

Saint Dominic High School
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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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I. GOVERNANCE

Saint Dominic High School operates within the Diocese of Rockville Centre with the permission of the Bishop of Rockville Centre. St. Dominic High School is owned and operated by St. Dominic Parish, Oyster Bay, administered by the Principal and staffed by religious and lay faculty.

II. MISSION STATEMENT, PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Let it be known that the mission of St. Dominic High School is to educate young people in a community dedicated to Gospel values and Catholic teachings. Ministering to students of diverse abilities, St. Dominic High School strives to achieve wholeness through personal holiness, academic excellence, and social responsibility. The pride of this community is its celebration of a student's growth and individuality.

St. Dominic High School is a community that directly endorses and practices the basic values of Christianity in the Roman Catholic tradition. Within an educational framework, we seek to develop a community based on mutual respect and to develop in our students a sense of personal responsibility.

We follow the New York State Regents curriculum supplemented with a wide variety of electives. Students are encouraged to select their course of study responsibly, to cultivate critical and creative thinking and achieve personal growth.

Our ultimate aim is to contribute to the preparation of our students to live in a world of challenge and change by promoting their spiritual, intellectual, emotional, moral, social, cultural and physical growth.

OBJECTIVES:

In keeping with this philosophy, we:

- Promote religious education with experiences in liturgical worship, Christian service, retreats, and community outreach projects.
- Provide an academic curriculum including electives in fields of personal enrichment, college-level and honors courses.
- Make available an opportunity for both individual and group counseling with regard to personal development, college placement and career choices.
- Encourage students to participate in student government, social functions and community programs.
- Cultivate an appreciation for music, art, drama and language studies through field trips, humanities programs and trips abroad.
- Foster participation in athletic competition and Health and Physical Education classes.

III. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A. ADMISSIONS

Students are admitted on the basis of a standardized entrance exam, grade school achievement records, and overall evaluation. Class placement is based upon a standardized entrance exam, grade school achievement records, and/or St. Dominic placement tests.

B. GUIDANCE

The Guidance Department is open to all students for academic, personal and career guidance and counseling. Counselors meet with all students individually and in groups during the school year. If a student is requested at the guidance office and fails to attend his/her appointment more than once, the counselor will only reschedule at the student's request. A letter will be mailed home to notify the parent/guardian. Parents are also encouraged to meet with the counselors.

C. COURSE SELECTION/SCHEDULING

As expected in a college preparatory school, all students must meet certain core requirements. Consultation with counselors and teachers as well as course pre-requisites will determine placement. Registration for classes begins in March with an opportunity for all students to meet with teachers and counselors. Parents must sign the Course Selection Sheet indicating their approval of courses. Once the classes have been scheduled, the counselors, teachers, and administration will determine if a schedule can be changed.

D. CURRICULUM PROFILE

All students are required to pass a four-year sequence in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Theology and Physical Education. Please refer to the curriculum booklet posted on the school website for additional information regarding requirements from the New York State Board of Regents, as well as information on diploma types.

E. ACADEMICS

70% is passing. All grades are given numerically. Final averages for all students are calculated by using each quarter as 20% of the student's final grade and the midterm and final exam as 10% each. Students will receive a GPA on a 100-point scale. A weighting system is used to calculate a student's cumulative GPA and to more accurately determine a student's rank in class by weighting subjects according to the course content. Honors and Research courses are weighted 1.05. Advanced Placement and College Level courses are weighted 1.10.

Testing throughout the year will be administered according to the following schedule: Math, Social Studies and Theology departments will administer tests on A, C, E days. The Science, English and World Language departments will administer tests on B, D, F days.

Although we encourage every student to get involved and participate in after-school activities, such as clubs and sports teams, it is imperative that students realize that academic success is their first priority. Any student who is failing two or more subjects will forfeit the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities and athletics for the season.

No student may return to St. Dominic High School without successfully completing all courses from the previous year in an approved summer school program. **Students who satisfactorily complete their course requirements will advance to the next grade level and will NOT be allowed to repeat the same grade level.**

Senior students can be exempt from a final by receiving an unweighted average of 90 or higher for a class by the end of the school year. In addition, seniors must not exceed 10 absences for a full-year course (excused or unexcused), or 5 absences for a half year course, (excused or unexcused). The grade will be determined using the midterm and each of the quarter grades.

F. REGENTS EXAMS

Students must sit for all Regents Exams that are required as part of the course. If a student is absent from a Regents Exam and does not have a doctor's note, it will be noted on the student's transcript with a NR.

If a student needs to make-up or retake a Regents Exam, they must notify the guidance department at least 8 weeks prior to the administration of the exam. If a student chooses to retake a Regents Exam, the higher score will be put on their transcript.

G. CEEB CODE

The St. Dominic High School CEEB/ACT code is 334390.

H. HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society

Criteria

- Juniors with a GPA of 92% (weighted) or higher may receive an application.
- Candidates must demonstrate good character. Infractions may deny admission to or necessitate expulsion from the National Honor Society.
- Candidates must have participated in at least two after school activities e.g. peer tutoring, student council (only one may be athletic).
- Candidates must have performed community service.
- Candidates must demonstrate the ability to write an effective personal statement. Candidate must attend a workshop on personal statements for eligibility.
- The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Demonstrating good character. Disciplinary issues will be discussed with the administration.
- One hour each month of peer tutoring in one of the honor society's tutoring programs, or signed off by a St. Dominic High School faculty member after school.
- Sign up for and volunteer in the "Homework Hangout" on a monthly rotating basis.
- Attendance at monthly meetings is mandatory.
- Participate in the chapter's service project (to be determined during the school year).

If these requirements are not met, the student will be put on probation during which he/she will have one month to rectify his/her deficiencies. In the case that these requirements are not met during the probation period, the student will be dismissed from the honor society. Students that miss two consecutive meetings or two consecutive months of tutoring hours will automatically be dismissed from the society.

Application Procedure:

- On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, applications will be distributed by mail to students meeting the 92% cumulative GPA requirement.
- Fully completed applications must be submitted to the moderator by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.
- Applications not fully completed and submitted by May 1, 2019, will not be considered for membership to the National Honor Society.

