

St. Anselm Catholic School



Dear STAG Families,

We can all agree that elementary and middle school is both an exciting and stressful time in a student's life. We can also agree that we want St. Anselm Catholic School to be a safe and nurturing environment for all students. Our staff has taken the time to seriously consider our discipline policy and its clarity. We have also considered what leadership qualities we would like to see in our students. After much thought, we have adopted PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) for the 2016-2017 school year. PBIS is a clear cut set of guidelines and consequences. We are positive that with this new program, all St. Anselm stakeholders can partner to create the most beneficial environment for our Stag students.

PBIS has been broken down and analyzed by the St. Anselm staff. Each teacher agrees that PBIS is the best form of discipline with the clearest communication points. Therefore, every teacher in our building will be implementing this program in his/her classroom. With consistent and common expectations, all members of our community will benefit.

To further promote positive behavior, we have developed a "Student of the Month" program. Every month, a student from each grade will be chosen. The chosen students will be those who have exemplified leadership in action and attitude. We will honor those students on a bulletin board in the school, and after mass, once per month.

Please take time to review the attached rubrics with your child. Please note that for initial behavior infractions there is an emphasis on teaching and re-teaching appropriate behaviors. However, if aggressive behavior continues or is severe, the consequences will increase. Predictable, consistent consequences are pivotal in the reduction of aggressive behavior. These rubrics allow children to think about and learn from mistakes.

Much research and consideration has gone into the making of these rubrics. We appreciate your trust in the St. Anselm staff and our school policies. Our goal in the implementation of these documents is to create an environment where students feel comfortable to learn, play, and develop into future leaders. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and support with this program.

**** The rubrics are attached to this letter.**

Sincerely,
The St. Anselm Staff

My student(s) and I have read over the behavior expectations and consequences. We understand that this program is implemented to help our students take responsibility for their actions. By signing below, we are giving our support to the Positive Behavior Intervention System.

Parent Name

Student Name

Parent Signature

Student Signature