

# St. Anselm Catholic School Parent Handbook

## Mission Statement St. Anselm School

**S**triving  
**T**ogether for  
**A**cademic  
**G**reatness and  
**S**pirituality

St. Anselm Catholic School is that part of the parish community specifically dedicated to the Christian formation of youth within a school setting.

### THEREFORE WE SHALL:

Provide the resources, opportunities and direction for each student to grow in the knowledge, understanding and practice of:

the Gospel message,  
the academic disciplines and  
the social, psychological and physical development of each student.

We assure that this process of education takes place under the guidance and direction of fully certified, qualified and dedicated Catholic teachers who work in full cooperation with parents and with their support lead our students to be aware of their responsibility to respond to the call for justice and peace in our world.

### AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL WE BELIEVE WE ARE:

Continuing the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel,

Establishing an atmosphere of love and concern by exhibiting this in all of our efforts with students, and by

Developing students into creative, productive and active Catholics and making students conscious of their obligation of service to one another, to their God and to the world in which they live.

## School Programs

The St. Anselm School Program attempts to meet the individual student on the level best suited to his/her achievement and ability. A homeroom base provides for the needed stability and security while grouping in Reading and Math facilitates maximum development at the ability level best suited for the student. Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 exchange classrooms for Science, Language Arts, Math and Social Studies in order to be taught by teachers with strengths in each specific subject and to prepare students for their high school experience.

Gym, Music, Computer, Art and Spanish classes are provided by teachers qualified to teach in these particular areas. Students are graded on their report cards for Gym, Music and Spanish to ensure responsible reporting to parents of the students' progress in these areas.

Gym classes require the student to cooperate with the teacher and to put forth effort in the activities prescribed in order to develop proper physical growth and coordination. Fitness exercise is incorporated into the classes.

Music instruction seeks to elicit appreciation and to foster growth in this art form, while at the same time, assisting the student to develop an understanding of the language of music. All St. Anselm students participate in a Christmas concert each year. This is done not only as the culmination of their efforts in Music classes, but also to ensure that all get the chance to have some on-stage and program experience. In fairness to all students participating in the concert and to the teacher, parents have the obligation to let the Music teacher know well in advance if their child/children cannot be present at the concert.

Students participate in Computer and Art instruction quarterly. One half of the class goes to the Computer Lab while the other half is in Art. This is reversed each quarter.

Participation in Spanish allows the students to become fluent in a second language.

All students attend Eucharistic Liturgy once a week. Second graders make their First Communion and are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The eighth graders receive Confirmation. Programs of preparation for the students that directly involve the parents precede the first reception of each Sacrament. These programs are directed by the Parish Catechetical Leader and include students in both School and Faith Formation classes. The Principal and teachers accomplish most of the preparation for the sacraments in school but parents must provide involvement and support to the child. It always remains the duty of the Pastor to decide whether the child has been adequately prepared to receive the sacraments.

St. Anselm has a complete CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) competitive sports program. Boys' and girls' teams for basketball, baseball/softball and soccer starting at the fifth grade level, as well as girl's cheerleading.

### **Auxiliary Services**

Special services are provided by the State Department of Health under the Auxiliary Services Act for which St. Anselm students are eligible. These services are provided through the Dearborn Public Schools. They include:

- Speech Therapy
- Psychological testing and evaluation on referral basis
- School Social Worker (teacher consultant)
- Vision screening – on a referral basis
- Hearing Testing – on a referral basis

### **Library**

The Library is an effective learning laboratory with over nine thousand titles. Students go to the Library as a class once a week to select books for themselves. They also go there to read, do research and locate materials. It is open Monday - Thursday with librarian services and on Friday for individual or group study/research under teacher direction. Students damaging or losing library books will be charged the full replacement fee for the book(s).

### **Academic Honor Roll**

Eligibility Requirements:

Students at St. Anselm School in grades 4 - 8 are eligible to be on the Academic Honor Roll each marking period if they maintain an "A" or "B" in all core subject areas at their grade level with at least a "B" or "S" (Satisfactory) in all other non-core subject areas.

#### **Core Subject Areas:**

Reading/English/Spelling  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies  
Religion

#### **Non-Core Subject Areas:**

Music  
Gym  
Handwriting  
Art - Computer  
Spanish

The student must have an "A" or "B" in behavior/conduct in all major subjects and an "S" (Satisfactory) in behavior/conduct in non-major subjects.

### **Promotion**

Students are promoted if they achieve a "D" average or above in the core subjects. Failure to do so in 3 of the core subjects will prohibit promotion in our school.

## **Presidential Academic Excellence Award**

After completing grades 4, 5 and 6 and maintaining a B+ average, in addition to an 85 percentile on standardized tests (IOWA) in Reading and Math, a student is eligible for the Presidential Academic Excellence Award.

After completing grades 7 and 8 and maintaining the above criteria, the student is eligible for this award.

