform polo but must be tucked in.

**PERSONAL GROOMING:** The student must be neat and clean in appearance. Boys are to be clean shaven every day. Eccentric hair styles/colors are not permitted. Hair must be trimmed no longer than above the eyes, bottom of the ears and top of the collar. Visible tattoos and body-piercing are not permitted. Earrings are not permitted during school hours. The administration reserves the right to decide if any hair style, hair color, jewelry, accessories, or other appearance is/are inappropriate for the school atmosphere.

## **BOYS/GIRLS**

**SWEATSHIRT:** The official school sweatshirts in white, hunter green, or grey are permitted. Sweatshirts are to be worn over uniform polo shirt. Sweat pants are not permitted. Fleece pullovers with quarter zipper or hoodies with the school logo purchased through the Rocket Shop and/or through McNicholas athletics, clubs or programs are permitted.

**SOCKS:** Socks must be worn above the ankle. Socks must match the uniform. Leggings that are mid-calf or below are permitted in black, navy and grey. Hose and tights acceptable for girls can be flesh-tone, black, navy or grey. Sweat pants under the uniform skirt is prohibited.

**SHOES:** Dress shoes or gym shoes may be worn. Shoes must have a back. High heels may not be worn.

**COATS/HATS:** NO outside jackets/coats/vests are to be worn inside the building during school hours. Coats/hats/bandanas are not permitted.

**SPIRIT DAYS** (Every Friday or the last Day of the Week): During Spirit Days, students are permitted to wear Archbishop McNicholas Shirt/Top with the normal school bottom. If a student chooses not to wear a Spirit Top then the normal uniform polo shirt in white , grey, or hunter green (with Archbishop McNicholas logo), sort or long sleeved must be worn. Any untucked shirt deemed sloppy in appearance will be asked to be appropriately tucked in. Non-McNicholas gear is prohibited. Any non-McNicholas gear/apparel will be asked to be removed or turned inside out.

**JEANS DAY ATTIRE:** Jeans Days will coincide with a Spirit Day therefore only a Spirit Top will be allowed. Overalls are not permitted. Jean shorts are not permitted. Students must wear an Archbishop McNicholas t-shirt or sweatshirt, or a regular uniform shirt.

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

We believe that a mature person is recognized for the respect s/he demonstrates toward all persons and for property. Because a high school education is intended to lead to this maturity, a mutual respect for all individuals, students as well as teachers and administrators, is imperative in an educational community.

Archbishop McNicholas High School believes that learning, by its very nature, is a disciplinary process; therefore, means must be used to aid those who cannot discipline themselves. For this purpose, a discipline system is used. In addition, this system makes possible a record of student conduct.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Archbishop McNicholas High School adopts rules and regulations designed to provide an orderly operation within the high school. A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action by authorized school personnel.

Archbishop McNicholas High School adheres to the philosophy that as students' progress through the grade levels, more and more emphasis is to be placed on the development of self-discipline. However, all students are considered to be responsible for their actions. Thus, the disciplinary measures that are used are aimed toward the student's development of a positive attitude towards self, others, and society. Repeated rule violations may necessitate a change in the method of discipline.

This code meets the intent of the Ohio Revised Code that requires each school to adopt a set of rules and regulations designed to maintain order and discipline necessary for effective learning. Archbishop McNicholas High School's primary concern is that students who wish to learn can do so in an environment conducive to learning and that every available disciplinary and prescriptive means be employed on behalf of those who would destroy or deny such an environment.

We expect our students to be responsible, honest, and respectful, and to uphold high standards of personal conduct. The following regulations address many student guidelines and responsibilities but are not meant to cover every foreseeable circumstance that may occur. Please read the following regulations carefully and observe them faithfully.

Students are responsible for the good name of the school. Students who bring discredit to themselves and to the school through any unlawful activity, either a civil or criminal violation, which occurs either on or off school property, not only makes the student subject to penalties which the courts may impose but may also result in serious disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from school. The school administration need not wait for the results of court proceedings to take independent action.

Students who engage in activities that are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church or that reflect poorly upon the good name and reputation of Archbishop McNicholas High School are subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including expulsion.

The Administration reserves the right to handle any disciplinary and eligibility matters in a reasonable manner which is in the mutual best interest of the student and the school, even if it should fall outside the parameters specified here. The decision of the Administration in these matters is final.

### **PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM**

Archbishop McNicholas operates on a five demerit, cumulative scale of progressive discipline for minor infractions as defined below. A student's year end demerit total in the progressive discipline system will be reduce by half and become the baseline point level for the following school year. Major infractions (see below) will be handled separately on a case-by-case basis.

Progressive disciplinary measures taken as students accumulate disciplinary points are summarized as follows:

5 demerits:	One after school detention
10 demerits:	One after school detention
15 demerits:	One after school detention and One Saturday School
20 demerits:	Two after school detentions and One Saturday School
25+ demerits:	Referral to Administration and conference with parents/guardians

### **Disciplinary Demerits Credits**

Students who have accumulated demerits may receive credits to lessen the number of accumulated demerits. Credits can be earned two ways:

- 1) Students will have one demerit expunged from their record by the Director of Student Life every quarter starting with the second quarter every year after they have successfully completed a quarter with zero (0) disciplinary violations.
- 2) Students who accumulate disciplinary demerits may participate in community service as approved by the Director of Student Life and receive credits toward accumulated demerits. Community service participation should occur after the disciplinary infraction, and students must complete the Community Service form provided by the Director of Student Life in order to receive the demerit credits. Additionally, credits may not be earned in advance, banked, transferred in any way, or carried over to a succeeding year. Credits are at the full discretion of the Director of Student Life whose decision is final. Service hours used to reduce demerits cannot be used towards any other service requirement at Archbishop McNicholas High School.

### **Disciplinary Demerit Limits**

Regardless of credits earned, students may not receive more than fifteen (15) demerits per quarter, twenty (20) demerits per semester, or twenty-five (25) demerits per year. Students who reach these point levels will be subject to a conference with the Administration, who will recommend appropriate consequences, ranging from multiple Saturday detentions to withdrawal from Archbishop McNicholas High School.

Any pupil engaging in the types of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds of conduct listed below is subject to detentions, Saturday work detail, suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal from curricular or extra-curricular activities pursuant to Section 3313.661 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### **GENERAL STUDENT CONDUCT RULES**

The administration reserves the right to impose disciplinary measures for any behaviors deemed inappropriate, disrespectful, or dangerous to the members of the school community in addition to the types of conduct specifically prohibited by this code as follows:

#### **MINOR INFRACTIONS (includes but not limited to the following)**

1. Food, drinks (water bottles), and gum outside of the cafeteria at any time during the school day.
2. Use of cell phones at any time during the school day. Students may use their cell phone during their lunch period in the cafeteria and library only. (Students who need to use the phone may do so in the main office).
3. Disregard of reasonable directions or commands by school authorities including school administrators and teachers.
4. Any disruption of or interference with school activities.
5. Presence in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of the school administration or teacher (out-of-bounds). This also includes student parking lots.
6. Chronic misbehavior which disrupts or interferes with any school activity.



7. Use of indecent, obscene and/or profane language in oral or written form, including electronic devices.
8. Violation of Acceptable Use Policy.
9. Failure to report to teacher.
10. Misconduct during Liturgy.
11. Misconduct in Café.
12. Tardy to school.
13. Overdue library book/fine.
14. Improper or suggestive dress. Any violation of dress standards.
15. Tardiness to class

MAJOR INFRACTIONS (includes but not limited to the following)

1. Damage or destruction of school or private property on or off school premises or in areas controlled by the school including property belonging to administrators, teachers, board members, or other school related personnel on or off school property (vandalism).
2. Assault on a school employee, student, or other person on school premises, while in the custody or control of the school, or in the course of a school-related activity.
3. Fighting.
4. Leaving school during school hours without permission of the proper school authority.
5. Distribution of pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, or any material by any means i.e. electronic, without the permission of the proper school authorities.
6. Demonstrations by individuals or groups causing disruption to the school program.
7. Disrespect to a teacher or other school authority.
8. Skipping detention/Saturday work detail.
9. Refusing to take detention or other properly administered discipline.
10. Falsifying of information given to school authorities in the legitimate pursuit of their jobs, and/or forgery of school related documents.
11. Buying, selling, using, possessing, or showing signs of consumption of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.); or buying, selling, using, possessing, or showing signs of consumption of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that you think is a controlled substance.)
12. Buying, selling, transferring or using any drug, medication, inhalant, or other substance which can be taken internally where the student or students involved cannot show a legitimate health or other reason for the use of such substances.
13. Possessing, using, or showing signs of consumption of any alcoholic beverage, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or intoxicant of any kind. A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal, or show signs of consumption of non-medicinal drugs, narcotics, tobacco, or e cigarettes on school grounds and/or at school sponsored activities. Smoking, drinking, and the use of drugs are violations of school rules and will not be tolerated.
14. Turning in a false fire, tornado, bomb, or disaster alarm.
15. Placing of signs and slogans on school property/tablets without the permission of the proper authorities.
15. Extortion of a pupil or school personnel.
16. Truancy from class or school.
17. Cheating or plagiarizing.
18. Gambling.
19. Engaging in sexual acts on school premises.
20. Publication, distribution, and possession of obscene, pornographic, or libelous material, including electronics.
21. Indecent exposure.
22. Arson. Improper use of fire.
23. Disregard of driving or parking conditions and regulations while on school premises.

