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Dear Parent,

Please read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct which is designed to help our students achieve a sense of social responsibility and respect in their school behavior. Our aim is to produce a moral and safe school community and one that reflects our Greek Orthodox paideia.

We ask for the cooperation and support of **every** parent. It is very important that we all work together to establish a school that will foster a healthy learning environment for the academic growth of our children and reflect the Christian Orthodox ethos of our faith.

After reading and discussing this contract, please keep the contract in a place where you and your child can refer to it for clarification of the St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School code of behavior.

Sincerely yours,

Father Paul Palesty
Protopresbyter

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STUDENT CONTRACT

All students of the William Spyropoulos School are expected to:

1. attend school regularly and on time.
2. be prepared for class with appropriate materials and properly maintain textbooks and other school equipment.
3. follow school regulations regarding entering and leaving classrooms and the school building. Students are expected to behave in a safe and orderly fashion whenever on school property.
4. behave in a manner that contributes to a safe learning environment and that does not violate the rights of others to learn.
5. share information with school officials regarding matters which may endanger the health and welfare of the members of the school community.
6. respect the dignity and equality of others and refrain from conduct which denies or impinges on the rights of others.
7. be polite, courteous and respectful to all.
8. show respect for school and Church property and respect the property of others.
9. set a good example by being kind and inclusive of others.
10. use non-confrontational methods to resolve conflicts.
11. avoid obscene and defamatory communication in speech, writing and other modes of expression when interacting with others.
12. bring to school only those personal possessions that are safe and do not interfere with the learning environment.
13. adhere to cell phone rules.
14. adhere to the guidelines established for dress code.
15. demonstrate exemplary conduct that follows our Greek Orthodox values at all times.
16. be committed to academic work with honesty and integrity.

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DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

I. DEMERITS

- Failing to follow rules regarding school policies, appearance, and school uniform
- Being late to class without permission
- Disrupting a lesson (talking, calling out, etc.)
- Chewing gum

THREE DEMERITS WILL RESULT IN DETENTION

II. DETENTION

- Engaging in disruptive behavior during a fire drill
- Engaging in disruptive behavior while on school property (Church, hallways, cafeteria, playground, etc.)
- Bringing inappropriate items to school including electronic devices or whatever else the Administration considers as interfering with the school

Detention will be 45 minutes long from 7-30-8:15 AM and/or 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. on a designated day. Parents will be notified the day before a detention has to be served. The parent will have to make the proper arrangements for drop off/pick up.

THREE DETENTIONS WILL RESULT IN A REFERRAL

SPECIAL ATTENTION

The use of cell phones and smartwatches is prohibited during school hours. If the child needs to call home, he/she has to ask permission from the teacher to come to the office and call from the school office phone. Cell phones used by students during the school day will be confiscated and sent to Principal's office and returned only to parents. JHS student must hand in their cell phones to the homeroom teacher upon arrival.

III. REFERRAL

- Using profane, obscene, vulgar or abusive language or gestures
- Lying or giving false information to school personnel
- Misusing property belonging to others
- Engaging in or causing disruptive behavior on the school bus
- Being insubordinate; defying or disobeying the school personnel or school safety agent
- Posting on social media, texting, or distributing libelous or defamatory material or literature on and off school grounds
- Engaging in scholastic dishonesty which includes but is not limited to cheating
- Referral sent home for parental advisement and signature
- Parent, teacher and Administration conference will be mandated after second referral

THREE REFERRALS WILL RESULT IN A SUSPENSION

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IV. SUSPENSION

Infractions

- Leaving class or school premises without permission of supervising school personnel
- Fighting/engaging in physically aggressive behavior
- Tampering with, changing or altering a school record or document
- Falsely activating a fire alarm
- Cutting class
- Posting on social media, texting, or distributing literature or material containing a threat of violence, injury or harm on and off school grounds
- Engaging in sexual suggestive comments, innuendoes, propositions or other verbal or non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, including “panting”, and any use of internet in school for such conduct
- Engaging in theft or knowingly possessing property belonging to another without authorization
- Threatening violence, injury or harm to another or others
- Engaging in intimidation, coercion or extortion
- Engaging in or causing disruptive behavior on the school bus which creates a substantial risk of or results in injury
- Engaging in vandalism of or graffiti on school/Church property
- Engaging in continued intimidating and bullying behavior
- Engaging in dangerous or violent behavior
- Participating in an incident of group violence
- Engaging in behavior which creates a substantial risk of or results in injury

Consequences

- After first suspension there will be a meeting with parents, teachers and Administration
- After second suspension, meeting with parents, priest, principal and school board president is required