## **Admission Policy**

St. Anselm School is a Catholic School of the Archdiocese of Detroit that operates on distinctly Catholic values and principles. Parents and students of St. Anselm must be supportive of these principles.

1. Because the parish subsidizes the school, parishioners of St. Anselm will have priority in admissions, as classroom space is limited. Any parishioner having children enrolled in school is required to contribute at least \$10.00 per Sunday to the support of the Church.
2. No child, regardless of religious affiliation, whose parents desire to enroll him/her in St. Anselm School, shall be denied admission to the school on the basis of race, color, or national origin as long as the school has capacity for additional enrollees.
3. St. Anselm School shall comply with the state laws in regard to admission of pupils. A child shall be five (5) years of age on or before December 1st of the year he/she enters kindergarten or, correspondingly, six (6) before entering first grade.  
(School Policies and Rules Manual: Archdiocese of Detroit Policy #5112)
4. Because of the heavy financial burden of keeping this parochial school open, it is understood that admission to the school obligates the parents of the students to a special commitment of service time for school fundraising events, special projects and normal supportive activities.

## Enrollment Fees

### Registration

Annually, in the spring, each school family receives a family enrollment card on which parents are asked to list the children returning to St. Anselm School for the following academic year. At this time, a registration fee must be paid. The **non-refundable** fee reserves a place in the school for your child and is applied to the tuition for the following year.

### Book Fees

This fee covers the purchase of textbooks and teaching materials; library and reference books; audio-visual rentals; video purchases, achievement, I.Q. and reading tests (8th grade placement tests not included); workbooks and other consumables, as well as physical education and playground materials. Since these materials must be purchased ahead of time to cover all students who register, **this payment is non-refundable**. Further, since ruined books and materials must be replaced with new ones, students will be charged the full replacement fee if they destroy any of them.

### Lunch/Playground Fee

To insure the safety of each child, it is necessary that the cafeteria and playground be adequately supervised during the noon hour. This fee is used to pay for hired lunch duty supervisors who function under the direct supervision of the Principal to insure that students have a safe and supervised lunchtime. **This fee is non-refundable.**

### Tuition

St. Anselm School family tuition has two classifications.

- 1) **Contributing**  
The family is attending Mass weekly, actively participating, and contributing at least \$10.00 per week to St. Anselm parish.
- 2) **Non-Contributing**  
The family is neither actively participating, nor contributing to the parish.

Parish members who fail to meet the minimum contribution of at least \$10.00 per week for the year will be changed to the Non-Contributing status. Review of contributing status is done each year for the parish fiscal year of July 1st to June 31st. The necessary change of tuition status is done only during this time.

New families who join the parish and register in the school must meet the minimum contribution required for one full school year before they will be granted the school "contributing" tuition allocation.

One-seventh of the tuition **must be paid** on the first day of school. The book fee, test fee, and lunch supervision fee is not included in the tuition and **must be paid** on the first day of school. The remaining tuition is divided into six monthly payments. If the amount paid is less than the amount due, or there is no payment made and no explanation given, a \$20.00 late fee will be added to the tuition balance.

The current year's tuition must be paid in full before the child/children can be registered for the following school year.

If tuition and latchkey payments are not current at the end of each quarter, no report card will be issued. At the end of the school year any tuition, diplomas or fees not paid in full the student records will not be released.

### **Fundraising**

As part of this school community, everyone must participate in fundraising events. As part of meeting the expenses of the school budget, the school may hold fundraisers to help offset the cost of running our school.

The major fundraiser is the Annual Parish fair. All school families **must** buy or sell four books, at a total cost of \$100.00 worth of parish fair tickets. Each family **must** buy or sell \$10.00 worth of card party tickets and contribute \$10.00 for food.

### **Refund Policy**

The administration spends considerable time and effort preparing the operating budget, and thus, tuition rates for St. Anselm School. Each academic year's budget and tuition rates are based upon enrollment totals and the expectation of full payment of tuition.

Operating a school entails numerous fiscal responsibilities, including payment of contracted salaries to teachers and staff for the entire academic year. As such, refunds of tuition as a result of early withdrawal or expulsion from the school would impact on these contracted responsibilities. Therefore, it is the policy at St. Anselm that all money paid for tuition prior to the time of withdrawal by a student from the school will **not** be refunded. Likewise, all fees paid prior to withdrawal will **not** be refunded.

## **Service Hours**

All families (parish and non-parish) are obligated to work 8 hours of service during the school year and 12 hours to the fair each year. It remains the parents' responsibility to contact the chairpersons or the school office during the school year to arrange the service hours.

Accurate records of service hours are kept. The office obtains its records as the parents' record the service hours on the youngest child's report card envelope after each marking. **The parents are responsible to see that this information is given to the office.** Because of the time needed to schedule hours for the fair, failure to complete the required number of hours will result in a penalty fee of \$40.00 **per hour not worked** as of school year 2007-2008. Any unpaid penalty fees must be paid before the last day of school.

