

South Hills Catholic Academy

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As a parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic school, I understand, affirm, and support the following:

- 1. The primary purpose of a Catholic school education is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- 2. Catholic schools are distinctive religious education institutions operated as programs of the Catholic Church; they are not private schools but are administered and supported by the sponsoring parish(es), the diocese, or religious community.
- 3. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege, not a right.
- 4. While academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activity (i.e., sports, clubs, etc.) are important, fidelity to the Catholic identity of the school is the fundamental priority.
- 5. The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity.
- 6. In all questions involving faith, morals, faith teaching, and Church law, the final determination rests with the diocesan bishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school and by enrolling my child I commit myself to uphold all the principles and policies that govern a Catholic school.

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