24. Presence on school property with a communicable disease.
25. Willfully aiding another person to violate school regulations.
26. Theft or possession of stolen items.
27. Threats, intimidation, harassment and hazing (verbal, written, or electronic). For clarification, see "Sexual Harassment Policy" and Anti-Harassment and Anti-Hazing Policy."
28. Any activity which creates an unsafe situation.
29. Possession of fire ignition devices on school property.
30. Possession of laser pointers on school property.
31. Any other activity by a student that the student knows or should know will disrupt the academic process or a curricular or extra-curricular activity while on school premises or while in the control or custody of the school regardless of whether on or off of school premises, or at a school related activity regardless of location.
32. Commission by a student of any crime in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code, or the Ohio Juvenile Code on school premises or while in the control or custody of the school regardless of whether on or off of school premises, or at a school related activity regardless of location.
33. Any type of prohibited activity listed herein engaged in by a student on school premises, on a school bus, or while in the control or custody of the school regardless of whether on or off school premises, or at a school related activity regardless of location, shall be reason for expulsion, suspension, removal from school, or other disciplinary action.
34. Conveying or possessing dangerous weapons or dangerous ordinance on school property, at school functions, or in a school vehicle. If a student brings a firearm on school property, in a school vehicle, or to any school sponsored event, the principal shall expel that student from school.
35. Major or Excessive Violations of Acceptable Use Policy.

#### OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT CODE

Although the school cannot assume responsibility for a student's conduct when s/he is outside the school's jurisdiction, students should remember that at all times they are responsible for the good name of Archbishop McNicholas High School. A student involved in off-campus conduct prejudicial to the reputation of the school is liable to severe disciplinary action, including expulsion.

McNicholas High School reserves the right to impose consequences for inappropriate behavior that takes place on or off campus and after school hours. Thus, inappropriate use of technology (for example, on a home computer), may subject the student to consequences. Inappropriate use includes harassment, use of school name, remarks directed to or about faculty/staff, offensive communications, safety threats, displaying and/or promoting drug and alcohol use. Disciplinary consequences include detention, probation, suspension and/or dismissal.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Sexual harassment has no place at Archbishop McNicholas High School, whether between the supervisor and the supervised, between co-workers, between employees and students, between students or between any student or employee and a member of the public visiting the school.

For the purpose of this policy, sexual harassment is defined as follows:

"... the solicitation of sexual activity or references to sexual themes in a manner which the offender knows or should know is offensive to the listener or observer."

In the event that any employee or student of the school is suspected of sexual harassment occurring on school property or occurring off school property, but involving the possibility of coercion due to the non-offender's status as an employee or student, the school administration shall promptly investigate the allegation. Any employee of the school who becomes aware of, or suspects activity constituting sexual harassment, shall immediately report it.

Complaints or information regarding sexual harassment shall be directed to the principal or her designee who shall have a duty and the authority to conduct an independent investigation of the matter. All information or complaints shall be investigated in a manner that preserves confidentiality to the maximum practical extent, recognizing that the thoroughness of the investigation is not to be compromised.

The administration shall then take such preventive, remedial or disciplinary action as the circumstances warrant, up to and including termination or expulsion, following established procedures.

## **HARASSMENT / BULLYING / HAZING POLICY**

It is the policy of Archbishop McNicholas High School that harassing, bullying, and hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any harassing, bullying, and hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage, or engage in any harassing, bullying or hazing. Harassing / bullying is defined as “any act, physical, verbal, or cyber which is demeaning, threatening and/or harmful to another person”. Hazing is defined as “doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person”. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing and/or harassment/bullying does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Administrators, faculty members, and all other employees of the school shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances, or events that might include harassing/bullying or hazing. If harassing, bullying, and hazing or planned harassing, bullying, and hazing is discovered, involved students shall be informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and shall be required to end all harassing, bullying and hazing activities immediately. The school employee shall inform the director of Student Life of said incident. If any student feels or a faculty/parent has reason to believe harassment, bullying, and/or hazing is taking place, they should report it to the Director of Student Life who will investigate. All information or complaints shall be investigated in a manner that preserves confidentiality to the maximum practical extent, recognizing that the thoroughness of the investigation is not to be compromised. The results of the investigation concerning the harassing, bullying and/or hazing incident shall be reported to the school principal.

Administrators, faculty members, students, and all other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio Law.

## **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Cell phones are to be turned off and out of sight from 7:40 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. with one exception. Cell phones may be used in the Cafe/Student Union and library during lunch only. Students who do not abide by this rule will receive a Saturday work detail and only a parent or guardian can make arrangements to retrieve confiscated cell phones. If it is vital that you contact your student during school hours, please do so through the main office. If a student is suspected of engaging in the practice of “sexting” (sending sexually explicit messages or photographs, primarily between mobile phones), the police will be called and the investigation will be turned over to the police.

## **DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

The most commonly used disciplinary measures are detentions, Saturday work detail, suspension, probation, and expulsion. Disciplinary measures which may be used by authorized school personnel for a student’s violation of the above rules include the following:

1. Reprimand - verbal and/or written
2. Student conference
3. Denial of privileges
4. Detentions
5. Parent conference
6. Discipline report to be placed in permanent records
7. Payment for damages incurred
8. Additional work assignments
9. Emergency removal from class/school
10. Saturday work detail
11. Suspension (out of school/in school)
12. Suspension until professional assessment indicates return
13. Referral to appropriate social agencies including Juvenile Court
14. Community service
15. Production
16. Other reasonable and appropriate disciplinary alternatives.
17. Expulsion

The administration of Archbishop McNicholas High School reserves the right to levy disciplinary measures on any offense of misconduct of an over-all school nature, even though not mentioned specifically in the above rules and regulations.

## **DETENTION INFORMATION**

1. A student may receive a detention for infractions of the rules of good conduct of Archbishop McNicholas High School

- while at school or at any school sponsored activity. The teacher or adult in charge will fill out a discipline referral form indicating the nature of the offense. The Director of Student Life will assign the appropriate penalty. All referral forms and detention forms sent home are to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned the next school day.
2. Students must serve their detentions from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the designated room on the day or day after issuance.
  3. Detention meets Monday through Friday, unless cancelled by the administration.
  4. Detention is to be served in absolute silence or the student may study in silence, unless a work detail is assigned. Failure to comply will constitute "misconduct during detention" and may result in the original detention being served again and additional detentions and/or Saturday work detail issued.
  5. Multiple detentions must be served consecutively.
  6. Parents may request a meeting with the Director of Student Life regarding disciplinary issues any time they consider it beneficial to them or the student.

### **SATURDAY WORK DETAIL**

Saturday work detail is held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Saturday work details are assigned by a member of the administrative staff. Parents will be notified by letter of the date their son/daughter is to serve the Saturday work detail. Failure to attend Saturday work detail will lead to a second Saturday work detail and possibly a suspension. The fee is \$25 per student per Saturday work detail and should be paid to the Director of Student Life when the student returns the signed referral. A receipt will be issued. Any student who is tardy, does not work, is defiant or confrontational, and/or uncooperative will be dismissed from Saturday work detail. Any student dismissed from Saturday work detail will receive no credit for time served. The student will be rescheduled to make up the work detail and an additional work detail and/or suspension will be assigned.

### **SUSPENSION PROCEDURES**

The following guidelines will be adhered to in all cases involving the suspension of a student from school for a period of ten or fewer school days, and these guidelines will also apply to a student suspended from a co-curricular offering. The emergency removal section of this provision shall not be limited to these guidelines.

The principal, or the Director of Student Life may suspend a student as follows:

- 1) provide the student with a written notice of charges on a form entitled, "Notice of Intent to Suspend" to be signed by the student.
- 2) provide the student the opportunity to acknowledge or deny the charges at an informal hearing with the Director of Student Life and to sign the "Acknowledgement of Due Process" form.

If the administrator determines as a result of the hearing that the student should be suspended, then within twenty-four (24) hours of the suspension, the parent, guardian, or custodian of the student shall be contacted and sent notice in writing. The notice shall include the reasons for the suspension and the right of the pupil, parent, guardian, or custodian to appeal the action to the principal.

The principal may hold the hearing. The principal may affirm the suspension, or the pupil may be reinstated, the action reversed, vacated, or modified.

A summary record of all appeals heard by the principal will be required. The student remains suspended for the duration of the suspension until action is taken on the appeal.

### **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS/PENALTIES DUE TO A SUSPENSION**

1. Students who are suspended for less than three days are required to make up any missing assignments and to make up any tests or quizzes that are missed during the suspension on the day they return from the suspension. Students are responsible for getting missed assignments.
2. Students who are suspended three to ten days will be assisted by their school counselor in attaining the work that will be missed during the time of their suspension. Students will be required to turn in all work missed during the time of their suspension on the day of their return and are required to make up any missed tests or quizzes within three days of their return.
3. Students may not receive a grade higher than a 69% on any work made up during the suspension, i.e., tests taken following a suspension will be graded and scores below 69% will be recorded based on actual score and scores above 69% will be recorded at a 69% which is the highest "F." Students who fail to make-up missed tests when they return from a suspension will be given a "0" and lose the opportunity to salvage a 69% in making up a missed test.

### **EXPULSION PROCEDURES**

Only the principal is authorized to expel a student from Archbishop McNicholas High School.

