

SCHOOL RULES

Theme: *“We are Called to be
Faithful ”*

SCHOLASTIC
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Foundation for Catholic Education

The competent authority of The St. Joseph School is the Foundation for Catholic Education.

Catholic Education in St. Maarten was established in 1890. The Foundation for Catholic Education however was established in 1970.

The main goal of the Foundation for Catholic Education is: To have the interest of education and upbringing at heart in accordance with the Roman Catholic Faith.

Mission Statement of St. Joseph School

We are committed to the Roman Catholic formation of young people in the different aspects of their lives; spiritual intellectual, physical, social, emotional and moral.

This will be done in cooperation with home, parish and community.

We will provide a child-centered, holistic approach by striving to:

- A. Motivate each child to achieve according to his/her ability.
- B. Create a Christ-like, nurturing, loving and privileged environment where learning is an enjoyable, meaningful and challenging experience.

PHILOSOPHY

We Believe that:

The Roman Catholic Faith of our parents, staff and students is the foundation for our academic growth and Christian formation.

Education is a process of continuous growth. We are concerned with the spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and social growth of the individual.

Parents must take responsibility for their children's education by actively supporting the academic programs designed to meet their specific needs.

Teachers are not only educators, but witnesses of God's love for people of every race.

The ability to think constructively, to reason independently, to solve problems and to accept responsibility is the basis for academic growth.

Students are children of God and thus must respect themselves and others. Self-discipline and responsibility must be part of their daily lives so that they sincerely try to express love, joy, kindness, forgiveness, generosity and patience.

Participation in meaningful liturgical celebrations deepens the spirit of belonging to God's family among, parents, staff and students.

OBJECTIVES

To teach as Jesus did.

To provide opportunities for parents, staff and students to share and celebrate their **Roman Catholic Faith**.

To provide specific sacramental programs for parents and children.

To provide regular school Eucharistic Liturgies and Penitential Services.

To provide a sound academic program that suites the needs of the students in areas of:

- Language Arts, Literacy and Communication
- Social Studies and Technology
- Integrated Science and Technology
- Healthy Life Style
- Philosophy of Life
- Mathematics
- Social Emotional Development
- Culture and Artistic Development

To provide, when necessary, individualized instruction in order to meet the needs of each student.

To encourage open dialogue between parents, staff and administration and to provide planned opportunities for parent/teacher meetings.

To bring Christian values into all areas of school related

activities.

To lead children to an awareness of their Christian vocation to be responsible citizens of today's world.

To provide a safe environment for our students during the after school hours by offering extra-curricular activities.

We commit ourselves to an ongoing review of this statement, in order that it may be a guiding force at St. Joseph School.





PBS Positive Behavior Support

PBS The goal of Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS), also called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), is to help parents and school staff create and maintain a safe, supportive, learning environment, promote positive life skills, and reduce negative behaviors so that all children can succeed in school.

PBS focuses on both individual behavior and environmental factors and has proven more effective than punitive discipline strategies, such as suspension and expulsion. PBS programs can address issues such as bullying prevention, social skills development, resiliency building, and discipline strategies.



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

St. Joseph School strives to encourage ALL parents to be involved in their child's academic development at school. Parental involvement is proven to motivate students social emotional development whereby increasing student's performance at school.

We encourage you to start thinking ahead towards high school, and ask yourself: *“Which high school would be best suitable for MY child to continue his/her academic career in?”*

Please note that academic high schools such as St. Dominic High School, St. Maarten Academy (Academic Section), Charlotte Brookson Academy, MAC Comprehensive Secondary Education and MPC-CSEC are all **ACADEMIC SCHOOLS**. They accept students who have scored an average of 75% or higher respectively in Math, Language (Grammar and Reading Comprehension), General Knowledge (Science & Social Studies). Scoring high in Dutch will be an asset towards acceptance to an Academic high School.

***SELECTION OF VALEDICTORIAN**

In group 8 a valedictorian is selected. A valedictorian is typically a student having the highest academic achievements of the class, who delivers the valedictory at a graduation ceremony. The criteria for achieving this title is based on the average of term 1, term 2, religion exams and the FBE results. If there is a tie, the overall behavior of the student will also be taken into consideration.



PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL YOUR CHILD ENTERS GROUP 8 TO DEMAND EXCELLENCE. PREPARATIONS TO SIT THE FBE–EXIT EXAMS STARTS IN GROUP 1 AND YOU, AS PARENT, MUST BE INVOLVED AT ALL TIMES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SUCCESS OF YOUR CHILD(REN). IT IS A JOINT EFFORT!!!