## **School Attendance**

Every effort must be made by student and parents/guardians to see that absence from school is minimal. In accordance with Michigan School Law, it is a requirement that there be an established procedure for involving parents/guardians in the validation of the student's absence and/or tardiness.

## **School Calendar**

Parents receive the year's calendar at the beginning of each school year. St. Anselm School follows a school calendar approved by the Archdiocesan School Office in conjunction with the State Department of Education. Our calendar provides for the number of school hours required by the State of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

For the orderly sequence and development in the various academic areas, it is important that each student be in school every day. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS TO SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL EXCEPT IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR OTHER VERY SERIOUS REASONS.**

**No bus service** is available when there is a scheduled early dismissal from school. Therefore, parents must provide for pick-up and afternoon care of their children.

## **Absence from School**

In order to maintain the greatest safety and security for the children, the following procedures hold:

- A. Notify the school whenever your child will not attend classes for whatever reason. Call the Office (313) 563-3430. An answering machine will record your message after school hours or in early morning at (313) 563-3430.

**For the security of the student, we consider it an obligation to call you if your child does not report for classes and you have not notified us that he/she is safely under your care.**

- B. State Law requires that a note, written and signed by the parent/guardian, explaining the child's absence must be presented to the teacher upon the child's return to school. The teacher is required to collect and file this note.

**A written note of explanation for the absence must be received by the student's teacher on the day of return. If a written note of absence is not received by the teacher within 2 days of returning, the school office will call the parents. Until a note is received the student will serve an in-school detention.**

- C. All schoolwork missed while absent **must** be made up within the same number of days the student was absent. A student absent for more than 10 days in any one quarter of the school year will not qualify for a report card marking at the end of that quarter. Students who are absent because of a long-term illness will be recommended for the Home-bound Instruction program under the Dearborn Public School System.
- D. The absence of a student for 10 days in any quarter of the school year will result in an "Incomplete" 'I' on the report card marking for that quarter.
- E. Two or more "INCOMPLETE" quarters for the school year result in the student not being promoted to the next grade.

## **Illness**

If your child has a fever, or any symptoms of illness, please keep him/her at home. A child who shows signs of illness during school hours will be sent to the Office. The teacher will telephone the parents immediately and request that they pick-up the student.

In the event we are unable to contact the parents/guardians, persons previously designated by parents as family emergency contact persons will be notified and asked to assume care of the child.

If a student is absent for more than five consecutive days, a doctor's note must be provided.

## Contagious Diseases

Parents/guardians must notify the school immediately if their child contracts a contagious disease. (Strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, fifth disease, lice, etc.)

If we become aware of a contagion in any classroom, we will follow the guidelines of the Wayne County Health Department, which are:

- 1.) Exclusion of students for periods of incubation and communicability designated by the Disease Control Division.
- 2.) Students will be re-admitted only after completion of the designate exclusion time and the contagious condition is no longer evident.

## Medication

St. Anselm School cannot assume responsibility for administering medication to students, including any over the counter medication. Parents must come to school to do this. The office is willing to make exception to this **ONLY** if:

- a. the child's condition is chronic and requires daily-prescribed medication for the entire school year (packaged medication only - with doctor note)
- b. the following procedures are followed:

### Procedure:

- 1) The parent, legal guardian or custodian is to submit a written request to the Principal if medication is to be administered to the student during the school day. Copies of the **Medical Authorization Forms** must be completed and returned to school to be kept on file each year.
- 2) It is necessary to have a written directive from the physician accompany the request of the parent, legal guardian or custodian. The physician's directive shall state the name of the student, the student's age, the doctor's name and office telephone number, the name of the medication, the dosage, the specific time of administering it, the expected duration of the treatment, possible side effects and any special instructions to the school office staff.
- 3) The medication is to be delivered to the school office in a container which is labeled with the student's name, the doctor's name, and office telephone number, the name of the medication, the dosage and specific instructions on the time(s) for administering the medication. Students may not keep medication in their desks, backpacks or anywhere else in school.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to approve and make arrangements for the administering of medication in school. A school administrator, staff member or teacher who, in good faith, administers medication to a student in the presence of another adult pursuant to written permission of the student's parents or guardian and in compliance with the instructions of a physician is not liable in any criminal action or for any civil damages as a result of the administering except for acts of omissions amounting to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. (General School Law, Sec. 380.1178)

## **Tardiness**

A child is tardy if he/she is not in the classroom at the designated time. This is a serious matter because it disrupts the classroom, interferes with instruction and becomes habitual to the child's future lifestyle. In order to discourage tardiness, the following practices will be followed for each quarter of the school year:

- A) After the third "tardy" in a quarter a notification letter will be sent by the teacher to the student's parents/guardians and the student will be required to serve one lunch period in detention. At the pre-school/kindergarten level, after the third tardy the parents/guardian will be notified.
- B) After the fifth "tardy" in a quarter a conference with the Principal must be held in order to discuss correction of the situation. Inadequate response to tardy and/or absence on the part of the parents results in the need to report this condition to authority. **This is the Legal Directive of the State of Michigan and must be followed by the School Administration.**
- C) Tardiness due to bus service is not penalized.