Science Honor Society

Criteria:

- Candidates must be a Junior or Senior at the time of application.
- Candidates must have a minimum overall average of 88% in all Regents Science Classes, 85% in all Honors Science Classes, minimum of 80% in Science AP classes and a minimum of 80% in all other classes.
- Candidates must have a history of participation in at least two S.D.H.S. activities.
- Participation in Science Olympiads (as either a Junior or Senior).

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Maintaining all minimum averages for induction.
- 1 hour each month of peer tutoring or assisting in any science lab.
- Participation in organizing and running the Blood Drives.
- Attending monthly meetings.
- If students do not attend meetings, they will be assigned additional hours.

If these requirements are not met, students will be put on probation during which they will have one month to rectify their deficiencies. In the case that these requirements are not met during the probation period, students will be dismissed from the honor society.

Application Procedure:

- On February 27, 2019, applications will be available from the Science Honor Society moderator.
- Fully completed applications must be submitted to the moderators by March 25, 2019.
- Applications not fully completed and submitted by March 25, 2019 will not be considered for membership in the Science Honor Society.

World Language Honor Societies (Spanish & Italian)

Criteria:

- Candidates must be Juniors or Seniors and must have completed 3 years of the language at St. Dominic High School.
- Candidates should have an average of 90% or higher in the respective world language.
- Candidates should demonstrate qualities of good character and show an interest in the study of world languages and cultures.
- In order to qualify as officers of the World Language Societies candidates must be members and are required to take Level 4 of the language.

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Attendance is mandatory. Students who are absent for 3 or more meetings, will no longer be eligible for membership.
- Providing tutoring to students, one hour each month.
- Assisting in all activities related to World Language Department.
- Meetings will be held every other Wednesday. Every member of the society is required to tutor an hour each month.
- Members must take Level 4 of the language.

Application Procedure:

- There is a membership drive in September/October.
- After the membership drive is completed, members will no longer be accepted.

National Art Honor Society

Criteria:

- Candidates have completed Studio Art with a final average of 93 or higher.
- Students maintaining honor roll status in all classes and 93 or higher in all art courses.
- Be currently enrolled in an art course with the intent of continuing to be enrolled through 12th grade.
- Be a student and person of good character by respecting the art room, works of art and all students. Being neat in work habits, work space and classroom.

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Be willing to perform service for Art Honor Society to benefit and enrich the arts of the art program, the community and the world.
- Mentoring other students in class and being role models of good behavior.
- Attending all Art Honor Society meetings.
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours through the activities of peer mentoring, school art promoting events, Fine Arts service work, and creating art for school, public or world use. (These hours are not applicable toward St. Dominic community service hours)
- Regular attendance and on time.

Application Procedure:

- Fully completed applications must be submitted by October 5, 2018.

Math National Honor Society

Criteria:

- Candidates must be Juniors.
- Candidates must have a minimum overall average of 90% in Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus, 85% or above in Honors Pre-Calculus.
- Candidates must have had a minimum overall average of 80% in all grade levels.
- Candidates must have a history of participation in at least two S.D.H.S. activities.

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Maintaining all minimum averages for induction.
- Participating in at least 4 math competitions (Tuesday afternoons).
- 1 hour each month of peer tutoring in a St. Dominic High School math teacher's extra help session after school.

If these requirements are not met, students will be put on probation during which they will have one month to rectify their deficiencies. In the case that these requirements are not met during the probation period, students will be dismissed from the honor society.

Application Procedure:

- On February 27, 2019, applications will be available from the moderator.
- Fully completed applications must be submitted to the moderator by March 25, 2019.
- Applications not fully completed and submitted by March 25, 2019 will not be considered for membership in the Math Honor Society.

Tri M Honor Society

Criteria:

- Candidates must have maintained a minimum average of 93% in music courses.
- Candidates must be individuals of good character. They must assume a professional demeanor in rehearsals and performances, and show respect for the work of their peers. Candidates will freely assist in organizing and moving music, stands/folders or other materials necessary for successful performances/rehearsals.
- Candidates must participate in service projects and/or NYSSMA or extra-curricular activities as per the Music Department.

Requirements Once Inducted:

- Mentoring other students in class and becoming a role model of good behavior, and keeping their voices down. Students will step up to leadership roles in the organization to help maintain their sections.
- Continuing to enroll in music courses through 12th grade.
- Meetings will be held on Fridays after school.

Application Procedure:

- On February 27, 2019, applications will be available from the Tri-M Honor

Society moderator.

- Fully completed applications must be submitted to the moderator by March 25, 2019.
- Applications not fully completed and submitted by March 25, 2019 will not be considered for membership in the Tri-M Honor Society.

National English Honor Society

Criteria:

- Candidate must be a junior or senior at time of application.
- Candidate must have a minimum overall average of 90% in all English classes and a minimum of 80% in all other classes.
- Candidate must demonstrate good character in the academic and school community.
- Candidate must obtain letters of recommendation from two teachers (one English teacher, and one teacher of the candidate's choice).

Requirements Once Inducted:

Members must attend monthly meetings. Once accepted, members must have documentation of participation in twelve hours of any of the following activities:

Newspaper
Yearbook
Literary Journal
Creative Writing Club
Peer tutoring

If these requirements are not met, students will be put on probation during which they will have one month to rectify their deficiencies. In the case that these requirements are not met during the probation period, students will be dismissed from the honor society. In addition, students must continue to illustrate good character in the academic, athletic, and school community. Any student who fails to meet this requirement will be placed on probation or dismissed.

Application Procedure:

- There is a membership drive in September/October.
- Fully completed applications can be submitted to the moderator by October 11, 2018.
- Applications not fully completed or submitted by October 11, 2018 will not be considered for membership.

I. ADDRESSING ACADEMIC CONCERNS

In the event that a parent needs to contact Saint Dominic in matters pertaining to any particular class or academic issue, the parent should first contact the **teacher** of the specific class. If a satisfactory resolution to the issue is not obtained; he or she should next contact the **Department Chair** to help resolve the situation. If, however, the parent still has questions or the issue cannot be resolved then he or she should contact an **Assistant Principal**.