THREE SUSPENSIONS MAY RESULT IN AN EXPULSION

- **THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE DETERMINATION IN REGARDS TO TRIPS, INCLUDING THE SENIOR TRIP. A STUDENT’S BEHAVIOR MAY BE THE REASON FOR THE STUDENT TO BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS TRIP OR OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS AND PRIVILEGES.**
- **THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER ANY OTHER INFRACTION, NOT LISTED ABOVE, INTERFERES WITH THE MISSION OF THE SCHOOL AND, THEREFORE WARRANTS AN APPROPRIATE CONSEQUENCE.**

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UNIFORM CODE

Our students must wear the appropriate uniform to school every day. When they attend assemblies and liturgies in Church, students must wear their complete school uniform, which includes wearing the school blazer. Gym uniforms and sneakers are to be worn only on gym days. Boots are allowed only on rainy/snowy days. Students must come to school well groomed. ***Boys must have their hair short and well-trimmed around the neck and ears and above the eyebrows. Girl's skirts/skorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Girls are not allowed to wear make-up nor have nail tips or polished nails. Girls are allowed to wear stud earrings or small hoops only.***

Boys:

- School Blazer
- Navy Pants
- Light Blue Shirt K-5
- Yellow Shirt 6-8
- Navy Blue Tie
- Blue or Black Shoes
- Hooded School Sweatshirt
- School Sweater or Fleece
- Navy Blue Sweatpants and School Sweatshirt for Gym
- Summer uniform consists of School Navy Blue Shorts K-8, Polo Shirts Light Blue K-5, and Yellow Polo shirts 6-8.
- Summer Gym uniform consists of School Tee Shirt Light Blue K-5, School Navy Blue Tee Shirt 6-8, and Navy Blue Gym Shorts K-8

Girls:

- School Blazer
- Navy Blue School Jumper K-5
- Navy Blue Skirt 6-8
- Light Blue Shirt K-5
- Yellow Shirt 6-8
- Navy Blue Girl's Tie
- Blue or Black Shoes
- Hooded School Sweatshirt
- School Sweater or Fleece
- Navy Blue Sweatpants and School Sweatshirts for Gym **(No Leggings)**
- Navy Blue or Black Knee High Socks
- Navy Blue Knee High Socks or Stockings 6-8
- Summer Uniform consists of School Navy Blue Shorts K-8, Polo Shirts Light Blue K-5, and Yellow Polo shirts 6-8.
- Summer Gym Uniform consists of School Tee Shirt Light Blue K-5, School Navy Blue Tee Shirt 6-8, and Navy Blue Gym Shorts K-8

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ABSENCES & LATENESS

Students are discouraged from being absent, unless they are ill or have other serious personal/family reasons. Frequent absences can have a negative effect on a student's academic performance. In order for an absence of more than two days to be excused, a doctor's note is required.

Students should not be late to school in the morning. All lateness is recorded, and frequent lateness can have a negative effect on a student's academic performance. Students are considered late if they do not report to homeroom for attendance by the 8:40AM bell.

HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS SHOULD

- Set high standards
- Go over their work and organize their notes
- Manage their time effectively
- Develop their own strategies for learning and memorizing
- Ask questions
- Take pride in their own work
- Learn from their mistakes
- Follow teacher directions
- Work cooperatively with fellow students
- Embrace opportunities to learn and grow intellectually

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CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Principal's w/Honors: 94.5-100

Principal's Award: 89.5-94.4

Honor Roll: 84.5-89.4

For the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, the weighted average of the Honors, and Accelerated classes will be reflected on Gradelink.

7th GRADE ARISTA

To be invited to the Arista Induction Ceremony, a seventh grader must achieve a Principal's Award with Honors at the end of seventh grade.

8th GRADE ARISTA

To receive an Arista pin at Awards Night, eighth graders must achieve the following:

- Qualify for at least a Principal's Award
- Receive a final overall average of G or better in behavior
- Receive a final overall average of S or better on all minor subjects
- Complete ten hours of documented service within the school (subject to approval.) Examples of service hours include being monitors, peer tutors, members of a school team etc.

CORDS OF EXCELLENCE

Cords for each major subject will be awarded to each eighth grade student that receives an overall 95 and above average.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN TITLES

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian titles are determined by the overall final average the students receive in the seven major subject areas (English, Social Studies, Math, Science, Religion, Greek and Spanish) in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. In order for a student to become a Valedictorian or Salutatorian, the student must be in Accelerated Math and Science and Honors Greek classes in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. He/she must also have excellent behavior in Junior High School and service hours in the eighth grade.

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