Students may be expelled or be permanently withdrawn from Archbishop McNicholas High School in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) The principal will write an "Intent to Expel Notice" to the pupil and his/her parents, guardian, or custodian stating the specific reason(s) for the intended expulsion, i.e., off-campus violation, etc.

- 2) The “Intent to Expel Notice” will include a date, time, and place for the parent, guardian, custodian, or representative to appear before the principal to appeal the expulsion and explain the student’s action.
- 3) Following the appeal hearing the principal will write a letter finalizing the decision to permanently withdraw, expel, or to reinstate the student.

### **EMERGENCY REMOVAL**

If the student’s presence poses a danger to any person or property and creates a threat or actual disruption to the academic process either within a classroom or elsewhere on the school premises, then:

The principal, Director of Student Life, counselor or teacher may remove the student from a curricular or extra-curricular activity.

A student may be directed to leave the school premises by an administrator. A teacher may not direct a student to leave the premises without consent of an administrator except when the activity is held at night-time, weekend, or over a holiday and an administrator is not present. In this case the teacher shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent before removing or directing the student to leave the premises.

If a teacher makes an emergency removal of a student from the class, the instructor is required to submit reasons for the removal to the Director of Student Life as quickly as possible but within twenty-four (24) hours.

The administration has the right to reinstate a student removed by a faculty member. This action will only be taken after careful deliberation.

If a student is removed from a class and will miss more than one full class period of class, an informal hearing will be held by the appropriate administrative officers of the school as soon as practical but within three (3) school days of the removal. Written notice of the hearing will be given to the student. Parental involvement in the hearing will be encouraged. The faculty member involved in the removal proceeding will be involved in the hearing.

### **RELEASE OF STUDENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**

Should law enforcement officials come to the school seeking a student, the principal (or Director of Student Life in the principal’s absence) follows a specified procedure to protect the rights of the student. The law enforcement personnel must present their credentials. The student will be brought to the main office and his/her parents called.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURES/POLICIES REGARDING BEHAVIOR/CONDUCT**

### **STUDENT PROPERTY INSPECTION**

School administrators may inspect any student’s property at any time for any reason without prior notice. This property includes, but is not limited to, desks, computers, and lockers. Additionally, any personal items are subject to inspection at any time and for any reason, without prior notice, as a condition of bringing them onto or taking them from the school’s premises. Such items include, but are not limited to, motor vehicles, packages, lunch boxes or lunch bags, containers, backpacks, duffel bags, book bags, briefcases, purses, and pockets. An inspection does not imply wrong-doing by the student being inspected. A student and his/her parent or guardian’s consent to inspection of personal items is a condition of enrollment and attendance at Archbishop McNicholas High School. Refusal to allow inspection may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, even for a first refusal.

### **SEARCH PROCEDURES**

A minimum of two staff members must be present in any search of individual students or property. Strip searches are not permitted.

The student is asked if there is anything he/she would like to show the staff members. The student is asked to open a closed desk/locker/car, etc., and remove the items. Any contraband must be put into a separate container. The student is asked to sign a statement that the items were found in his/her possession, stating where. The items must be taken to the Director of Student Life’s office where the principal becomes involved and parents are contacted. If nothing illegal is found, the student is thanked for his/her cooperation.

### **DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM**

In order to promote a drug free environment in our school, drug detecting dogs may be employed inside the building and on school grounds. Also, for the safety of our students, McNicholas reserves the right to use breathalizers / drug detecting devices at school and at all sponsored school events.

Archbishop McNicholas High School has adopted a drug prevention program that includes for students:

1. Age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs which address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and which provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.
2. A statement to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and

harmful.

3. Standards of conduct that are applicable to students and that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as part of any of its activities.
4. A clear statement that disciplinary sanctions consistent with local, state, and federal law, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the standards of conduct. A disciplinary sanction may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program.
5. Information about drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and re-entry programs that are available to students.
6. A requirement that parents and students be given a copy of the standards of conduct and a statement of disciplinary sanctions.
7. Notification to parents and students that complies with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

#### **DRUG/ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

1. Any student who sells or provides any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana) or sells or provides any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that you think is a controlled substance) to others on or off school premises shall be **EXPELLED**. The authorities will be notified and appropriate legal action taken.
2. Any student who comes to school or to a school-sponsored event under the influence of drugs, or is found to be in the possession of real or counterfeit controlled substance, shall be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days plus be required to undergo drug testing, assessment, and counseling. The authorities will be notified and appropriate legal action taken. The student will be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the year.
  - 2a. Any second infraction within the school year for use or possession of drugs or counterfeit drugs may result in expulsion from school. Any student that is not expelled will remain on probation for the remainder of the school year.
3. Any student who sells or provides alcohol to others on school premises, at school sponsored events, or elsewhere may be expelled. The authorities will be notified and appropriate legal action will be taken.
  - 3a. Any student who comes to school or to a school-sponsored event under the influence of alcohol, or is found to be in possession of alcohol/alcoholic beverage, shall be suspended from school for three to ten (3-10) days and may be reviewed for expulsion.
  - 3b. Any second infraction within the school year may result in expulsion from school. Any student that is not expelled will remain on probation for the remainder of the school year.
4. Any student who comes to school or to a school-sponsored event possessing or using tobacco/tobacco products shall be suspended from school for one to three (1-3) days plus Saturday work detail and may be reviewed for expulsion. The student will be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the year.
  - 4a. Any second infraction within the school year for use of tobacco/tobacco product will result in a three to ten (3-10) day suspension and expulsion from school may be recommended. Any student that is not expelled will remain on probation for the remainder of the school year.
5. Alcohol and/or drug use and/or possession at prom or any other school-sponsored event during the fourth (4th) quarter of a student's SENIOR year may result in the holding of the student's diploma and transcript until the following intervention procedures are completed. The senior student's participation in the graduation ceremony may also be denied.
6. When information is obtained that raises a reasonable suspicion that a student may be using or is in the possession of drugs and/or alcohol either in school or out of school the administration may require that the student schedule an assessment and/or drug test by an approved drug testing facility. The student may not return to school until the results of the test or proof of a scheduled assessment have been received. Failure to comply with this request for a drug test will result in the student being requested to withdraw from Archbishop McNicholas.

#### **NOTE: OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT CODE**

Although the school cannot assume responsibility for a student's conduct when s/he is outside the school's jurisdiction, students should remember that at all times they are responsible for the good name of Archbishop McNicholas High School. A student involved in off-campus conduct prejudicial to the reputation of the school is liable to severe disciplinary action, including expulsion.

#### **DRUG/ALCOHOL INTERVENTION PROCEDURES**

7. In cases where the student is NOT expelled from Archbishop McNicholas High School, the student MUST strictly adhere to the following in order to remain a member of the student body:
  - a) agree to take a drug screen at a health center approved by Archbishop McNicholas High School
  - b) complete a professional assessment by a certified drug and alcohol counselor if the school deems necessary

- c) the results of the professional assessment must be provided to Archbishop McNicholas High School along with any follow-up counseling or rehabilitation activity in which the student/parents will be involved
- d) additional drug screens may be required during the school year in order to remain a student at Archbishop McNicholas High School

## **STUDENT PREGNANCY POLICY**

Archbishop McNicholas High School stands behind the teachings of the Church in holding all human life sacred. Archbishop McNicholas also teaches and promotes Christian values regarding sexuality, the sacredness of marriage, and that sexual expression is appropriate only in the context of marriage. In light of these teachings, Archbishop McNicholas High School uses the following procedure in the event of a student pregnancy:

1. The counseling office must be informed of the pregnancy immediately. The school counselor will inform the administration. A meeting with a counselor, the student, and his/her parents will be scheduled to determine the course of action.
2. The school counselor will assist the student to maintain academic progress and to find appropriate resources as needed. For a student-mother, the counselor will provide these services with the health of the mother and baby in mind.
3. Professional counseling for the student in order to deal with the situation will be required. Limited funds will not be an obstacle to resources, as the school counselor will provide referrals to affordable and appropriate agencies. Documentation that professional counseling has occurred will be required.
4. Students are expected to comply with all school policies during the pregnancy including those regarding absenteeism and dress code. When it is no longer possible for the mother to wear a uniform, the student will wear maternity slacks consistent with the dress code and a maternity blouse with a straight hem consistent with the dress code. All other attire must also conform to the dress code.
5. Student-fathers are expected to provide support, personal and financial, to mother and child.
6. It is the school's expectation that a student-mother remain in school until the baby is born. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the student will return to school within two weeks after the birth of the child. The needs of a student-father at the time of the birth of his baby will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
7. Following the birth of the baby the counselor will continue to provide supportive counseling for the student whether the baby is placed for adoption or parented by the student.
8. Children of the students may not accompany the students to any Archbishop McNicholas school function. It is the expectation of Archbishop McNicholas High School that a student-parent is modest and private about the pregnancy and that her or his behavior is consistent with the new roles and responsibilities that accompany the bearing of children.
9. Since each case is considered individually and evaluated by the administration and counselor, decisions will be made as circumstances warrant. The administration reserves the right to limit a student-parent's involvement in extra-curricular activities and school representation both during and after the pregnancy. Other considerations are also possible at the discretion of the administration.
10. Any student involved in a second pregnancy will be required to withdraw from Archbishop McNicholas High School. These guidelines set forth for a student who has conceived a child will be considered on an individual basis. In general, however, compliance with the above practices will be expected of all student-parents.

## **MARRIAGE**

In accordance with Catholic teaching, marriage is a sacrament reserved for mature individuals. Since marrying at a young age could be an impediment to a sacramental union, McNicholas High School students may not be married while enrolled.