## **Release from School**

There must be a SERIOUS reason for a child to leave school before the regular dismissal time, and the parent/legal guardian must write a note to the teacher requesting this. No child may leave the school premises without the request of the parent/legal guardian and the express permission and knowledge of the Principal. Parent/guardian or designated party must come to the Office to be identified and sign out the student before they will be released.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE CHILD SHOULD BE MADE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS. Appropriate times would be after school, Friday afternoons that are free, scheduled days off, or on Saturdays. Every effort should be made to schedule vacations in accordance with the school-scheduled days off as noted in the calendar. **Teachers will not be responsible for providing any schoolwork prior to vacations taken outside the school-scheduled days off.**

## Communications

### Weekly Newsletter

On each Thursday a newsletter entitled "School Scope" is sent home with the youngest student in each family. The purpose of the School Scope is to keep everyone informed about all school activities. Parents **should ask for this important communication each week and read it** in order to know what is going on and to avoid making unnecessary phone calls to the office. The School Scope is also posted on the school website [www.saintanselmschool.org](http://www.saintanselmschool.org).

### Report Cards

All students in grades Kindergarten through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a report card at the end of each marking quarter.

### Progress Reports

If a student falls below a satisfactory level, parents will be notified half way through each marking quarter. These notes **must** be signed by the child's Parent/Guardian and returned the next school day.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences for all students are scheduled after the completion of the first quarter. All teachers will be available at this conference. Subsequent report card conferences are scheduled at either the teacher or parent request. When an occasion arises and parents would like to meet with their child's teacher, they may send a note to the teacher or call the school office (313/563-3430) to make an appointment. Teachers may not be called to the phone during the school day, nor may parents come to see the teacher during teaching hours.

### Disciplinary Notification

If a student is sent to the office for any disciplinary action a note will be sent home. This note **must** be signed by the student's parent/guardian and returned to office the next school day. If the signed note is not returned by the next school day, it will result in a detention.

### Telephone

The phone in the school office is a business phone and, as such, does not have unlimited service. The office reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the call.

## **Electronic Devices**

Cell phones, pagers and electronic devices have NO PLACE in the school or at school activities. Any devices activated or seen during school hours will be confiscated and held in the school office to be returned to a parent or guardian. The school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen electronics.

## **Address/Telephone Changes**

Parents must notify the school office of any change in address, phone number or any other essential information crucial for school records and for contacting you in an emergency. The school must have an alternate number to call in case parents cannot be reached.

## **Group Meetings**

St. Anselm **Education Panel** (serving as a School Board) meets monthly. Notice of meetings is published in the "Schoolscope" and parents are welcome to attend. Parents who wish to present issues for discussion by the panel must arrange this with the panel president at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Minutes of this meeting are posted on the school bulletin board.

St. Anselm **Parent Community Group** meets monthly to plan yearly activities for the enrichment of the students and for promoting parent-to-parent communication and friendship. Fundraising is not the purpose of this group. Every parent in the school is part of this group and welcome to attend meetings. Minutes of this meeting are posted on the school bulletin board.

St. Anselm **Athletic Department** works under the direction of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The members include the Athletic Director, Program Directors and the coaches for each sport. This department is overseen by the Principal.

## Uniforms

St. Anselm School promotes a focused learning environment and strict guidelines for appearance **MUST** be followed to ensure that this will occur.

Uniforms for Grades 1 - 8 will be worn as specified by the school principal. Kindergartners do not wear uniforms. Out-of-uniform clothes must be neat and clean, chosen in good taste and appropriate for an educational environment. Socks/hose are to be worn at all times in school.

### General Girls Appearance Guidelines

No make-up is to be worn. Hair must be neat and combed at all times. No colored/bleached or artificial hair or unusual hairstyles or excessive hair accessories. **Clear nail polish only may be worn.** No visible jewelry except one small pair of post earrings worn in the bottom ear lobe. Single necklaces/bracelets are acceptable. No hanging or charm bracelets may be worn. No visible BODY PIERCING OR TATTOOS. All clothing worn must fit appropriately. If an undershirt is worn underneath the school blouse/shirt, it must be white and fit in an appropriate manner. Blouse/shirt **must** be tucked in and a belt worn with all pants/shorts. Athletic type shoes will be worn for GYM CLASS ONLY.