YOUR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In enrolling your child in a Catholic School, you agree to certain important responsibilities. These include:

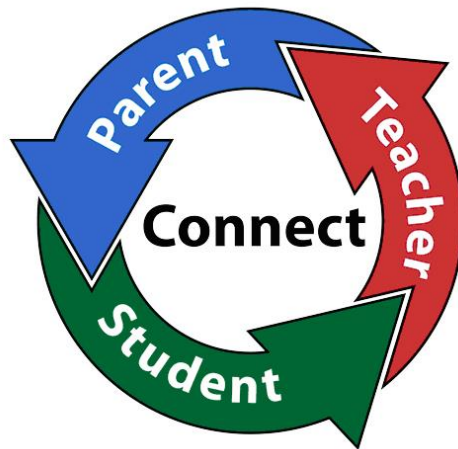
- To be a partner with the school in the education of your child(ren);
- To understand and support the religious nature of the school;
- To read and sign all communications from the school and to request clarification when necessary;
- To know your child's teachers and to observe parent-teacher conference dates and any special requests for meetings;
- To send your child to school on time and pick him/her up on time;
- To have your child properly dressed according to the school's dress code throughout the entire school year;**
- To ensure that your child has the necessary materials for school;
- To discuss concerns and problems with the appropriate personnel;
- To inform the school in writing when your child(ren)are

absent;

- To be actively involved as you can be in the life of the school and to volunteer assistance when possible;
- To meet your financial obligations in a timely manner and to support the fundraising efforts of the school when possible.

If these responsibilities are not met, parents will be notified.

So, welcome to our Catholic school. We are glad to partner with you in the education and development of your child(ren). We promise our prayers and support, and we ask for yours. We trust in Jesus to bless the education we offer in His name.





SCHOOLWIDE RULES FOR STUDENTS

1. Raise your hand to speak
2. Keep the classroom clean and tidy
3. Listen quietly while others are speaking
4. Respect school materials
5. Respect one another
6. Work and play in a safe manner
7. Be peaceful
8. Be responsible
9. Always do your homework
10. Be prepared for class.

Dress code: School uniform

Girls and boys (Group 1 & 2):

- Yellow polo with embroidered school logo (boys & girls).
- Boys- blue short pants (no belt)
- Girls – navy blue & gold plaid skirt
- Navy **blue** socks mid-shin length(crew socks)
- Black** school shoes (boys & girls)
- No gym uniform required**
- Hair accessories (navy blue, yellow, white or black **ONLY**)
- Jacket- navy blue fleece jacket (front zipper & hood) with embroidered school logo for boys and girls

Uniforms are available at O-14 Store and Penny's

NO OTHER ITEMS ARE ALLOWED

Girls (group 3-8)

- Yellow Oxford shirt with school emblem embroidered above pocket on left side (**no polo shirts allowed**)
- Navy blue and gold plaid crisscross tie.
- White sleeveless vest under the blouse
- Navy blue and gold plaid pleated skirt **maximum 1 inch above the knee.**
- White or black short tights under the skirt
- Navy blue crew socks (**height must be half way between the knee and the ankle**)
- Plain black shoes or plain black sneakers- example K-Swiss (high top and bulky sneakers will not be allowed)

Boys (group 3-8)

- Yellow Oxford shirt with school emblem embroidered above pocket on left side (**no polo shirts allowed**)
- Navy blue and gold plaid adjustable tie (long)
- Long navy blue pants
- Plain black belt (must be visible)
- Sleeveless plain white under shirt/vest (**marina**)
- Navy blue long socks (**same height as girls, no socks below the ankle**)
- Plain black shoes or plain black sneakers- example K-Swiss (high top and bulky sneakers will not be allowed)

Uniforms available at Penny's Dept. Store & 0-14 Store



Dress code: Gym/Dance

Girls and boys (group 1 and 2): No gym uniform required

Girls and boys (3-8)

- Yellow St. Joseph T- shirt with large logo on chest
- Navy blue sports pants with logo on right leg
- Navy blue long socks. (**no socks below the ankle**)
- Plain black sneakers

Swim wear requirements for group 5 students

- One piece swim suit (girls)
- A swimming trunk (boys)
- A swimming cap (girls)
- A towel
- A change of underwear
- A bag to put clothes in



*****Uniforms must be properly washed and ironed. Please label all uniform pieces so in the event an item is left behind, it can be returned to the respective owner.**

To avoid any inconvenience to yourself, please ensure that your child is properly dressed in complete school uniform. Parent will be called in to bring the missing item(s) before the child will be allowed to enter the classroom.