J. REPORTS TO PARENTS

Report cards are no longer mailed home. Every parent and student is provided with a Net Classroom username and password at the beginning of the school year. Parents can monitor student progress in any class at any time by logging into Net Classroom. It is the responsibility of the parent to monitor the student's progress using Net Classroom. Parents are strongly advised to log on to Net Classroom regularly and to contact the students' teachers with any questions about their progress. More information on Net Classroom can be found under the Academics menu on the school website.

Report cards are made available on Net Classroom after each of the four quarters and after midterm examinations as posted in the school calendar. The days of parent-teacher conferences are also posted in the school calendar. If a parent would like additional information on a student's performance, it is the responsibility of the parent to contact the teacher. Teachers are available by email or phone. Please allow 24 hours for a response.

K. GRADUATION

Unless otherwise exempted by the administration, students are required to complete a total of 26 units of credit over their four years and twelve certified service hours per year of enrollment at St. Dominic High School for graduation. All courses taken at St. Dominic's must be successfully completed for a student to receive a diploma. Public graduation is a privilege earned by the successful completion of academic work and acceptable student behavior. For serious reasons – academic failure, infractions of school and attendance policies – the administration reserves the right to withhold public graduation from any student. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating class will be announced at the end of the third quarter of senior year. Valedictorian is awarded to the student with the highest grade point average for course work completed at St. Dominic. Salutatorian is awarded to the student with the second highest grade point average for course work completed at St. Dominic. A student must attend St. Dominic High School for a minimum of three consecutive years in order to be eligible for this honor. Only grades earned at Saint Dominic High School will be used to calculate the cumulative grade point average.

L. SERVICE

All students are required to complete 12 hours of approved community service each year. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all work is completed and properly submitted each year. Failure to comply will result in a reduction of the final Theology average by 5 points.

M. TRANSCRIPTS

All requests for transcripts must be made in the Guidance Office. Official transcripts may not be issued to students or parents, but will be sent directly to the requesting school or agency.

N. HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll is an in-school recognition given at the end of each academic quarter. It is based on a weighted average. Students with disciplinary infractions are not eligible for the Principal's List in the respective quarter.

- Principal's List: Average of 95% and no failures.
- 1st Honors: Average of 92% and no failures.
- 2nd Honors: Average of 88% and no failures.

O. STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD

Each month Faculty and Administration will select one student in good academic standing from each class who represent the values and characteristics of the St. Dominic community.

P. MAKE-UP WORK

All worked missed during absences must be made up. It is the personal responsibility of the student to obtain all missed work and make-up exams. It is the teacher's discretion as to the due date of the missed work, which may include the day of return but not to exceed one cycle of the absence. If missed work and exams are not completed within the allotted time, the student is subject to a failure for the missed work.

Q. WITHDRAWALS

Parents wishing to withdraw students from the school must contact the Admissions Office for the withdrawal procedures.

R. DISMISSALS

The administration reserves the right to dismiss any student who brings discredit to the school, whose conduct is found to be offensive to the school community, whose academic work is below standard or who does not conform to the procedures prescribed in this handbook.

S. I.D. CARDS

Photo identification cards are issued to all St. Dominic students and are to be displayed at all times. These cards are not only accepted as a valid form of general identification, but they also distinguish the holder as being a part of the St. Dominic community. All outside doors are locked at all times for security reasons. Students must have I.D. cards to allow access to buildings. Also, each card carries a patron bar code which can be used to purchase food in the cafeteria. If a student is asked to surrender his/her I.D. card for disciplinary reasons, it may be retrieved only from the Administration.

Missing cards should be reported immediately since the student to whom it was issued is responsible for its use. If an identification card is destroyed or misplaced, a replacement card must be purchased at the cost of \$10.00.

IV. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students must participate in at least one extra-curricular activity. College requirements include scholastic achievement, but also cooperation, school spirit, loyalty, initiative, etc. These characteristics are best displayed, developed and observed through extra-curricular activities. See the sports/club/ activities agreement.

V. GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

A. RATIONALE FOR RULES AND POLICIES REGARDING DISCIPLINE

As a Catholic school, St. Dominic High School is committed to the intellectual, emotional, physical, social and spiritual development of each student. The rules of the school are designed to create an atmosphere which makes this development possible. Respect – for self, for others, for property – is the foundation of such an environment. All at St. Dominic are to be sensitive to the needs and rights of the individual; however, since this is also a community, it must be noted that there can be no respect for the needs of the individual if the needs and rights of others are not equally respected and protected.

The effectiveness of rules and policies depends upon the good will and self-discipline of all who attend St. Dominic; and while self-discipline is the ideal for which we strive, there must also be an acceptance of external regulations and an understanding that certain sanctions or penalties exist for those who do not abide by these regulations.

It should be understood that these rules and policies are not necessarily all-encompassing and that situations may arise that will require other disciplinary actions as determined by the school administration.

B. COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARENTS

The majority of the school's mass communications with parents will be done electronically via mass phone calls, the school's website and Net Classroom. Parents are advised to check the website regularly for news and information and to closely monitor their students' grades and attendance on Net Classroom. Since important announcements will be disseminated via email and mass phone calls, it is vital that the phone numbers and email addresses provided by parents be current and that we be promptly advised of any changes to them.

C. HOME ASSIGNMENTS AND ACADEMIC DETENTION

Students are responsible for completing all home assignments. As a student enrolled in a college preparatory program, a minimum of two hours of homework and study each night is expected. Should a student fail to make a reasonable attempt at, or complete a homework assignment, Academic Detention will be issued. Academic Detention is held Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

D. ATTENDANCE

The Commissioner of Education has instituted stringent requirements for school attendance and has placed significant responsibility on students, parents/guardians and schools in this area. Clearly, it is understood that honesty in reporting absences is extremely important. New laws and regulations give very little latitude to parents or schools in determining what constitutes excused and unexcused absence.

Truancy occurs when students absent themselves from school without their parents' knowledge or consent. St. Dominic High School is mandated to comply with, and supports, the Commissioner's Regulations.