### Girls' Uniform Requirements - Grades 1 – 4

#### Uniform consists of:

- Plaid jumper or plaid slacks (No jogging pants under jumper) - **Schoolbelles only**
- Length of jumper or shorts must be no higher than a palm width above the knee
- Black uniform dress slacks – **Schoolbelles only**
- Black uniform shorts - **Schoolbelles only** may be worn in Aug, Sept, April 15-June
- Black belts must be with slacks and shorts
- Plain blouse or polo shirt - **white only** – no logos
- Peter pan or oxford blouses- **white only** - no logos
- Turtlenecks - **white only**
- Blouse may have either short or long sleeves
- Pullover, cardigan or sweater vest types-**only** Plain color sweaters of white, black or red
- Blouse must be worn under sweater
- Solid colored socks or tights – black, grey or white only
- No nylons except on Dress up Days
- School shoes only with socks or tights are to be worn. **Shoe heel/sole should be appropriate for school**

- Dress shoes and socks must be worn with uniform at all times
- Sneakers, canvas, open-toed sandals, athletic type shoes/boots are **not** to be worn
- No short athletic socks

## **Girls' Uniform Requirements - Grades 5 - 8**

### **Uniform consists of:**

- Plaid skirt or plaid slacks (No jogging pants under skirt)
- Girls in grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> **only** may wear black culottes – **Schoolbelles only**
- Length of skirt or culottes must be no higher than a palm width above the knee
- Black uniform shorts - **Schoolbelles only** - Worn **only** in Aug, Sept, April 15-June.
- Black uniform dress slacks – **Schoolbelles only**
- Black belts with slacks or shorts
- Plain blouse or polo shirt - **white only** – no logos
- Peter Pan or Oxford collars - **white only** – no logos
- Turtlenecks - **white only**
- Blouse may have either short or long sleeves
- Pullover, cardigan or sweater vest types-**only**. Plain color sweaters of white, black or red
- Blouse must be worn under sweater
- Solid colored socks or tights, **black, grey or white only**
- **No nylons except on Dress up Days**
- School shoes only with socks or tights are to be worn - **Shoe heel/sole should be appropriate for school**
- Sneakers, ballet shoes, canvas, open-toed sandals, athletic type shoes/boots are **not** to be worn
- No ankle socks

## **Boys' General Appearance Guidelines**

Hair must be cut in a decent fashion and not touching shirt collar. It should be cut above the ears and eyes. Hair must be neat and combed at all times. No bleached/colored hair. Single chain/bracelet may be worn. **NO visible BODY PIERCING OR TATTOOS** or earrings are allowed. No pants that resemble jeans with rivet and/or contrasting stitching around the pockets. If an undershirt is worn underneath the school shirt, they must be white and fit in an appropriate manor. Athletic type shoes will be worn for GYM CLASS ONLY.

## Boys' Uniform Requirements – Grades 1-8

### Uniform consists of:

- Navy blue or black dress pants or corduroy dress pants
- Black uniform shorts-**Schoolbelles only**- may be worn in Aug, Sept, April 15-June
- Belts (brown or black) must be worn at all times.
- Plain white dress shirt or plain polo shirt - long or short sleeves – no logos
- Shirts must button all the way down and only top button may be open.
- **Shirts must be tucked in and a belt worn at all times.**
- Pullover, cardigan or sweater vest types-**only** Plain color sweaters of white, black or red
- School shoes only with navy blue or black socks are to be worn
- Sneakers, canvas, open-toed sandals, athletic type shoes/boots are **not** to be worn

### Gym Clothes

The Kindergarten class will not be required to purchase gym uniforms, but they must have a pair of athletic shoes for class.

### Gym Requirements

Students in Grades 1 – 8 will be required to purchase the gym uniform from Schoolbelles.

Non-marking gym shoes must be worn.

### Jeans Day

Jeans Day (no uniform) is designated at the discretion of the Principal. Inappropriate clothing is not acceptable even on Jeans Day. Clothes must be neat and clean and chosen in good taste appropriate for an educational environment. Baggy pants/jeans are not allowed even on these days. No embellished jeans, plain pocket jeans only. All clothing must fit appropriately. Socks/hose are to be worn at all times in school.

### Scouting Uniforms

Scout uniforms are acceptable on troop meeting days in place of the school uniform.

## Safety

For the mutual protection and safety of all, the students are prohibited from ever having/using/doing the following on school grounds:

- 1) Throwing of ice, snow, stones or any other object is not permitted.
- 2) Use or possession of knives, guns, lighters, matches, drugs, sling shots or look-alikes that can be used as a weapon
- 3) Running inside the building unless in the Gym
- 4) Fighting
- 5) Name calling or other conflict instigation such as written or verbal threats or taunts
- 6) Sexual Harassment - written or verbal

Each year every student will receive a form to be signed by parents and student reminding both you and them that no weapons/drugs can ever be brought to the St. Anselm School grounds by anyone without penalty of suspension/expulsion. Suspension/expulsion as described in this Handbook is the consequence of such action.