## **GENDER IDENTITY POLICY**

In Catholic schools, all curricular and extra-curricular activity is rooted in and consistent with, the principles of Catholic doctrine. Catholic schools:

- Support students with gender dysphoria by treating them with sensitivity, respect, mercy and compassion.
- Require that participation on school teams be according to biological sex.
- Require that names and pronouns be in accordance with the person's biological sex.
- Designate Catholic sex education, uniforms and gender appropriate dress, bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and sleeping accommodations on trips according to biological sex.
- Maintain names in school records according to the student's biological sex.
- Provide reasonable accommodation to a private bathroom for use by any student who desires increased privacy.
- In case of a specific request, consider in a compassionate way, on a case-by-case basis, the physical and psychological needs of a student based on the following questions:

1. What is the specific request of the student and/or parents?
2. Is the request in keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church?
3. Is the school reasonably able to accommodate the request?

## **LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Students regardless of age must live with their parents or legal guardian, unless other arrangements are approved by the administration.

## **LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER POLICIES**

### **HOURS**

The library is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise. Students who come to the library at lunch time or before or after school are expected to work quietly and maintain an atmosphere conducive to study and productive work. During class time, students must check in with a member of the library staff upon arrival and present a timed note from the classroom teacher. After checking in, students may not leave the library without consent. **Food and drink are not permitted in the library.** Failure to follow posted library rules may result in disciplinary action and loss of library privileges.

### **BOOKS AND FINES**

Students must present their school ID to check out a book during the school day. The fine for overdue books is \$0.10 per school day. The fine for overdue equipment such as cameras or e-readers is \$0.25 per school day. Overdue notices are sent to students via e-mail.

### **E-READERS**

The McNicholas library owns Simple Touch NOOK e-readers that are available for checkout. Each NOOK contains a variety of popular titles as well as classic literature.

A NOOK can be checked out by any student whose library account is in good standing (no fines or overdue items and no history of a delinquent account). A student who checks out a NOOK takes full responsibility for the NOOK device. If the item is lost, stolen, or broken while in the student's care, he/she will be responsible for the replacement fee of \$99.

A NOOK must be returned to a library staff member at the Circulation Desk. Do NOT place it in the book drop box or leave the NOOK on the Circulation Desk if a staff member is not present. Be cautious with the NOOK and keep the NOOK in its case at all times.

Students may NOT connect the NOOKs to a wireless network. Doing so may sync the NOOK with the library's other NOOKS and disrupt other readers' bookmarks and notes. Students may NOT connect the NOOK to their personal computers or register the NOOK at Barnes & Noble with a personal credit card to purchase items. If the library's registration is disturbed by a user, the user will be responsible for the replacement cost.

## **TABLET STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Archbishop McNicholas High School is providing students access to the school's electronic network. This network includes tablets for use by every McNicholas student, Internet access, computer services, videoconferencing, computer equipment and related equipment for educational purposes. The purpose of this network is to assist in preparing students for success in life and work in the 21st century by providing them with electronic access to a wide range of information and the ability to communicate with people throughout the world. This document contains the rules and procedures for students' acceptable use of the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

- The Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term "educational purpose" includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities.



- The Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. Archbishop McNicholas High School has the right to place reasonable restrictions on material that is accessed or posted throughout the network.
- Parent/guardian permission is required for all students under the age of 18. Access is a privilege — not a right.
- It is presumed that students will honor this agreement that they and their parent/guardian have signed. The school is not responsible for the actions of students who violate the standards as outlined in this policy.
- The school reserves the right to monitor all activity on this electronic network. Students will indemnify the school for any damage that is caused by students' inappropriate use of the network.
- Students are expected to follow the same rules, manners, morals, and common sense guidelines that are used with other daily school activities as well as the law in the use of Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network.

#### RULES Regarding Unacceptable Behavior

While utilizing any portion of the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network, unacceptable behaviors:

- Accessing the command prompt for any reason.
- Posting information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or danger of disruption.
- Engaging in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- Harassing another person. Harassment is defined as, “persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person”. If a student is told by a person to stop sending messages, they must stop.
- Knowingly or recklessly posting false or defamatory information about a person or organization.
- Using criminal speech or speech in the course of committing a crime such as threats to the president, instructions on breaking into computer networks, pornography, drug dealing, purchase of alcohol, gang activities, threats to an individual, etc.
- Using speech that is inappropriate in an educational setting or violates school rules.
- Abusing network resources such as sending chain letters or "spamming".
- Displaying, accessing or sending offensive messages or pictures.
- Using the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network for commercial purposes.
- Offering, providing, or purchasing products or services through this network.
- Using the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network for political lobbying. Students may use the system to communicate with elected representatives and to express their opinions on political issues.
- Attempting to access non-instructional school systems, such as student information systems or business systems.
- Using school equipment, network, or credentials to threaten employees, or cause a disruption to the educational program.
- Using the school equipment, network, or credentials to send or post electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.

#### E-Mail

- Students will be assigned an email address at McNicholas. Students are responsible for checking their email inbox daily for daily announcements and messages from teachers, coaches, counselors, and administrators. The school email address is provided to students for the purpose of communicating with teachers, counselors, colleges, obtaining reference materials, and conducting school-related business.
- The student's e-mail address is not private, and it can and will be monitored by school personnel. School administrators may review emails and attachments at any time to maintain system integrity and to ensure that all users are using the system responsibly. Students are responsible for the content of their McNicholas e-mail accounts and may **never** use another student's e-mail account.
- **WHILE AT SCHOOL**, students are not permitted to download, send/receive email from any other email address other than their McNicholas email address.
- Students will not repost a message that was sent to them privately without the permission of the person who sent them the message.
- Students will not post private information about another person.

## **Email Etiquette**

- Please remember that an e-mail sent to a teacher, counselor, coach or administrator should be more formal than one sent to a friend. Address the email properly (“Dear Ms. Smith” or “Dear Mr. Brown”) and do not use expressions such as “Hey” or “What’s Up?” as a greeting.
- Re-read your e-mail for the proper tone. Irony in email can be misinterpreted, so think twice about your wording.
- Always use the subject line to convey the topic of your e-mail.
- Write your e-mails using proper grammar. An e-mail is a written record of what you have said.
- Do not use abbreviations as you might in a text message.
- Do not send mass-emails or large attachments that will overload the system. Doing so will result in serious consequences and loss of computer and e-mail privileges.
- Do not write in all caps—that is equivalent to “shouting” in an e-mail.
- Do not forward e-mails to others without explanation and a good reason.
- Do not “reply to all” unless it is really necessary—usually it is not!
- Keep your email message concise and use proper punctuation so that your meaning will be clear.
- Take a good look before you send any email. Once an email is sent, it can go anywhere and to anyone. Do not put in writing (and in circulation) something you would not want anyone or everyone to see.
- Never send an e-mail when you are upset or angry.
- Use your e-mail address sparingly to avoid getting on spam lists.

## **Personal Safety**

- Students will not share personal contact information about themselves or other people. Personal contact information includes address, telephone, school address, or work address.
- Students will not disclose personal contact information, except to educational institutions for educational purposes, companies or other entities for career development purposes, or without specific building administrative approval.
- Students will promptly disclose to a teacher or other school employee any message received that is inappropriate or makes the student feel uncomfortable.

## **System Security**

- Students are responsible for their individual accounts and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use them. Under no conditions should students provide their password to another person.
- Students must immediately notify a teacher or the system administrator if they have identified a possible security problem. Students should not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access.
- Students will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any portion of the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's folders, work, or files. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purposes of "browsing".
- Students will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.
- Users will not attempt to access Web sites blocked by school policy, including the use of proxy services, software, or Web sites.
- Users will not use sniffing or remote access technology to monitor the network or other user's activity.

## **Software and Files**

- Students will not download **any** software to the tablet. If there is a need for additional software, permission and assistance must be obtained by the Help Desk.
- A student's account may be limited or terminated if a student intentionally misuses software on any school-owned equipment.
- Files stored on the network are treated in the same manner as other school storage areas, such as lockers. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network may lead to discovery that a student has violated this policy or the law. Students should not expect that files stored on school servers are private.

## **Tablet Specific**

- The tablet is intended to be used for educational use **only**.
- Many of the textbooks will be online or electronic copies that can be accessed with the tablet.
- If you do not have internet access at home, there are free internet providers such as Juno and NetZero.
- Students may not personalize the outside of their tablet with stickers, writing, etc.
- Included software: Windows 7, Office 2013 Professional, DyKnow, textbook software, and anti-virus software.
- Accidental damage protection is in place. Any hardware issues must be reported to the Student Help Desk.
- Lost or stolen tablets must be paid for by the parents/guardians. We highly recommend adding a rider policy to your home owner's insurance to cover other damages, loss, or theft of the tablet.
- The tablet is property of Archbishop McNicholas High School. Once all fees are paid upon graduation, the tablet will become property of the student.
- Students are required to carry their tablet in a protective sleeve.
  - An extremely durable case is available for purchase at the Help Desk for \$40
- Students are not permitted to log on to or use another student's tablet.
- If ID sticker is removed or damaged, student is required to get a replacement at the Help Desk.
- Students are limited to printing 100 pages throughout the entire school year using McNicholas printers. Students who have used their 100 pages may bring in an unopened ream (pack) of plain white printer paper for an additional 20 pages per semester or pay a fee of \$0.25/page.