To receive credit for a high school course, a student must be physically present for 90% of the yearly instructional time for that course. Since most courses meet 180 days throughout the school year, any student who is absent for more than 18 days of instruction, may not receive credit for that course. Each case will be reviewed by the administrative team and a recommendation will be made to the high school principal who will make the final decision to award or deny credit. All absence and lateness, whether excused or not, including award of credit, become part of a student's permanent record and may have serious implications when applying to college and/or for prospective future employment.

Class attendance is mandatory. Students who are found to have cut class are subject to detention and/or suspension. Placement on the Honor Rolls, in honors courses, participation in sports teams and clubs/activities will be in jeopardy for absences in excess of 5 days per quarter. Students who are habitually absent will be brought to the attention of the administration and suitable action will be taken including a mandatory parental conference. If the situation persists, the student may be subject to further action including mandatory doctor's notes, loss of course credit and possible expulsion.

1. ABSENCE AND TARDINESS

a. Students are required to be in attendance on all days that school is in session. **Students who arrive at school after or leave prior to 11:00 am will be considered absent for the entire day. Students who arrive late and miss an exam must make up exam prior to participating in extracurricular activities, including athletics. Any student, who is considered absent for the day, cannot participate in extra-curricular activities without administrative approval.**

b. It is the responsibility of the student who is absent to obtain all missed assignments and notes. In the event of an extended absence, a parent should contact the Guidance Department to arrange for assignments to be forwarded.

c. Students who are absent from school (including section a above) may not participate in any after school activity (athletic or non-athletic) on the day of the absence.

d. Any student absent for 5 or more consecutive days must present a doctor's note upon return.

e. Parents can monitor student attendance on Net Classroom:

- Log on to Net Classroom
- Log In
- Click on (Child's Name) classes
- Drop down screen to attendance

You can view by class or by day or you can click on "expand all" and it will give you your child's total attendance.

2. PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN A STUDENT IS ABSENT OR ABSENT FROM AN EXAM:

a. On each day of a student's absence, a parent **MUST** call the ATTENDANCE

OFFICE BY 9:00 a.m. to report the absence.

b. Upon return to school the student must present a written note, specifying the dates of absence and the reason, signed by a parent or guardian, to the attendance office. Please be aware that written verification is required by law and must be kept on file by the school. A parent's failure to provide a note upon a student's return to school will not excuse the student of this responsibility and he/she may be assigned detention for failure to present an absence note.

c. IF A STUDENT IS ABSENT FOR A MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAM, A DOCTOR'S NOTE WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A MAKEUP EXAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED.

d. In the event that a student is absent from school and misses a New York State Regents Examination, be advised that there are NO make-up examinations. You must arrange to take the exam the next time it is offered.

3. TRUANCY

Truancy ("cutting" all or any part of a school day) is unacceptable and will result in a disciplinary action.

4. LATENESS

Lateness falls into two categories, late to school and late to class. No student will be excused for lateness. Students who are habitually late to school or class will be subject to disciplinary action.

5. EARLY DISMISSAL

Parents requesting early dismissal for their child should be mindful of the criteria for excused and unexcused absences. Doctors' appointments should be made outside school hours. In the event that such arrangements cannot be made and an early dismissal is required, the following procedures must be followed:

- a. The student must present a note signed by a parent to the Attendance Office by 7:50 am indicating the time of and the reason for the dismissal.
- b. If someone other than a parent is picking up a student, the name of that person should be included in the note.
- c. The person picking up the student must report to the Attendance Office to sign out the student.
- d. In the case of a doctor's visit, a note from the doctor on his/her stationery must be presented upon return to school.

Students are not permitted to leave early to prepare for social functions including the Semi-formal, Junior Ring Dance and Senior Prom.

6. THE CLASS DAY

Students are expected to be at school by 7:50 a.m. every day. Students who are late to school, regardless of the reason, must report to the Attendance Office before going to class. If a student arrives late on a bus, a LATE BUS pass will be issued. In the event a student becomes ill during the school day, the classroom teacher will issue a pass to the Nurse's Office. If the Nurse believes that the student is not well enough to stay in school, a parent will be notified and asked to come pick the student up from the Nurse's Office. **ALL CALLS TO PARENTS MUST BE MADE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE.**

E. WEATHER EMERGENCIES

On days of inclement weather, a School Reach phone and email blast will be sent out as early as possible and the closing will be posted on the website. Additionally, TV News Channel 12 will be notified.

If the Oyster Bay-East Norwich District is closed because of a weather emergency, St. Dominic will also be closed. In extreme cases St. Dominic High School will have a delayed opening. On those days students are to follow the scheduled opening of their **home** district. The buildings will be opened in the event that the home district provides transportation at the usual time. St. Dominic recognizes that students may arrive late or not at all during those days.

F. HEALTH REGULATIONS

All new students (freshmen and transferees) as well as students entering tenth grade, are required to have a physical examination by the first day of classes. Specific inoculations, complying with the New York State Health Law, must also be completed upon entrance to St. Dominic High School. All students planning to participate in sports must present a physical examination and Sports Health Update, which can be found on our website. This is the only acceptable form and must be done each year before a student can try out for any sport.

Students on crutches must have a release form signed by a doctor and a parent attesting that the student has learned to use crutches correctly. If a student cannot attend any classes because of a temporary injury, the student is to remain at home; however, if an injury or disability is such that a student is only slightly restricted, then the student should report to the Assistant Principal to have the daily schedule adjusted.

As per the New York State Education Department, students are not permitted to carry any medication with them without doctor and parental documentation. If medications must be taken during school hours, or students need to keep an inhaler or epi-pen with them, the Health Office is to be notified so the necessary medication forms can be completed and the correct medication administration procedures can be followed.

Except in cases of emergency, all students are to arrive at the Health Office with a properly completed pass from a teacher. Students who are ill requiring early dismissal may only be dismissed through the Health Office after evaluation and parental/emergency contact by the school nurse has been made. Students are not permitted to use personal phones to call parents for permission to go home due to illness prior to seeing the school nurse for evaluation.

G. LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of St. Dominic High School and should be treated as such. The Administration reserves the right to inspect lockers and their contents at any time. ONLY combination locks purchased from St. Dominic High School are permitted on school lockers. All others will be removed by the Administration. Students who divulge their combinations to others do so at their own risk. St. Dominic assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items. Personal property should not be left unattended. Lockers are to be secured (locked) when not in use.

H. CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is to be clean and in good order at all times. Students are to clean their areas (tables, chairs, and floor) before leaving. No food or beverages (including bottled water) are to be brought outside the cafeteria. Students must remain in the cafeteria for the entire lunch period until they are dismissed. The cafeteria is open before and after school; however, food will only be served before school.

I. CARS

Only Seniors (with a class D license) are permitted to drive to school and park on campus. All cars are to be registered with the Assistant Principal of Student Life. A non-refundable \$20 fee must be paid in the Attendance Office before driving to school is permitted. Parking is available on a limited basis. Cars are to be parked in assigned lots only. Students are NOT permitted to loiter near their cars nor return to their cars during the school day once they have arrived on campus. Since parking on school grounds is a privilege, seniors who exhibit inappropriate driving will forfeit their parking privileges. Excessive tardiness could lead to loss of this privilege as determined by the Administration.

ALL students should apply for busing with their districts by April 1 in the event that hazardous driving conditions exist and it is more prudent to take the bus. In case severe weather develops during the school day, student drivers may be dismissed early provided a parental consent form for such early dismissal is on file in the school office. Student drivers will not be permitted to take passengers with them unless a signed parental consent is also on file for those specific passengers. The decision to allow early dismissal rests with school administration and will not be made on an individual basis. Students or parents who are concerned about driving in light snow should monitor weather forecasts and not drive when snow is predicted.

J. TELEPHONES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Use of cell phones, personal stereo systems and other electronic devices is not permitted in any St. Dominic High School building from the moment of entrance to the building in the morning to the dismissal bell. All personal electronic equipment must be left in a student's locker and cannot be carried around the school buildings. If a student's PHONE OR OTHER DEVICE is visible or is heard during the school day, the phone will be confiscated. For the FIRST VIOLATION of this policy the equipment will be confiscated, the parents will be contacted and the student will receive their phone after serving one day of detention AFTER DETENTION has been served. For the SECOND VIOLATION, the equipment will be held by the Assistant Principal and will be returned after serving two days of detention. The penalty for a THIRD VIOLATION will result in an IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION which will go on the student's permanent record. St. Dominic High School does not take responsibility for lost or stolen items.

Cell phones are no longer permitted in testing areas where NYS Regents Exams are administered. The penalty includes invalidation of the exam by NYS.

K. VISITORS

Students should be instructed to follow the St. Dominic High School procedures for guests coming to school. If students are asked to host a guest for the day through the Admissions Office, they should make sure that they introduce the guest to the teacher on arrival to the classroom.

All other visitors to St. Dominic High School are required to sign in at the Principal's Office and receive a pass to be in the building. Students are not to bring relatives or friends on school property during school hours. If a parent needs to see a faculty member, please make an appointment beforehand.

L. UNIFORM POLICY

St. Dominic High School believes that a dress code is an important part of Catholic High School education. It sets a serious tone and instills pride and discipline in students. We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and expect their cooperation in assisting us in enforcing the dress code.

All students are expected to have a neat, well-groomed appearance. The Administration reserves the right to reject unsuitable modes of appearance and to suspend a student from classes if he or she is not in uniform. Current fads in make-up and hairstyle can be distracting to others and detrimental to the school climate. Hair must remain a natural color. The wearing of jewelry should be kept to a minimum because of the possibility of loss and distraction.

It is not possible to list all possible violations, but the general rule is that each student is to have a neat appearance during school and at all school-related functions. The school administration reserves the right to make subjective judgments on acceptable student attire and personal appearance. Only the Principal has the right to make exceptions to the uniform. The school uniform is mandatory on all school days except as noted above. Students who are not in full school uniform will be issued a detention. If a student continually violates the uniform policy, he/she may be suspended from class until properly attired. In this case a parent will have to make arrangements for a proper uniform to be brought to school before the student will be permitted into class. Since the school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen jewelry, it is recommended that expensive watches, rings, etc. not be worn to school. The dress code remains in effect on exam days. School uniforms are required. Certain garment items must be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara, 131 Sunnyside Blvd, Plainview, NY. (516) 221-3006.

All students are required to be in compliance with the school uniform policy as they arrive each morning and leave each day. Students may not change into uniforms upon arrival or out of their uniforms at dismissal, except as needed for school activities. The only exception is during inclement weather when boots and navy or gray sweats (under skirts) may be worn to/from school and removed before the 7:55 a.m. bell.

Sweatshirts with hoods up are never to be worn on school grounds or in buildings. **Hats** may never be worn in any of the school buildings at any time. On days of inclement weather, students may layer beneath their blazers with a grey, navy or white sweater that must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or the school approved zip up fleece. SDHS scarves may be worn. Outer garments are never to be worn during the school day unless an announcement is made.

BOYS

Blazer: Navy blazer must be worn at all times except as indicated in the calendar during summer uniform days, when St. Dominic polo shirts may be worn*. Seniors may wear the "Senior" sweater in lieu of the blazer.

Pants: Gray dress pants must be worn at waist with a plain black or brown dress belt. No print belts are permitted

Shirt: Gentlemen must wear a white dress shirt and properly knotted tie.

Shoes: Burgundy loafers, black loafers, brown or black tie shoes which may be purchased from Flynn and O'Hara. Shoes must be completely on the foot and tied at all times.

Socks: Navy, black or white socks (must be worn above the ankle).

Hair: Hair must be of one natural color, must be neatly combed, free of lines (other than a single part), demarcations and cornrows. It may not extend below the collar. Sideburns must not be below the ear and hair must be cut to show earlobes. Facial hair is not permitted. It is up to the discretion of the administration to determine if a hairstyle is acceptable for the school.

Quarter Zips: School issued quarter zips may be worn under the blazer. No sports quarter zips are permitted.

Other: No shorts, boat shoes or sneakers are permitted. Visible piercings, tattoos, earrings, pony tails, braids, bobby pins, beards and mustaches are not permitted. Eyebrows are also to be free of demarcations and piercings. Undershirts must be solid white.