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up of Students

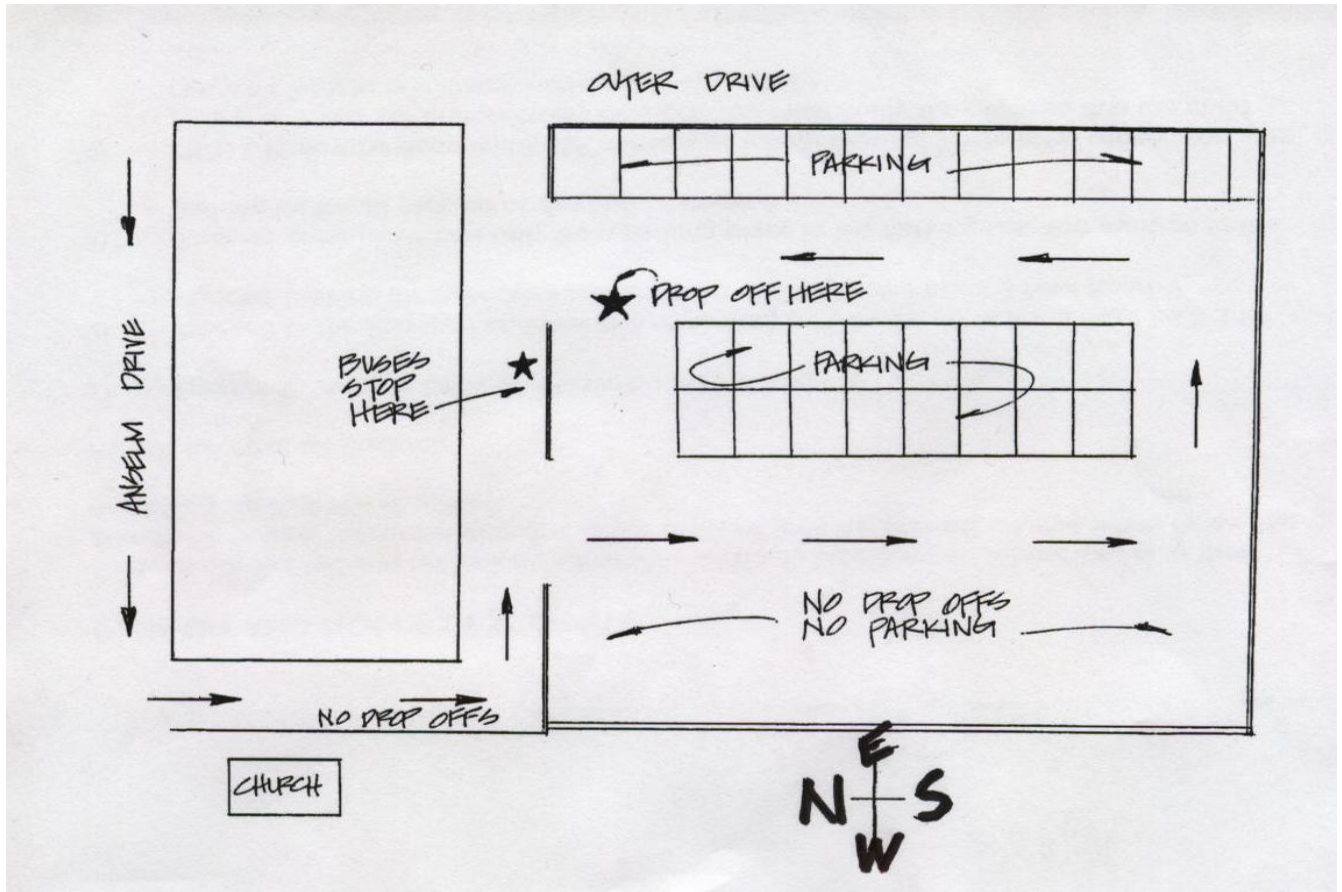
It is imperative that adults proceed with the greatest caution when delivering or picking up children at school. During school hours, parking is only allowed in the main parking lot.

For the safety of all students: **(Refer to diagram on next page.)**

- 1) Enter at St. Anselm Drive and leave by way of Midway with the traffic signal.
- 2) Proceed to the parking lot. West end of parking lot (nearest the school) must be left for students looking for their rides and for those walking home toward Ford Road.
- 3) Students enter/leave cars only from designated drop-off point in the parking lot. You **must** go to the parking lot for all pick-up or drop-off of students. **No drop offs or pick-ups in front of the church.**
- 4) **PICK-UP** must be done within 15 minutes of school closing. There is no outside supervision after 3:15 pm. If you are unexpectedly delayed, you must notify the office so that the child can wait for you in a supervised

area. After 3:15 p.m. your child will be placed in Latch-Key and the parent will be charged a fee in 15 minutes increments.

- 5) Parents are **not** to enter the school building until all classes have been dismissed.



### Fire, Tornado and Intruder Drills

Fire, tornado and intruder drills are held periodically throughout the school year so that the children become familiar with the proper procedure in an emergency.

Everyone must vacate the building at the sound of the fire alarm. Teachers accompany their respective classroom of students and verify that everyone is out safely.