## **Vandalism**

- Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data, the network, other network components connected to the network backbone, hardware or software will result in cancellation of network privileges. Disciplinary measures in compliance with the school's discipline code and policies will be enforced.

## **Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement**

- Students will not plagiarize works found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were those of the student.
- School policies on copyright will govern the use of material accessed and used through the school system.
- Copyrighted material will not be placed on any system without the author's permission. Permission may be specified in the document, on the system or must be obtained directly from the author.

## **Student Rights**

- The Archbishop McNicholas High School electronic network is considered a limited forum, similar to the school newspaper, and therefore the school may restrict a student's speech for valid educational reasons. The school will not restrict a student's speech on the basis of a disagreement with the opinions that are being expressed.
- An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated this policy or the law. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

## **Due Process**

- The school will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the school network. Students and parents should note that any case involving a student suspected of "sexting" (sending sexually explicit messages or photographs) will be turned over to and investigated by the police.
- In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated the school acceptable use regulation and policy, the student will be provided with a written notice of the alleged violation.
- Disciplinary actions will be tailored to meet specific concerns related to the violation and to assist the student in gaining the self-discipline necessary to behave appropriately on an electronic network. Violations of the acceptable use regulation and policy may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.
- If the violation also involves a violation of other provisions of other school rules, it will be handled in a manner described in the school rules. Additional restrictions may be placed on a student's use of his/her network account.

## **Limitation of Liability**

- The school makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the school network will be error-free or without defect. The school will not be responsible for any damage suffered, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service.

- The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the network. The school will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the network.

### **Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy**

Violations of this policy may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to the consequences as indicated within this policy as well as other appropriate discipline, which includes but is not limited to:

- Detention
- Saturday School
- Suspension of network privileges
- Suspension from school
- Expulsion from school
- Legal action and prosecution by the authorities

The particular consequences for violations of this policy shall be determined by the school administrators. It shall be assumed that an offense using the tablet will serve the same punishment as an offense that is the same in nature without the tablet. For example, an “off task” on the tablet (emailing when they shouldn’t, surfing the web when they shouldn’t, etc.) violation will serve the same punishment as an “off task” in the classroom punishment (doing math homework instead of science, passing notes, etc.), which will likely be a detention. If a student is bullying someone via email or other ways on the tablet, it will be treated as though the student is bullying someone else in the hallways or classrooms at school, and will likely receive a Saturday school at minimum.

**Warranty & Repair:** Four year accidental Damage Protection covers damages that may occur with normal use. *A second or further occurrence will result in a fee as listed if negligence is the cause.*

- **Flat Rate Repair Pricing Guidelines**

Fujitsu America has adopted a simplified flat rate repair pricing schedule for Tablets. The pricing schedule is based upon five repair levels: Major, Standard, Minor, Special, and Diagnostic service.

- **Major** \$755.00 + Tax (where applicable) - Includes:
  - LCD
  - Plus any of the Minor and Standard Repairs
- **Standard** \$555.00 + Tax (where applicable) - Includes:
  - Main circuit or system board
  - Plus any of the Minor Repair actions
- **Minor** \$230.00 + Tax (where applicable) – Includes:
  - Minor internal assemblies
  - Plastics (as required for normal wear and tear)
  - Digitizer Replacement on Passive and Active Digitizer units
  - Rubber feet & bumpers
  - Password removal
  - Factory software reload
  - HDD replacement
  - Broken Connectors (when part of minor internal assemblies)
  - Cover Screen for LCD Replacement on Active Digitizer Devices
- **Special** \$155.00 + Tax (where applicable) – Includes
  - Factory software reload
  - Password Removal
- **Diagnostic Fee** \$105.00 + Tax (where applicable) - Includes
  - Evaluation of unit without unit repair

- No Trouble Found (NTF)

**Lost or Stolen Accessories:** Lost or stolen accessories are the responsibility of the student and will be subject to but not limited to the following fees:

- AC power adapter \$60
- Stylus \$50

**Re-imaging:**

- Students are responsible for creating a back-up of files and notes before turning in their tablet for re-imaging, if necessary. Specific directions will be provided to students.
- If a student's tablet needs to be re-imaged due to misuse more than once, the student will be charged increments of \$25 per incident (first time will be \$25, second time will be \$50, etc.).
- Student files are to be backed up to OneDrive and the SD card. Archbishop McNicholas is not responsible for backing up music, pictures, or any files that are not already backed up to OneDrive or the SD card.

**Non-Returning Students:** Students who do not return to Archbishop McNicholas High School prior to the completion of their senior year must pay any remaining balance on the tablet. The tablet becomes property of the student upon withdrawal.

\* **DISCLAIMER:** Archbishop McNicholas High School reserves the right to revise these rules at any time.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

### Counseling and College Readiness

The mission of the Counseling and College Readiness department at Archbishop McNicholas High School is to nurture the holistic development of each student in their academic, personal, and spiritual growth. School Counselors believe each individual is unique, support students to strive for personal excellence, and facilitate the building of skills needed for future college and career success.

#### STRUCTURE

The Counseling and College Readiness Department has three school counselors and one administrative assistant. Each student is assigned a counselor based on the first letter of his or her last name and has the same counselor throughout his or her time at Archbishop McNicholas.

A-F Mrs. Alaina Way  
G-P Ms. Kaitlyn Richter  
Q-Z Mr. Matt Wehrman

Mrs. Jennifer Tumser, Administrative Assistant, works with all students and counselors.

#### COURSE SELECTION and STUDENT SCHEDULES

Students are recommended for courses based on classroom performance, teacher recommendations, and, for incoming freshmen, High School Placement Test scores. Proper placement is critical to student achievement and academic growth. Students choosing to take a course above their recommended level are responsible for finding the resources they need to be successful. It is primarily the responsibility of the Counseling Department to interpret placement and curricular offerings to students and parents.

## **Schedule Changes**

Schedule changes are permitted after careful discussion among the parent, student, and counselor. Counselors should be contacted in August if an initial schedule contains an error and needs to be corrected. Since specific course selections are made with much effort and consideration on the part of students, teachers, parents, and school counselors, schedule changes requested after June 1 require a fee of \$50 and parent approval. After September 1, schedules will be changed only if necessary for academic placement and requires a teacher recommendation. Semester courses that begin in January may be adjusted in the first week of classes.

## **TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS**

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors request a transcript directly through their school counselor. Seniors transcript requests are made electronically via Naviance Family Connection. There is a \$10 transcript fee senior year, which includes unlimited transcripts sent to institutions of higher learning and scholarship applications. Alumni request transcripts via the Alumni Transcript Request form on the Archbishop McNicholas website. There is a \$5 fee per alumni transcript sent.

## **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**

Counseling services are available for all students with academic, college, or personal concerns. Students, counselors, parents, or teachers may refer students for individual counseling. In addition to private counseling in our building, the counseling staff coordinates communication with professionals from educational and psychological agencies and makes individual referrals to professionals outside the building as needed.

## **SMALL GROUP AND COMMUNITY COUNSELING**

Small counseling groups are formed throughout the year as needed. Archbishop McNicholas School Counselors facilitate these groups and a signed parental permission form is required before a student may participate. Students, counselors, parents, and teachers may refer students to counseling groups. In the event of a school-wide tragedy, the Counseling Department is prepared to include counseling professionals from the county mental health departments, surrounding schools, and Catholic Ministry staff in order to provide a superior ratio of support for the students.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

As professional school counselors, we adhere to the legal and ethical guidelines of the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) regarding confidentiality. We "recognize our primary obligation for confidentiality is to the student but balance that obligation with an understanding of the family or guardians' legal and inherent rights to be the guiding voice in their children's lives (ASCA Code of Ethics, 2010, A.2.d)." School Counselors are mandated to break confidentiality when a student poses a danger to self or others, a student discloses instances of abuse, court ordered disclosure of confidential information, and/or when the student waives confidentiality. Instances of frequent, ongoing counseling services with a student may result in disclosure of information, with the student's knowledge, to the guardian for the well-being of the student. Our role as counselors is to support the students' right to privacy and protect confidential information received from students, families, guardians, and staff members.

## **JOB SHADOWING**

Juniors who are in good academic standing are permitted one excused absence for a job shadowing opportunity. School days for which attendance of the whole student body is critical, such as the Walk Day, testing days, or special assemblies, will NOT be approved as an excused job shadow day. Students must complete the job shadow day form (found in the counseling office) and return it to the Counseling and College Readiness Office at least two days in advance of the proposed date. Written verification of the shadow must also be completed and turned in to the main office.

## **COLLEGE VISITS**

Seniors and second-semester juniors who are in good academic standing are permitted excused absences for college campus visits. Students are permitted to take one college visit day their junior year, and two college visit days their senior year. School days for which attendance of the whole student body is critical, such as the Walk Day, testing days, or special assemblies, will NOT be approved as an excused college visit day. Students must complete the College Visitation form (found in the Counseling office) and return it to the Counseling and College Readiness Office at least two days in advance of the proposed date. Written verification of the visit must also be completed and turned in to the main office.

## **COLLEGE APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Counseling and College Readiness Department produces a “Success Street” guide to assist students and families navigate the college exploration and application process. This guide is given to each family during a student’s junior year. Replacement copies are available for \$5 each.

It is very important for students and families to pay close attention to deadlines when applying for college admission and scholarships. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to ensure all necessary application materials are submitted on time.

It is the responsibility of the student and his or her family to communicate with the counseling department about NCAA eligibility and registration.