GIRLS

Blazer: Navy blazer must be worn at all times except as indicated in the calendar during summer uniform days, when St. Dominic polo shirts may be worn*. Seniors may wear the "Senior" sweater in lieu of the blazer.

Skirt: Freshman and Sophomore girls are to wear the gray plaid kilt and Junior/Senior girls are to wear the plaid kilt with the burgundy stripe. **Skirts must be worn to the knee.**

Blouse Options: White oxford blouse with side slits. Shirts with tails **MUST** be tucked into skirt.

Shoes: Burgundy loafers, black loafers, brown or black tie shoes which may be purchased from Flynn and O'Hara. Shoes must be completely on the foot and tied at all times.

Stockings: Solid navy or gray stockings (no flesh tone), navy, grey or white knee socks or tights. Logos are not permitted on stockings or socks worn during the school day.

Quarter Zips: School issued quarter zips may be worn under the blazer. No sports quarter zips are permitted.

Other: No shorts, boat shoes or sneakers are permitted. No excessive hair ornamentation or headbands. The **ONLY** piercing allowed is 2 (two) earrings in each earlobe. Earrings can be no larger than the size of a quarter. No cartilage, tragus, nose or other visible piercings permitted. **No striped or colored shirts are to be worn under the uniform. Undershirts, if worn, must be solid white and tucked into skirt.**

***Polos:** Students are permitted to wear the school approved polo from the first day of

school until Columbus Day. In the spring, students are permitted to wear the school approved polo after May 1st.

M. DRESS DOWN DAY REQUIREMENTS

Dress Down days are given throughout the year, however, students may not wear shorts of any length, pajamas, excessive jewelry, tank or halter tops, hats, visors, bandanas, ripped or tom clothing, sandals, flip flops, slippers or clogs. Shirts must be of sufficient length to cover the navel and must not be sheer. Clothing must also be free of any writing or illustrations that are not in keeping with the philosophy of a Catholic school. For safety reasons, **FLIP FLOPS are NEVER TO BE WORN.**

Spirit Day Dress Code:

TOPS: Any St. Dominic T-Shirt, St. Dominic long sleeve shirt or, P.E. uniform T- shirt.

BOTTOMS: St. Dominic athletic shorts (must say St. Dominic, NO spandex or Cheerleading skirts – this is usually just for Blue and White Day), P.E. uniform shorts, St. Dominic sweat pants, St. Dominic PJ pants.

SHOES: SNEAKERS ONLY!

N. DRESS ATTIRE FOR EVENTS

For the Honors Convocation, Underclass Academic Awards Ceremony and school trips, the regular school dress code is in effect. Academic attire is worn for the Baccalaureate Liturgy and Graduation. For the Semi-Formal and Junior Ring Mass and Dance, students are to adhere to the following:

Boys: Suit or dress blazer, dress pants, dress shirt and tie

Girls: Dress or dress slacks and blouse appropriate for Liturgy

O. ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC FUNCTIONS

Students are encouraged to attend social and athletic functions sponsored by St. Dominic High School; however, the following restrictions apply:

1. A student who is absent may not attend any social or athletic function on the day of an absence from school.
2. Students are not permitted to leave early to prepare for social functions including Semi-formal, Jr. Ring Dance and Sr. Prom.
3. A student who is improperly dressed or poorly behaved will be asked to leave any school function and will be subject to further school penalties as determined by the Principal.
4. Requirements and restrictions to specific class and school functions, such as the Senior Prom, Junior Ring Night and the Semi-Formal are determined by the administration.
5. No student will be admitted to a St. Dominic dance after it has been in progress for one half-hour. Students must stay until at least one half-hour before the end of the affair. Guests are the responsibility of the St. Dominic High School student and must abide with all school policies. Student and guest must leave together. Guests must have some form of identification. The Administration reserves the right to refuse any person entrance to social and athletic functions. Any student who has been asked to withdraw from St. Dominic High School for disciplinary issues will not be permitted to attend social functions. All non-students must be approved by the Administration prior to the event.

P. RETREATS

A retreat experience is provided for all students as a level group. Retreat days are considered to be regular school days and procedures regarding attendance apply. Should a student miss his/her retreat date, it will be necessary to write a paper on the theme of the retreat or submit another assignment deemed appropriate by the Theology department.

Q. TUITION POLICY

All financial arrangements are handled by the Business Office. The administration reserves the right to remove a student from classes and co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, access to Net Classroom, and sitting for mid-term or final exams, if tuition is in arrears. If there is an extraordinary problem, a temporary arrangement may be made by communicating with the Business Office. There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks. For all tuition accounts set-up with SMART, after a 10-day grace period, SMART will call or e-mail delinquent accounts. There is a \$25 monthly charge for this service, in addition to the school \$15 monthly late fee.

R. REFUND/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The registration fee and Annual school fee are non-refundable. If a student withdraws for any reason, including expulsion, 10% of the full amount of tuition is forfeited PLUS 10% for each additional full/partial month the student is registered. When there is a balance due in the scheduled tuition plan payments at the time of withdrawal/expulsion, the balance remains as due to the school. Official transcripts, labs, etc. will not be released until the account is settled. Please call the Business Office at ext. 5555 with questions regarding tuition.

VI. DISCIPLINE

Discipline and good order are vital aspects of a Catholic school education so that an environment for learning is established. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, are vital components of this part of school life. Parents and students must acknowledge that they have received, reviewed and will abide by the rules and regulations of St. Dominic High School. St. Dominic High School students are expected to maintain a consistent Christian conduct of civility, order and respect.

Academic Detention will be held Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Disciplinary Detention will be held Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Detention must be served on the day it is assigned unless permission to reschedule is granted by the Assistant Principal. Multiple detentions will result in a parent conference.

A. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

Students are under the school's jurisdiction and subject to school regulations at the following times:

- a. En route to and from school and/or school-sponsored activities including but not limited to athletics
- b. While on campus
- c. While in school uniform

During these times, students must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the school's educational and religious philosophy. Special emphasis is placed on the following areas, but this is not meant to be an all-inclusive list. The administration reserves the right to impose penalties for other actions not specifically listed below. The following behaviors are unacceptable to the St. Dominic High School student:

1. Disrespect/Insubordination

No individual student or group of students is ever permitted to be disrespectful to or to disobey the directions or instructions of an administrator, teacher, coach or staff member of St. Dominic High School. Such behavior is an extremely serious offense since it is directly contrary to the atmosphere of respect that is at the core of life at St. Dominic High School, and is subject to suspension.