St. Anselm School is a part of the Dearborn School District Tornado emergency system. We are alerted through this district's weather center by phone of any impending weather problems. The office has radio connection with the Weather Bureau at all times. Both this source and the Dearborn Public Schools provide weather information and alerts to our school. Students are assigned safety areas of the school building (in practice) in which they wait should a "warning" take

place. It is the policy that students remain in school during both a tornado "watch" and tornado "warning" since this is the safest place for them. No child will leave the safety area during this time unless taken by the parent.

Parents are asked **NOT** to call the office in the event of a tornado warning, as we need to keep the school lines open for specific directives from the knowledgeable weather officials.

### **Bicycles**

Bicycles must be locked. Riding students should walk the bike across the playground and street and take no riders. Bicycles must be walked on all school playgrounds and sidewalks.

No skateboards, inline skates or Heelys are allowed.

### **Emergency Closing**

St. Anselm closes school for inclement weather whenever the Dearborn Public Schools close for this reason. Notification of this closing will be announced by both the local radio and TV stations as '**Dearborn Public Schools closing**'. **Refer to channels 2 and 4.**

Should St. Anselm School have to close on its own for some other reason, it will be announced as a '**St. Anselm School closing**' by radio and TV stations.

## **Student Activities**

### **Lunch and Playground**

St. Anselm School has a regular hot lunch program. A food order slip is sent home the month prior. This slip must be returned with the money by the date indicated in order for the student to be served. No lunches can be purchased after the order deadline.

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide lunch for their child/children. The school office has no provisions to supply food for those students who do not bring a lunch.

On nice days all students go out to play, but on rainy or very cold days, they will all stay inside. If there is a special reason why a child should not go out on a particular day, the parent must write a note to the teacher explaining the reason for this and designating which days they are to stay inside. This note is sent to the office for approval and routed to the designated noontime indoor supervisor.

All students must cooperate with lunch and playground rules and respect the directions of lunch supervisors. Students who cause disruptions and/or

difficulties while eating lunch or on the playground will be sent to the office. A note will be sent home or a call placed to the parents to inform them of the situation. If a note is sent, it **must** be signed and returned to the office on the next school day. If the problems continue, the situation will be addressed on an individual basis in conjunction with the student, their parent/guardian and the principal.

**NO CHILD MAY EVER LEAVE THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT THE PRINCIPAL'S KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION.**

This requires a note written by the parent/legal guardian that is presented to the teacher and sent to the Principal for approval and signature.

Parents/legal guardians (or someone designated by them and described in the note or by phone) **must** come to the office to be identified and sign the student out.

**Monetary Donations**

Donations authorized by the school are kept to a minimum. Children should be encouraged to contribute to the missions, etc. from their own savings or allowance.

**Care of Books**

Students rent their textbooks and they are very expensive. Each child is expected to take proper care of each book he/she uses. Books that are taken home **MUST** be carried in a plastic bag or some other type of water-proof book bag/backpack. Books that are written in, destroyed or lost must be replaced by paying the price of a **new** book.

**Personal Property**

Lunch boxes, lunch bags, boots, school bags, etc. should be clearly marked with student's name to minimize confusion and avoid loss. Lost articles are turned into the office and placed in the "lost and found". If not claimed after thirty days, these items are cleaned and donated to the needy.

**Forgotten Articles**

Messages from parents for students, their homework, books forgotten at home, lunches, etc. **must** be placed in the drop-box outside the primary door. It is checked hourly. Office personnel without interruption of classroom instruction will deliver these to the student.

Money is never to be put in the drop-off box, it must go directly to the office.

## Field Trips

In order attend a field trip, the student must present a signed permission slip from the parent/legal guardian. All permission slips are kept on file until after the trip. No child will lose credit or be made to feel uncomfortable should his/her parents/legal guardian prefer that he/she not go on the trip. **The student will remain in school and be occupied with schoolwork.**

It is the teacher's prerogative to deny a field trip to a student either because of his/her behavior or because he/she is so far behind in school-work that it is of greater benefit him/her to remain in school to complete this work.

All drivers must have completed the "Protecting God's Children" workshop, and have a criminal background check. Driver must carry adequate auto insurance.

## Celebrations/Invitations

Holidays/Special Event/Celebrations are planned and given by the teacher and assigned by the class "Room Mom".

Birthdays may be celebrated with a simple treat that is easily handled by the students. These cannot be pizza, pop/drink, cake, etc that make the serving and eating take too much time away from schoolwork. **Please contact your child's teacher prior to bringing in birthday treats.**

**Invitations** for any out of school celebrations may **not** be handed out in the school building.

## Eligibility for CYO Team Sports and Related Activities

St. Anselm CYO team sports are:

Basketball, Baseball/Softball, Soccer and Cheerleading.