## **STUDENT RECORDS**

A cumulative pupil personnel record for all students at Archbishop McNicholas is maintained by the Counseling and College Readiness Department. In accordance with Public Law 142 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974), parents of students have the right to inspect and review any and all official records, files, and data related to their children. This includes identifying data, achievement test scores, psychological tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations, verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns, et cetera. Teachers with just cause also have open access to student files. Archbishop McNicholas High School abides by the provisions of the Buckley Amendment with respect to the rights of non-custodial parents. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, the school will provide the non-custodial parent with access to the academic records and other school-related information of his/her child. If there is a court order specifying that there is to be no information given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official copy of the court order. We adhere to all laws protecting student records, health information, and special services (i.e. HIPAA, FERPA, IDEA).

## **WITHDRAWAL**

When a student withdraws from Archbishop McNicholas, the parent or guardian must notify the Director of Admissions and Enrollment, to begin the process. A transcript of grades will not be issued until all financial obligations have been met as per the Enrollment Contract.

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVICES**

The Campus Ministry Office of Archbishop McNicholas High School is charged with the responsibility of providing our students with the opportunities to grow in their commitment to God and the teachings of the Catholic Church. These opportunities will be present through the three main areas of Campus Ministry: faith-building experiences, community service experiences, and liturgical and sacramental experiences.

**Faith Building** - The faith-building segment of Campus Ministry is designed to allow students the opportunity to

experience the love of God through prayerful experiences that allow them to feel God's love through prayer and the love of others. During a student's four years at Archbishop McNicholas High School, s/he will participate in a Days of Renewal during the freshman year, during the sophomore year, and during the junior year, and will participate in the Kairos retreat, the Journey to Justice retreat, and/or the Appalachia retreat as seniors. Participation in a senior retreat experience is *required* for graduation. Seniors also have the opportunity to lead as peer ministers on freshman and sophomore retreats and Kairos.

**Christian Service** – The program at Archbishop McNicholas High School is designed to challenge students to “attain full stature in Christ,” by living the Gospel values. It is required that all students complete at least 40 hours of service for graduation. Twenty (20) hours are to be completed by the end of the sophomore year and an additional twenty (20) are to be completed prior to giving a report in their senior theology class on the service rendered during their time at Archbishop McNicholas High School. The 20 hours completed in the last two years must all be working with the “underprivileged.” This is to push students beyond their comfort zone and to practice “works of mercy” as stated in Matthew 25. Please note that students are always encouraged to do more than the minimum requirement. A more detailed explanation of our Christian Service program can be viewed on the Archbishop McNicholas High School webpage.

**Liturgical and Sacramental** - The liturgical and sacramental segment of Campus Ministry is designed to allow students the opportunity to experience the love of God through Catholic sacramental services, such as penance services, and school-wide liturgies. The Campus Ministry Department coordinates these experiences and includes students as lay distributors, readers, servers, and musicians. Students can help plan Archbishop McNicholas High School's liturgies.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of a student's total education. Students who choose to participate are afforded the opportunity to develop their skills and interests beyond the scope of the academic day. The primary purpose of extra-curricular activities is the personal benefit to the student and those they affect through their efforts.

The administration approves the activities of all extra-curricular organizations and events. Social events must be held in school facilities unless otherwise approved by the Director of Student Life, and they must be adequately supervised and chaperoned by parents and/or professional personnel on staff.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Academic Team  
Architecture Club  
Art Club  
Ecology Club  
Faith in Action Team  
International Club  
Mock Trial  
Photo Club  
Rockets for Life  
Robotics Club  
Service Club  
Student Council

### **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Anime Club  
Ceramics club  
Cooking Club  
Improv Club  
Intramurals  
Rocket Report  
Senior Video  
Ski Club  
Spirit Club

## **PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Archbishop McNicholas High School is fortunate to have several active parent organizations that work continuously throughout the school year so that our students can enjoy many opportunities, events, and activities. The Archbishop McNicholas High School parent groups also work closely with the school's administration providing assistance and support when needed.

**PTSA (Parent/Teacher/Student Association)** - Parents of all Archbishop McNicholas High School students are automatically members joining with the teachers and students in this organization which is a vital part of the school community. PTSA runs the Rocket Shop. This active group meets regularly during the school year, usually on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS** - Any adult interested in giving additional support to the athletic program is welcome to join the Athletic Boosters Association. This group actively supports all of the athletic programs offered at Archbishop McNicholas High School. The group meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**MUSIC/BAND BOOSTERS** - Band, Concert Choir, and Flag Corp are all supported by this organization of involved parents. All parents are encouraged to join the Music Boosters and become active participants in the fund-raising



activities that make the program successful. This group meets regularly throughout the school year. For information contact the music director, Mr. Keith Nance (231-3500 ext 5156).

**THEATRE BOOSTERS** - Parents and Archbishop McNicholas alumni are invited to join the Theatre Boosters. This group actively supports the theatre department and thespian troupe through fundraising and staffing productions in the areas of ticket sales, ushering, and concessions. In addition, the boosters provide transportation to competitions and assist with chaperoning the annual thespian conference. The Theatre Boosters meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

## **ATHLETICS**

Athletics play an important part in the extracurricular activities of any school. Archbishop McNicholas High School is a member of the Greater Catholic League (GCL) Co-ed Division. Archbishop McNicholas is also a member in good standing of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We currently offer 44 teams or squads on the varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels. We encourage active participation in the sports programs by all Archbishop McNicholas students. The Athletic Director may be reached by calling (513) 619-5807. A daily sports schedule is available by calling (513) 231-3500, press 1, press 3. Sports schedules are also on the website under each team and also on the school calendar.

### **ATHLETIC STAFF**

Athletic Director ..... Robert Heise  
Athletic Dept. Assistant ..... Susan Rohlfs

## **SPORTS**

### **FALL**

Cheerleading  
Cross Country-Men and Women  
Football  
Golf-Men  
Golf-Women  
Soccer-Men and Women  
Tennis-Women  
Volleyball-Women

### **WINTER**

Basketball-Men  
Basketball-Women  
Bowling-Men  
Bowling-Women  
Cheerleading  
Dance Team  
Swimming-Men and Women  
Wrestling

### **SPRING**

Baseball  
Lacrosse-Men and Women  
Softball  
Tennis-Men  
Track and Field-Men and Women  
Volleyball-Men

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

The Catholic high schools in Cincinnati form one district for athletic purposes. Recruitment of students, clearly defined in the Ohio High School Athletic Association rules, is prohibited. Sanctions will be imposed by the superintendent for any violation. For questions regarding transfers to another school and the effects on athletic eligibility, please refer to the OHSAA website at [www.OHSAA.org](http://www.OHSAA.org).

## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

Per the Ohio High School Athletic Association and McNicholas High School all student athletes must complete the following requirements prior to the first day of tryouts/practice:

- Must be academically eligible per OHSAA and McNicholas guidelines \*incoming freshmen must have passed a minimum of five subjects in the fourth quarter of their eighth grade year.
  - Must have a completed OHSAA Physical Form on file in the athletic office
  - Must have completed Archdiocese of Cincinnati Medical Consent Form
  - Must have completed Travel Consent Form
  - Must have completed the Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Form
- Must have paid all athletic and booster fees to the McNicholas High School Athletic Department

## **POLICY ON TOBACCO, DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL**

The Athletic Department policy regarding any student participating in athletics who has violated regulations concerning tobacco, alcohol or other drugs is as follows:

1. Tobacco violations will result in a one week suspension from extra-curricular activities including athletic participation. A second violation within the school year for use or possession of tobacco will result in an additional suspension from school and from athletic participation. A coach may request dismissal from the team or activity.
2. Alcohol violations will result in suspension of not less than one week or more than two weeks from extra-curricular activities including athletic participation. A second violation within the school year for use or possession of alcohol may result in expulsion from school and/or removal from athletic participation. A coach may request dismissal from the team or activity.
3. Drug violations will result in a suspension from participation for at least two weeks but not more than four weeks. A coach may request dismissal from the team or activity. A second violation within the school year for use or possession of any type of drug will result in expulsion from school.

The athletic department policy is in effect twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week from the first day of tryouts to the last day of tournament play. An athlete that is suspended may not participate in any team function. This includes practices, games, dinners, and meetings.

## **FEES FOR ATHLETICS FOR 2017-2018**

- Participation fees are per athlete: \$225 first sport, \$175 each additional sport, with a \$650 family maximum per year.
- Athletic Booster fees: \$50 per family per year.

All fees must be paid in order to participate in practice/tryouts unless payment arrangements have been made through the Athletic Office. \*\*\*In the event the student does not make a team, the fee will be returned.

Please refer to the McNicholas 2017-2018 Parent / Athlete Handbook for more information.

Athletic Passes are available for all McNicholas supporters for \$75.00. This pass allows entry into all home sporting events except OHSAA tournament games. Adults will have to provide a photo ID along with their pass. Passes may be purchased through Final Forms or in the Athletic Office.

## **TRAVEL TO ATHLETIC EVENTS**

Buses will not be provided to most athletic events. Parents are responsible for transporting their students to away contests. Students may drive to away contests but only if a bus is not provided and parents are not available. Parents will be provided a consent form indicating their wishes regarding student driving. McNicholas coaches may not drive students unless they possess the necessary credentials (CDL) or in an emergency.

