Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Code of Conduct

Parents play an important role in the education of their children and have a responsibility to support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Code of Conduct was developed to promote a Christian learning environment based on respect for the rights of students, teachers, and parents. Students learn best when they are free of interference by others and know what is expected of them. Teachers are most effective when they use a consistent approach to student behavior and know that the administration and parents support their handling of students. Therefore, parents and students both need to be aware of these rules and their relationship to the rights of other persons in the school.

The Standards of Behaviour incorporated in the Code of Conduct which promotes respect, responsibility, and safety, along with justice, integrity, and accountability are consistent with the Gospel values embodied in our schools. Respect for oneself, others, and the traditions of our Catholic faith is central to the vision of a Catholic Education.
Parents are expected to (but not limited to):

- show an active interest in their child's school work and progress
- communicate regularly with the school and sign student's agenda
- help their child be neat, appropriately dressed, and prepared for school
- ensure the basic needs of their children are met, including ensuring that their children are well-nourished and well-rested when they go to school
- provide healthy snacks and lunches
- ensure that their child attends school on time every day with the necessary school supplies
- promptly report to the school their child's absence or late arrival
- encourage and assist their child in following the rules of behavior as outlined in the Positive Behaviour Support Matrix
- monitor their child's telephone, computer, and television use, as well as movies and magazines their child views and sees
- show respect for the teacher, and any other staff or community member, in front of their child or others at all times, regardless of what they may think of their actions
- speak respectfully and with kindness and courtesy to others in front of students, especially when there is any disagreement
- refrain from any behaviour, or comments, which are insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive; it is unacceptable to raise your voice, use inappropriate language, or threaten any staff or community member online, on social media, and/or in person
- **speak to the teacher or adult in charge before accepting their child's version of an incident**
- go through the proper channels when they have a problem
- avoid involvement in rumors and dissemination of rumors
- build a bridge of acceptance and understanding, and expect their child to do the same, among the different cultures represented at Our Lady of Mercy School

I have read and understand the information contained in this document. Any breach of any of the items above may result in the following:

- a letter, phone call, or meeting with a member from the OLM Education Committee or Administration
- being relieved of your specific participation duty
- withdrawal from the school
- withholding the following year's registration package

Date: _____

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Mother's Full Name (Please Print) Father's Full Name (Please Print)

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Mother's Signature Father's Signature

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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