



## HANDBOOK RECEIPT AND PARENT RESPONSIBILITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below we acknowledge that we have viewed a copy of the 2011-12 School Parent Handbook (located at [www.stanthonysb.org/school](http://www.stanthonysb.org/school)), including the parent responsibilities listed below. We understand that the handbook contains important information about the school, its administration, and about the educational and disciplinary policies and procedures that the school maintains in furtherance of its religious mission as part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

We agree to follow all rules and guidelines imposed in the school by the school administration and/or the Diocese. If we have any questions about the content of the handbook, we understand that it is our obligation to ask questions for clarification. This acknowledgment is to be returned to the school after being signed and dated. However, the failure to read the handbook or to sign or return this acknowledgment shall not relieve us of the obligation to follow all rules and guides that the school and the Diocese establish or in any way impede or prevent the school administration from operating the school consistent with those rules and guidelines.

We invite you to fulfill your role as primary educator of your children by being a true partner with the school in your child's education. Your support in this endeavor will result in more Christian, well-rounded and better educated students.

- It is the parents' responsibility to provide the basic needs for their children, such as food, shelter, clothing, safety (physical and psychological) and love. Until the child has these, he will not be ready to learn.
- Take your child to church on Sundays and Holydays; pray with your family on a regular basis (i.e. mealtimes, bedtimes, etc.).
- Encourage wholesome personal relationships between your child and others. Model good interpersonal relationships in your own family life.
- Show interest in each of your children. Develop regular, meaningful communication early so you will be in touch when they need you most - during adolescence.
- Set your standards high but be honest and realistic about your child's potential. Expect only what your child can give. Provide positive feedback to your child. Praise achievements or progress made first; then suggest areas for improvement.
- Provide proper educational materials for your child both at home and at school. Provide a quiet place and time for your child to do homework. Be available to offer support, guidance and direction.
- Insist on regular and punctual attendance at school. Instill within your child the importance of being present in school.
- Be sure your child's school attire is appropriate and conforms to the school uniform code.
- Hold the teacher's and school's rules in high regard. Your child will imitate your attitude.
- Cooperate with the teacher and the school as you expect them to do with you. Welcome their suggestions and advice; they are trained professionals dedicated to your child's success.
- Never criticize the teacher in front of your child. If you have a question or complaint, take it up with the school through proper channels: set up an appointment to discuss it with the teacher, then the principal, then the pastor. Investigate all facts before passing judgment. Always deal in constructive criticism: tell the school what your goal is rather than complaining about the past.

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Parent Signature

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Date