2. Plagiarism/Cheating

Plagiarism is forbidden at St. Dominic High School. Plagiarism is defined as "presenting the ideas or words of another as one's own." Plagiarism includes copying, downloading, or otherwise obtaining information from written or electronic sources, including the internet and the World Wide Web, without properly citing the source of that information. Assignments will be submitted using the online program, turnitin.com. Since plagiarism is considered cheating, any student found to plagiarize material or cheat on a quiz or test 1) will receive a zero on the assignment in which the plagiarism occurred; 2) may receive a failing grade for the course in which the plagiarism occurred; and/or 3) will face disciplinary action at St. Dominic's, including suspension and the possibility of expulsion. Plagiarism includes, but is NOT limited to all of the following:

- On **Homework** and laboratory assignments: copying information or data from another person that is submitted or presented as one's own is plagiarism.
- On **Examinations** (includes all tests, quizzes, midterms, finals, RCT's, and Regents Exams).
- Looking at another's paper or answer sheet.
- Communicating by any means with another student during the course of an examination.
- Using any unauthorized materials such as notebooks, notes, textbooks, or other sources not specifically allowed by the course teacher for use during the examination period.
- Engaging in any other activity for the purpose of seeking or offering aid during an examination.
- Possessing, without authorization, copies of tests, answer sheets, or other materials related to the examination.
- On **Downloading or paper writing** (includes research or term papers):
 - Direct quoting of any source without giving proper credit through the use of quotation marks, endnotes, and/or other acceptable means of identifying sources.
 - Paraphrasing materials from books, articles, computer resources etc., without identifying and crediting sources.
 - Submitting papers written by another person or persons.
 - Offering false, fabricated, or fictitious sources for papers, reports, or other assignments.

3. Fighting

Students involved in fighting will be subject to disciplinary action. Depending on the severity of the incident, the student may be suspended or expelled from St. Dominic High School.

4. Vandalism

Defacing property is not acceptable. If a student should mar or destroy property, the student will be expected to repair or replace the property or to pay for the repairs/ replacements. Vandals are subject to immediate expulsion.

5. Drugs/Alcohol

Saint Dominic High School is a Gospel-centered community in which the dignity and personal worth of every young person is upheld. In light of this, students are treated not only firmly and fairly but compassionately as well. Should a student fall victim to any form of substance abuse, either the student or the parent(s) of that student should seek appropriate intervention through one of the guidance counselors and/or the school's social worker. Saint Dominic High School wills the absolute good of its young people; a student will most likely remain enrolled at Saint Dominic High School provided that his/her difficulties and treatments remain confidential in nature. Should a student's alcohol dependency or drug involvement become public knowledge, the same level of compassionate support may not be possible. In the event that the matter is brought to a public level and a student is suspected of drug and/or alcohol use/abuse, on or off campus, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action (including suspension and expulsion), and may be subject to investigation and/or may be referred for appropriate professional intervention.

Disciplinary action, investigation and professional intervention may include suspension, expulsion, questioning, parental notification, principal's conference, guidance referral, referral to a social worker or psychiatric/psychological agency or professional and periodic drug testing and evaluation. Failure to cooperate and/or comply with any investigation conducted by, or with the course of action required by, St. Dominic High School may result in suspension or expulsion.

Any student suspected of drug and/or alcohol use/abuse, on or off campus, or of the use of any drug or alcohol before or during school or any school related function, whether on or away from school property, is subject to (i) questioning by, (ii) search of person, property or locker by, and (iii) drug and/or alcohol testing at the request of a School Administrator. Any student who refuses to submit to a School Administrator's questions, or a request for a search, or for drug/alcohol testing, is subject to immediate dismissal from St. Dominic High School.

Students who possess, distribute and/or sell drugs or drug paraphernalia, on or off campus, will be subject to immediate termination from St. Dominic High School, as well as possible police action.

6. Stealing

Stealing is a most serious infraction. The penalty for stealing is suspension or expulsion.

7. Smoking

Smoking is not permitted at any time on school grounds or by any student while wearing a St. Dominic High School uniform. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes/hookahs. Depending on the severity of the incident, the student will face disciplinary action which can include suspension or expulsion.

8. Weapons

It is important that St. Dominic High School maintain a positive, safe, and secure learning environment. In striving to attain such an environment, this school takes the position of no-tolerance for weapons. All weapons, or instruments which have the appearance of weapons, are prohibited within the school and on campus grounds. "Weapon" means any firearm whether loaded or unloaded; any chemical, substance, device or instrument, which appears as a weapon or through its use and is capable of threatening or producing physical harm; or any device or instrument used to threaten or cause physical harm. Violation of this policy will subject the student to expulsion.

9. Public Displays of Affection

Students are expected to display appropriate and respectful interpersonal physical contact at all times. Excessive physical contact or inappropriate displays of affection may result in disciplinary action.

10. Harassment

All students at St. Dominic High School are entitled to an atmosphere free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment. It is contrary to school policy to engage in physical or verbal conduct of a discriminatory or sexually harassing nature, and any such conduct will be subject to school penalties. Anyone who believes that he or she has been subjected to such conduct should notify school administration immediately.

11. Bullying/Hazing

Bullying encompasses a variety of negative acts that may be carried out once or repeatedly. It involves a real or perceived imbalance of power with the more powerful person or group attacking those less powerful. Bullying and hazing of any form-physical, verbal, psychological or by technological means-is contrary to the philosophy and goals of St. Dominic High School and will subject offenders to school and possible civil penalties.

12. Gum

Chewing gum is not permitted on school grounds or in any school vehicle.

13. Food and Beverages

Food and beverages may be consumed only in the cafeteria or lobby of the athletic center and are never permitted in classrooms. Delivery of outside food is not permitted to campus. In the interest of safety, glass bottles are not permitted in school. Students who wish to bring their own drinks from home should purchase cans or plastic.