UNIFORM RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!

GENERAL APPEARANCE

- Body piercing and tattoo not allowed
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings
- Boys are not allowed to wear braids, locks, hair tails, fades, shaved patterns on the head or any other seasonal hairstyles that may emerge in future.
- Socks must be visible (halfway between knee & ankle, anklets not allowed)
- Extension, false hair braids, beads in hair not allowed**
- Nail polish, lip gloss or any form of make-up are not allowed
- Nails must be clean and cut short **No acrylic nails**

- Students are not allowed to wear hats, caps, sunshades or visors to school unless permission is given because of special occasions announced by the school manager or teacher.
- Girls are not allowed to wear more than one earring on each ear (NO OVERSIZED JEWELRY)
- Students are not allowed to come to school with sandals or slippers.
- Students are not allowed to come to school with commercial T-shirts under their regular uniform
- Jewelry such as chains, bracelets and rings are not allowed.
- When not in uniform, clothing should be appropriate (**no “belly / back outs, sleeveless and spaghetti shirts” skirts and dresses and short pants should not be too short or tight**)
- No coloring of hair
- No designs on the eye brows
- Boys’ hair must be groomed and cut short regularly
- Girls’ hair, if long, must be held together in a plait or bun.

BEHAVIOR / CONDUCT

- School and class rules must be respected and adhered to at all times.
- School uniform must be worn and respected at all times. (except when it is your birthday or any other special occasion announced by the school manager (see dress code and appearance for more details).
- Teachers, other staff members and fellow students must be respected at all times.
This means, you should have self-respect and consideration for the personal materials and rights of others.

In other words: no obscene language, no obscene gesture, bullying, stealing, fighting, cheating and destroying property is strictly forbidden.

- Any act of misbehavior, vandalism or misconduct before, during or after school, during weekends and vacation which in the opinion of the school manager and staff is against the good name of the school, will be discussed with the students and parents.
- It is not allowed to run, shout or play before 7.30 am. Students must sit on the benches or in the class if the class teacher gives permission.
- If any of the school material is damaged purposely by a student then he/she will receive “the damaged property” letter to reimburse the money so we can replace the material.



GENERAL RULES

- group 7/8 Homework must be properly and promptly done. School books, copybooks, worksheets and letters to parents must be kept in a plastic sleeve or homework pouch.
- Chewing gum is **not** allowed.
- Electronic games not allowed in school unless permission is given.
- It is not allowed to bring dangerous items such as matches, knives, lighters, metal rulers etc.

- It is not allowed to bring toys and games to school without your teacher's permission. **The school is not responsible for stolen or damaged items.**
- Cell phones are not allowed (zero tolerance). If caught with cell phone, it will be taken away from the student. A fine of \$20 will be charged and must be paid before collecting the Cell phone. In case of any emergency situation if the student has to come to school with his/her phone, he/she must hand it over to the class teacher and collect it back after school.
- No loitering after school hours on the school premises, vicinity of the school and the school alley.

****School starts at 7.30 am. Late comers must report to the office before entering the classroom.**

- School finishes at 2.00 pm, you must pick up your child latest by 2.15 pm, the teachers leave the premises at 2.30 pm !



PLAYGROUND RULES

- Screaming, shouting and wild games are not allowed.
- Students must play in the assigned area to assure the safety of all.
- Students are only allowed to play basketball on the assigned days and times.
- Throwing rocks, paper, sticks etc.....is not allowed.
- Boys are not allowed in front of the gate of the girls' toilet and vice-versa.
(not applicable for group 1 and 2)
- Students of group 5-8 are not allowed in the area of group 1 and 2.
- Students are not allowed in the classrooms without the teacher's permission or supervision.
- Students must stand neatly in line while waiting their turn to
 - * enter class
 - * buy drinks or snacks
 - * drink water by the cooler
- Students must help keep the playground and toilet clean.
- Garbage belongs in garbage bins.
- We want to maintain a clean environment.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SONG

*We are the pupils of St. Joseph
And we like the world to know
We are very proud to show
Our talents where we go*

Chorus

The pupils of St. Joseph
We like to read and write
We like to do our sums
And that's why we are so bright
We love to play together
We learn together too
We pray and sing together
Show respect for others too



Every morning when we meet
With a smile we like to greet
Our teachers and our friends
For frowning makes no sense (Chorus)

In class we do our best
We are quiet and at rest
And when it's time for test
We study with all zest. (Chorus)

***Composed by Mrs. Marina Richardson-Haynes in 1985(A
4th grade teacher at the St. Joseph School at the time)***

St. Joseph Pray For Us

