

September 15, 2017

Hello Junior High Parents,

We cannot tell you how good it is to be back at school where we can be with our students and all get back to our important work educating your children. Our schedules are established and working well. The academic work has begun and students are beginning the routines of classwork, homework, and tests.

We have made some adjustments to our homework policy and want you to know about them. Our goal is for students to get their work done daily and to have the chance to make the occasional mistake with a missed assignment or forgotten book without much penalty, but for these habits to not become chronic issues that affect student performance.

Each subject's gradebook will contain a homework grade. At the beginning of the nine weeks it will be entered. Each student starts out with a 100% on this quiz. If each assignment is turned in on time during the nine weeks, that grade remains. But if a student misses an assignment he or she will lose 5 points from that grade.

Here's the change: if an assignment is ungraded practice, the five points is all that will be taken away. The student will get an orange slip that he or she fills out to let you know an assignment was missed. The homework grade will be reduced with a note of the date in the comments on RenWeb. We will monitor to notice if missed work becomes a chronic problem. New measures will be taken if the homework grade falls below 70%.

Some of our homework is graded. If students do not have graded work on the day that it is due, they will earn a yellow slip. This has more serious consequences since graded homework must be completed to avoid a 0% being entered in the gradebook. So, if a student does not have graded work that is due they not only lost 5 points from their homework grade, they also lose 10 points per day that the assignment is late. They will stay in at lunch and recess to have a working lunch in order to get back on track. Examples of graded homework are: projects, vocabulary cards, essays, AR products, and study guides.

We are always thinking of ways to improve our system. Please sign to say that you understand this new policy or email us with questions or concerns.

It's going to be a great school year! We are blessed to have your children here at

St. Mary Catholic School!

Blessings,

Your Junior High Team

I have read and acknowledge the St. Mary Junior High homework policy.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

attachments: sample yellow slip, sample orange slip