## **UNIFORMS**

Athletes are responsible for proper care and return of uniforms and equipment issued to them by McNicholas High School. Uniforms and equipment that are not returned or are damaged will be charged to the student and report card will be held. Report cards, transcripts and/or diplomas will be held for any student who does not return uniforms and/or equipment.

## **LOCKER ROOM USE**

The Athletic Department is not responsible for any lost or stolen items from the locker rooms. This applies to any time the locker rooms are in use either during physical education classes, after school practices, or during game events.

## STUDENT DANCES

All of McNicholas' dances are non-smoking, alcohol and drug-free events for McNicholas students and their guests. If students choose to leave a dance, they may do so at the designated time for each dance, but they may not return to the function. For the safety of our students, Archbishop McNicholas reserves the right to use Breathalyzers at school and at all school-sponsored events.

**HOMECOMING:** Homecoming is scheduled in the fall of each each year. With the game at 1:00 p.m. and the dance to 11p.m. The homecoming court consists of senior men and women, one of whom will be crowned king and queen. Special alumni events are planned by the alumni coordinator for homecoming weekend.

**MARDI GRAS:** Archbishop McNicholas High School is proud of its annual tradition of Mardi Gras which is the highlight of the school year. This semi-formal evening honors 40 senior men and women who are chosen by their classmates. The Mardi Gras court is comprised of Archbishop McNicholas High School students who have shown dedication, interest, and participation in the school over their high school careers. During the Mardi Gras ceremonies, the queen and king are crowned. A dance open to all McNick students follows the ceremonies which run from 6:30 until 12 midnight.

**Nominating & Voting Procedures** In December, students are asked to nominate two young men and two young women from their class. The Mardi Gras Committee tallies the nominations and the names of all students receiving two or more valid nominations from their peers are presented to the teaching faculty/staff. A valid nomination is one for which a minimum of three criteria have been met on the nomination form. There will be a review of a student's disciplinary record. A student will be removed from the ballot or court for academic dishonesty, drug/alcohol infraction, suspensions. Behavior is examined from Mardi Gras one year to Mardi Gras the next year. Should a student who has been removed from the ballot have sufficient votes from previous years to be elected to the court or honor guard, that honor may be denied him/her if the incidents were of sufficient severity.

**Only two rules exist beyond the above:** 1) no student can be on the honor guard more than one year. 2) the young woman and young man crowned as Homecoming Queen and King may not reign as Mardi Gras Queen or King.

**PROM:** This annual spring dance is sponsored by the senior class and is attended by seniors and juniors. The night centers around a chosen theme and is held at a location off campus. A king and queen plus prom court are honored during the prom festivities; these seniors are selected by the faculty and administration. The dinner and dance run from 7 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. After Prom is run by the PTSA and held at Archbishop McNicholas High School in an effort to keep students safe throughout the rest of the evening. It runs from 11:30 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Senior and Junior students are allowed to attend either or both events of the evening. Sophomores may attend if invited by a McNicholas junior or senior. Freshmen are not permitted to attend Prom or After Prom.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE POLICIES

### TELEPHONES

Students who need to use the phone may do so in the main office. Cell phone use is prohibited during school hours except during lunch in the Cafe/Student Union. If parents need to contact their student, please call the main office and a note will be sent to your student.

### MONTHLY CALENDARS

Archbishop McNicholas High School maintains an updated calendar on its website. This calendar is accessible from the McNicholas home page <https://www.mcnhs.org/>. We encourage families to refer to the posted calendar often. This calendar includes important dates and information concerning the school community.

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Archbishop McNicholas sends a weekly newsletter every Wednesday via email to the parents of all current students throughout the school year. This newsletter is the primary means of communication between the school and the parents. Please be sure that the school has updated e-mail addresses for all parents.

### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Official announcements made over the public address system at the beginning and end of each school day when

necessary. All student-written announcements must be approved by a moderator or administrator before they will be read to the student body. All other notices are given by means of email communication, bulletin boards, and lunch announcements. It is the student's responsibility to listen closely to all pertinent announcements, and to check email several times daily.

## **PARENT DIRECTORY**

A directory of McNicholas families is available on PlusPortals. Plus Portals can be accessed through the school website (top right of front page). The directory is on the front page of your family's page. Parents can edit information and opt out of the directory at any time.

## **AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

McNicholas High School uses One Call, a notification system of phone calls, texts, and emails to keep you informed and up-to-date about closings, early dismissals, delays and emergency situations. Make sure your family's main phone, mobile phones, and email addresses are current. Please notify the school promptly of any changes.

## **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Notice of school closings due to weather emergencies will be announced by the automated notification system, TV stations, and social media after approximately 6:00 a.m. Archbishop McNicholas operates on a delayed schedule or closes based on availability of transportation for students. During weather emergencies when Archbishop McNicholas High School is in session and public school transportation is not available from your home district, state law requires that the school account for all students either present or absent. Student absences caused by transportation difficulties are excused absences and do not affect awards for attendance. Parent phone calls reporting this absence due to cancellation of your public school district's transportation are NOT REQUIRED on these days. If a student depends on public school bus transportation and his/her public district is closed, they will be excused. If the student drives to school or if the parent drives, it is always the parents' decision whether a student should come to school if the road conditions in their particular area are not good. Road conditions vary greatly in the vast area served by Archbishop McNicholas. If a parent determines that their son/daughter should not drive on a particular day, their absence will be excused for that day.

## **SCHOOL LOGO AND BRANDING**

The names "Archbishop McNicholas," "McNicholas High School," and "McNicholas"; the academic and athletic logos; and other related logos are the exclusive property of McNicholas High School. No one is authorized to use, sell, or distribute materials or items of any kind which uses the names "Archbishop McNicholas," "McNicholas High School" or "McNicholas" without the expressed written permission of the school Director of Marketing and Communications.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

No social media accounts, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, may be created using the "Archbishop McNicholas," "McNicholas High School," and "McNicholas" name or any school or sports logos without the written permission of the Director of Marketing and Communications. This includes but is not limited to individual sports team accounts and school clubs or groups.

## **GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

### **CAFE/STUDENT UNION (LUNCH)**

The Cafe/Student Union is operated by Derringer Company and is open each school day to provide the students with a well-balanced, nutritious lunch. Students can purchase items using the kiosks with funds loaded by the parents electronically from home. Students will also be able to add money to their card balance at the scanning kiosks. Checks may be sent in for advance payment payable to Derringer to load accounts.

Each student is responsible for disposing of his/her garbage. . Eating/drinking outside the Cafe/Student Union and chewing gum is not permitted. No student is permitted to leave the Cafe/Student Union during his or her designated lunch period until his/her table and area has been cleaned. The Cafe/Student Union supervisor enforces proper conduct during the lunch periods. All students have a full bell for their lunch period. With permission, students may travel to the restrooms in the halls or those in the gym lobby or to the library during their lunch period. Students may also go to the

Counseling Department, the school offices, or the athletic office if they have business to complete in those areas. Students may not be in any other part of building without permission during their lunch bell. In good weather, **seniors** have permission to eat in the courtyard or on the convent porch and are responsible for keeping the areas completely cleaned and picked up. Cell phone use is permitted during lunch in the Café/Student Union only. Seniors may use their cell phones in the courtyard during lunch.

### **GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS ON CAMPUS AFTER DISMISSAL**

Archbishop McNicholas High School strives to be a vibrant, engaging community for our students. In fact, that sense of community is frequently mentioned as one of our strengths. But like every community, we need to have rules and guidelines so that it continues to be a healthy, productive place for its members.

When school is dismissed at Archbishop McNicholas, students generally do one of three things.

- Leave the campus immediately whether in their own cars or by bus or parent transportation.
- Stay for extracurricular activity, rehearsal, or athletic game or conditioning under the guidance and supervision of moderators, directors, or coaches.
- Stay on campus waiting for a ride, working on homework, or hanging out with friends.

In order to ensure their safety and well-being, students staying on campus after dismissal and not under the supervision of a moderator, director, or coach need to report to the library. By 3 p.m. each day, the hallways, lobby, and foyers should be clear of all students. Students in the library can be monitored and supervised until 5 p.m. when the library closes.

### **PARKING**

All students who drive to school must park in school lots. Students must apply for a parking permit each school year. Limited space for student parking is provided in designated areas for those students who have a student parking permit. Permits are issued by the Director of Student Life. The student parking permit fee is a \$75.00 per year. Parking permits issued after the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester are \$40.00 regardless of when the student purchases the spot and if there are any spots available at the time of the request. Seniors receive priority, then juniors and sophomores. Any car on school property is subject to search. Students who purchase a parking permit and use school parking facilities agree to abide by school regulations regarding use of the parking lots. Reckless driving or unauthorized student parking on school property may result in Saturday work detail and/or loss of parking privileges. Students may not park in faculty designated parking spots. NOTE: There is no off-street parking near Archbishop McNicholas High School.

### **SCHOOL BUSES**

The public schools' Boards of Education provide transportation to students attending Archbishop McNicholas High School. Good student behavior on the buses is mandatory. All bus schedules come from your local school district's transportation office. Please contact them if problems occur with scheduling/routes.

FOREST HILLS	(513) 231-3335
MILFORD	(513) 575-1563
NEW RICHMOND	(513) 553-0266
WEST CLERMONT	(513) 797-6008

### **HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICATION POLICY**

The health room is located in the main office. If a student is taken ill, s/he is to report immediately to the main office. The student should sign the health room register and will be seen by the school nurse or receptionist. Parents will be notified if the student needs to be sent home. No student will be permitted to leave school grounds for any reason unless the school has obtained parent/guardian permission.