### 1. Minimum Academic Requirements

a: A student must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in the following:

RELIGION	SOCIAL STUDIES	MATH	READING
ENGLISH	SCIENCE		

b: A student must receive a minimum grade of "C" or "S" (Satisfactory) in conduct in all classes.

c: If a child's grades fall below this level, the following steps will be taken:  
A probationary period will be determined during which the student must bring up his/her grades.

STUDENTS WITH EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING GRADES WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

2. Health:

- a) Any student who, due to doctor's orders and/or a chronic health condition, is unable to regularly participate in gym class, will not be eligible for St. Anselm team sports.
- b) All students participating in the sports program must have an annual physical examination form on file. This physical examination form must be renewed each year.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Philosophical and Legal Basis**

St. Anselm School is an educational community, and as such it provides an environment conducive to active involvement in learning and intellectual growth. Because it is a Catholic school, it also provides opportunities and experiences that lead to the moral and spiritual development of the total person.

As a Catholic school, St. Anselm students are expected to conduct themselves in a proper, responsible and Christian manner, i.e., respecting their teachers and other adults, their fellow students, and all property. Our philosophy of discipline is oriented toward the establishment of habits and conduct appropriate to a Christian.

The authority to make reasonable rules and regulations regarding discipline and to authorize suspension or expulsion is granted under Michigan Law, as indicated in sections 340.613 and 340.614 of General School Laws of Michigan, 1960.

A student whose actions infringe on the rights of others to learn or who becomes a disruptive influence to the educational process is held responsible for those actions and disciplinary measures will be taken. These measures are intended to be steps to the resolution of the difficulty. Every effort is made to counsel students and to confer with parents so that drastic measures, such as

suspension or expulsion, will not be necessary. However, occasions do arise when such action is in the best interest of all.

## **Rights and Responsibilities**

The St. Anselm School administration reserves the right to make any and all decisions in regards to a student's disposition at the school. This includes but is not limited to, discipline, dress code, attendance, academics and enrollment.

The rights of an individual must be carefully ensured, yet these rights must always be balanced against the rights of others. To the extent responsibilities are fulfilled, others' rights become assured. To the extent responsibilities are not carried out, others' rights become jeopardized.

Each student has the responsibility to:

- 1) Respect the inherent human dignity and worth of every other individual in school.
- 2) Be informed of and adhere to reasonable rules and regulations.
- 3) Study diligently and maintain the best possible level of academic achievement.
- 4) Be present and punctual in the regular school program.
- 5) Refrain from libelous/slandering remarks, obscenity and sexual remarks/harassment and naming or defaming St. Anselm School or parish in verbal, non-verbal and written expression. Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to others, including administrators, teachers, parish and school employees, volunteers, parents and students, in all of the interactions. Students who engage in name-calling, threats, bullying, intimidation, or other conduct or communication that has the purpose or effect of creating a hostile, offensive or abusive atmosphere, including such activity in online posting on social-networks, such as Myspace, will be disciplined, up to and including expulsion.
- 6) Dress and appear in a manner that meets reasonable standards of health, cleanliness and safety and is in accord with St. Anselm School dress code.
- 7) Help maintain and improve the school environment; preserve school property and exercise care while using schoolbooks and facilities.

- 8) Deport oneself in an appropriate manner while in attendance at **ALL** school or school-related functions held on or off school grounds.

(Taken from the Michigan Department of Education's recommended guide to Students' Rights and Responsibilities in Michigan)

### **Appeal Process**

In all cases where disciplinary sanctions have been imposed, a student and/or his/her parent has the right to a hearing with the Principal. Hearings on appeal need not repeat matters of procedures accomplished at a prior conference.

Steps in the Process of Appeal are as follows:

1. Notification of desire to appeal disciplinary measure imposed is made to principal.
2. Meeting held with teachers, principal, and the parents of the student involved.
3. Meeting of Parents, student, Principal and members of the Faculty Disciplinary Committee.
4. If necessary, meeting with Pastor. The decision of the Pastor is final.

### **Suspension**

In cases involving suspension, the Principal's decision is final.

### **Expulsion**

In cases involving expulsion, the decision of the Pastor is final.

### **Definition of Terms**

#### **A. Suspension**

The term **suspension** shall mean that a student shall not attend, participate or be present at any class or activity sponsored or supported by the school/parish. Any suspension will result in no credit for classes missed. Student is expected to still complete their assignments.

- 1) In-school Suspension - removal of a student from one or more classes while a resolution is pending.
- 2) Temporary Suspension - removal of a student from school for a

specified short period of time, 1-5 days.

- 3) Extended Suspension - suspension for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days.

**B. Expulsion**

The term expulsion shall mean the permanent exclusion of the student from St. Anselm School. The review of expulsion is accomplished under the direction of the Archdiocesan School Office.

**C. Persistent Violations**

The term “persistent violation” shall mean repeated acts that indicate a pattern of non-compliance with our Code of Conduct.

**D. Faculty Disciplinary Committee**

Committee composed of principal and two teachers.