B. PASSES

Students are not permitted outside the classroom or cafeteria without a bathroom or office pass. If a student is found without a pass, he/she will be considered to be cutting and appropriate penalties will apply. Students with a pass for an individual period must first report to their assigned teacher for attendance.

C. CLOSED CAMPUS

St. Dominic maintains a closed campus policy. Students must remain within the confines of the campus for the entire school day and may only leave if accompanied by a parent or guardian after having been dismissed from the attendance office. Seniors may not return to their vehicles once they have arrived on campus.

VII. PENALTIES/SANCTIONS

The following penalties are imposed by the school for infractions of the student code of conduct contained in this handbook:

A. DETENTION

This is the first and main method of student discipline. Disciplinary detention is assigned by the Administration and is held Monday through Friday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Detention supersedes any other school activity and generally must be served on the day it is given.

B. PROBATION

Students may be placed on probation for academic, disciplinary and attendance. The actual terms of probation will be determined by the administration and will be forwarded to parents and students. Violations of these terms may result in stronger penalties.

C. SUSPENSION

For excessive, repeated or egregious violations of school policy, a suspension of up to 5 days may be imposed by the Principal. This may be served either in school or out of school at the discretion of the administration. During the period of the suspension any missed work or exams will have to be made up. Suspensions will be recorded on a student's permanent record and, therefore, may be available to colleges requesting such information. Any student suspended more than 3 times in any one academic year is subject to expulsion. Before a student will be re-admitted to school following a home suspension, a meeting must be held between parents and school administration. Suspended students cannot participate in any after school activities.

D. EXPULSION

The most serious sanction imposed by the school for serious and/or repeated violations of school policy. Expulsion means a student must immediately leave campus and may not return for any school function.

VIII. COMPUTER NETWORK

The St. Dominic High School computer network exists to support the educational mission of St. Dominic High School and the school grants students access to that network for the purpose of supporting and enhancing their education. This network access allows the student's access to the extensive resources of the Internet, and with that access comes certain expectations and responsibilities. Students should read the agreement below carefully, since any violations could result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of their computer privileges and Internet access.

Acceptable Use Policies:

1. You agree to be responsible in your use of the school's computer network and the Internet, and understand that you are accountable for any activities occurring on a computer to which you are logged on. Be especially careful regarding your network password. Do not choose a password that will be easily guessed by others, and ***do not make your password known to other users.*** Should you have reason to believe that another student has obtained your password, you should inform the computer coordinator and change your password immediately. For your own protection, **you** are the **only** person permitted to use your account. Be certain to log off a computer after you have finished using it. Failing to log off may permit others to use your account for illegal or malicious purposes.

Notify an administrator or teacher *immediately* if you receive or unintentionally access any materials or communications which are threatening, offensive, pornographic or which make you feel uncomfortable. Never agree to a meeting with any individual with whom you have come into contact by means of e-mail or the Internet, and inform a teacher or administrator immediately should someone attempt to arrange a meeting with you in that way.

Save documents and files to the home directory provided for you or a flash drive. Do not save or store files that are not necessary for school-related projects or assignments.

Use your printing privileges wisely. Print only documents that you need for school-related assignments or projects and do not print unnecessarily long documents. Students who abuse their printing privileges will have them revoked.

2. You agree to use the computer resources on the St. Dominic High School campus for educational purposes and not for any purpose that violates the policies of St. Dominic High School or any state or federal laws. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, using any computer on the campus for the following:

- Supporting or producing materials that support any political candidate, party or ballot issue
- Harassing or maligning others
- Sending threatening, harassing, vulgar or malicious e-mail or electronic messages to others
- Supporting or running any commercial enterprise.
- Sending "spam" or mass e-mail
- Gaining access to, or attempting to gain access to, files stored on the network other than your own
- Gaining illegal or unauthorized access to other computer networks or attempting to do so

- Accessing, downloading or storing pornographic, vulgar or obscene materials
- Accessing, downloading or storing materials which promote violence, advocate the destruction of property, or are intended to be offensive to members of any race or ethnic group
- Accessing the network using another student's account
- Installing any unauthorized software
- Violating copyright laws by reproducing copyrighted materials by either electronic or printed means
- Bypassing or disabling Internet filtering methods employed by the school
- Printing any materials which are not needed for a school-related project or assignment
- Destroying, modifying or damaging any computer software or hardware

IX. ASBESTOS STATEMENT

In accordance with 40 CFR §763. 84. c, regard this statement as the school 's annual notification to all workers, students and or their legal guardians that the school continues to maintain its Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) which documents all performed or planned asbestos related inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including periodic reinspection and surveillance activities within the school campus. A copy of this AMP is available for your review and/or inspection at the within the main administrative office of the school building.

3. **You understand that you should not presume or expect that anything you do when using the school's computer resources is private.** School administration, faculty, and any other authorized persons have the ability and the right at any time to electronically monitor your activities when using the school's computer network and to access any files you store on the network.

4. You should use only those computers that have been made available to you in the computer rooms, classrooms, and library. **Students are not permitted to use computers in offices and on teachers' desks.**

5. You are not permitted to log in to the school network outside of normal school hours except for school-sponsored activities. Likewise, logging in to the network from computers outside the high school campus (e.g. the elementary school or parish offices) is not permitted unless you have been granted permission to do so.

Social Networking Sites

Student behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith, both inside and outside the school setting, including relating to computer use and participation in social networking sites such as Twitter, You Tube and Facebook. In accordance with the foregoing:

1. Any computer uses or use of social networking sites to display any wording or images of any student engaged in any activity which, in the sole discretion of the School administration, is inappropriate, crude, vulgar, or a violation of any of the Code of Conduct stated throughout this handbook, or is illegal in any respect, will be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

2. Any computer uses by any student, in school or at home, which includes viewing or distributing any images, wording, messages or material which are, in the sole discretion of the School administration, obscene, harassing, racist, inflammatory, malicious, fraudulent or libelous will be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

3. Any computer uses or use of a social networking site by a student, in school or at home, which includes a reference to St. Dominic High School or any staff member, teacher or administrator will be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