All students must have required immunization records on file with the school. Students who need to take medications at school must bring the medications in the original containers, clearly marked for dispensation. Medications cannot be kept for an extended period of time and in no case beyond one academic year. The school will keep a record of all medications given. No medication, prescription or over-the-counter, may be taken unless a completed form is on file signed by the family physician and the parent. All medications are to be kept in the nurse's office and are to be administered there. If you have any questions, please call the school nurse.

## **FOOD ALLERGY GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines will assist in recognizing and treating allergic reactions while ensuring that students with food allergies are safely included in school activities.

### **Staff Responsibilities:**

- Review each allergic student's Emergency Care Plan as needed and at the beginning of the school year.
- Place notification in sub folder.
- When food is being used in a curriculum (cultural related activity) teachers will notify parents of students with food/health related conditions at least 3 days in advance. Peanuts/nut products may not be used in classroom activities.

### **Student Responsibilities:**

- Know the signs and symptoms of their allergic reactions.
- Follow the allergic child's motto: "When in doubt, do without!"
- Carry emergency medication responsibly.
- Be able to demonstrate proper administration of the epinephrine auto injector.
- Notify an adult immediately if experiencing symptoms of an allergic reaction.

### **Parent Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Parents Must:**

- Inform the school nurse, classroom teacher, food service department, and transportation department of their child's allergy prior to the beginning of each school year.
- Obtain from the school a "Food Allergy Emergency Action Plan and Medication Form" to be completed by a physician.
- Provide a written medication order from the child's physician to be kept on file at the school.
- Provide to the school emergency medication with doctor's signature.
- Inform other school activity coordinators (athletic departments, after school programs) of their child's allergy and provide emergency medication.

#### **2. It is suggested that Parents:**

- Provide a picture of their child for the Emergency Care Plan.
- Consider purchasing an identification bracelet for their child.

### **School Nurse/School Health Assistant Responsibilities:**

- Include the student's name on the Alert List.
- Write an Individualized Health Plan (IHP) and or Emergency Action Plan for the student, and distribute it to appropriate staff.
- Train other staff members to administer emergency medication.
- If possible, attach a picture of each student with allergies to appropriate forms.
- Orient students with allergies to the Health Room if necessary.
- Review the use of epinephrine auto-injectors with staff.
- Notify parent of expiration dates on auto-injectors, Benadryl, and any other medication the student has on file.
- Reinforce allergy education with the student on as needed basis.
- Review the IHP, annually and as needed, with appropriate staff.

Food allergies may constitute a disability under the law. This is important because schools cannot exclude children with food allergies from classroom activities. The emotional toll of exclusion, bullying stigma and fear can cause significant emotional distress. It is important to consider the physical and emotional toll on children with food allergies.

These guidelines are for classrooms, not the Café/Student Union, or concessions.

## **CHILD ABUSE**

If there is a suspicion of child abuse, the school is bound by law to notify the proper authorities.

## LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker on the first day of school. Each student must use a school-issued lock for his or her locker throughout the school year. It is the student's responsibility to keep his/her locker locked at all times. A school lock is required and will be given to all new students on their first day. If a student has lost his/her lock, a new lock may be purchased from the Director of Student Life for \$5.00. Students must use the locker assigned at the beginning of the school year for the remainder of the year. Lockers are the property of Archbishop McNicholas and may be inspected by any authorized school official at any time. Periodic canine searches of lockers or the school parking lot will take place. Students should keep their locker securely locked. . Archbishop McNicholas is not responsible for the contents of the student's locker. The student is responsible for any and all of the contents in his/her locker.

## LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found service is maintained in the school main office and students are asked to check the lost and found before reporting any missing items to the Director of Student Life. The school secretary supervises the lost and found and if names are marked on items, she will try to return the items to the proper owner.

## WALK DAY

Archbishop McNicholas High School students take to the streets for this annual fall event. Students walk through the streets of Mt. Washington and Anderson Township on a designated route with checkpoints manned by McNicholas faculty and staff. Students are asked to collect donations to help support the operating budget of Archbishop McNicholas High School.

## USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

School facilities are available for most school-related activities. Organizations wishing to use these facilities must schedule the time and location site at least one week prior to the event in the main office. The athletic director schedules all activities for the gym and coordinates all other use-of-building scheduling. Any organization wishing to use the facilities must fill out a "Use of Building Form" acquired from the athletic director.

## WORK PERMITS

Application forms for work permits are obtained from the main office. At least 24 hours notice is required. This application for a work permit is processed through the student's individual school district office.

## TUITION INFORMATION-2017-2018

	FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES <u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>
Tuition	\$10,700.00	\$10,700.00
Retreat Fee	+ 50.00	+ 245.00
Facilities fee / Technology fee	+ 150.00	+ 150.00
Registration Fee	+ 250.00	+250.00
PTSA Dues (per family)	<u>+35.00</u>	<u>+ 35.00</u>
Totals	\$11,185.00	\$11,380.00
Deposit	- 600.00	- 600.00
Registration Fee (non-refundable)	<u>- 250.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
<b>Due at Registration</b>	<b><u>- 850.00</u></b>	<b><u>- 850.00</u></b>
<b>Balance due in total or financed</b>	<b>\$10,335.00</b>	<b>\$10,850.00</b>
Tablet PC Installment Payment (per year) (if not paid in full)	+ 475.00	+475.00

MULTIPLE STUDENTS TUITION	First Student:	\$10,700.00
	Second Student:	\$9,700.00
	Third Student:	\$9,700.00

THE REGISTRATION FEE of \$250 and the SCHEDULING FEE of \$600.00 are **non-refundable**, but the registration deposit is part of the total tuition. Due dates for registration/scheduling fee (\$850) are as follows:

**Incoming freshmen:** Thursday, **January 25, 2018** (Freshman Course Selection)

**Returning students:** On or before Friday, **February 23, 2018**.

A FULL PAYMENT DISCOUNT of \$200.00 is deducted if payment is made by May 15, 2018. *This discount does not apply for students receiving a scholarship or other award valued at 50% of tuition or higher.*

THE **S.A.I.L. FEE** of \$1875 is in addition to the tuition charges listed above for those students accepted into the five-day/week program.

#### **International Students**

Tuition	\$ 15,000.00
Tablet	\$ 1,900.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 500.00
I-20 Processing	\$ 100.00

**Financing** will once again be administered by FACTS Management Company. New families must create a McNicholas FACTS account and Payment Plan before the registration deadline. Current families' accounts will rollover to the new school year. FACTS administers all payments and financing payment plans except the registration fee and deposit. All major credit cards accepted.

Students will be considered registered after all forms are completed and the registration fee/deposit are paid in full. **Returning students with unpaid registration fees and missing forms by the deadline will not receive their schedules, and a \$350 late fee will be charged.**

All accounts must be up-to-date. Records and transcripts will not be sent if there is an account balance. **Seniors will not be permitted to take part in graduation ceremonies, and diplomas will not be granted if accounts are not paid in full.**

*\*\*Class of 2018 final tablet payment will be determined based on whether full or partial amount was paid freshman year.*

## **ROCKET PRIDE INFORMATION**

### **SCHOOL NICKNAME**

Rockets

### **SCHOOL COLORS**

Hunter green and white; gold accent

### **SCHOOL MOTTO**

That Youth May Attain Full Stature in Christ

### **SCHOOL FLAG**

The flag of Archbishop McNicholas High School was a special gift from the Class of 1989 and flies under the flag of our country on special school occasions.

### **SCHOOL ALMA MATER**

O Lord, You call us all to be your people, joined as one,  
 And so fulfill our destiny to shine forth like the sun.  
 Here in this place we come to learn and strive for heaven above.  
 We pray that we may always burn with faith and hope and love.  
 And so, we of McNicholas will forever pledge to be  
 A city shining on a hill, a strong community.  
 And in our lives, O Lord, may we fulfill what we now sing:



Our motto is “that we may be like Christ in everything.”

### **SCHOOL FIGHT SONG**

Cheer, cheer for McNicholas High  
Bonded together, that is our cry  
Never leave it just for one  
Bonded together we get things done  
Green and white are our colors true  
We have no time to be sad or blue  
For our days at MHS  
Are numbered among the best.  
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

### **SCHOOL RING**

The school ring bears the Archbishop McNicholas shield and emblem and the student’s year of graduation. Rings may be purchased by students during the first semester of their sophomore year. Sophomores meet with the Herff Jones representative and receive brochures/ordering information during the fall. The rings are distributed in the spring. All inquiries should be made to Graduate Service (our Herff Jones local representative) at 272-5890.

### **SCHOOL SHIELD**

The school shield is taken from the coat of arms of Archbishop John T. McNicholas who was the ordinary in Cincinnati from 1925 to 1950. The plough refers to Cincinnatus, a Roman farmer who became a hero, and the three crosses symbolize the Blessed Trinity and are called “fitchy gules” since they would be thrust into the ground after plowing. The black and white cross is the symbol of the Dominican order of which Archbishop McNicholas was a member. The eagle and the three globes are part of the Archbishop’s personal crest. The legend below the shield translates: “In confidence of divine help.”

***Archbishop McNicholas High School has the right to amend the policies and the rules established in this handbook at any time. Any such changes will be promulgated in the weekly newsletter and on the school web-site. Please be sure that the school has all necessary current e-mail addresses.***