

# Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

## APPLICATION FORM 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

### GRADES K-8 – CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy is a Catholic education institution that provides supportive discipline. All students have the right to learn and interact in a safe and structured environment. All students have a responsibility to respect the rights of others at all times. Appropriate behavior should be praised, while inappropriate behavior must be acknowledged and corrected immediately.

Self-discipline is the Christian ideal, which our students are encouraged to achieve. In order to form proper habits and attitudes, rules of conduct must be emphasized. Respect for all people and property, courtesy at all times, unselfishness towards others, and a sense of honesty, fair play and trustworthiness are among the values which must be imparted to our students.

Members of Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy are taught to show the utmost respect to one another, in words and actions. Pushing, hitting, or fighting are not acceptable behaviors. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the parent/guardian being notified, and a meeting set up to discuss a plan of action to improve behavior. Hitting or fighting with another student could result in the parent/guardian being asked to remove the child from the Academy. This is at the discretion of the Academy administration.

With rights come responsibilities; when a student does not follow a school policy, he/she must face the consequences of his/her behavior. The consequences differ depending upon the severity of the misbehavior, and/or the number of occurrences of the misbehavior. A student who behaves in a manner that contradicts school policy may face one or more of the following consequences: a verbal warning; a letter or disciplinary form sent home; detention; in-house or out-of-school suspension.

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy has adopted a STRIKE system for any student who needs extra encouragement in demonstrating positive behavior. STRIKES will be issued for, but not limited to any misbehavior or infraction of a school policy, or classroom rule. Included in this category are: lateness to school; gum chewing; dress code violation; inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria, bathroom, schoolyard, Church, hallways; inappropriate behavior during a fire drill; disruptive behavior in class; using offensive language; deliberate defiance, disrespectful behavior; fighting; vandalism; possession of a weapon. Three STRIKES will warrant either lunchtime or afterschool detention and notification of a parent/guardian.

We believe that our students are responsible for helping to create and maintain a school environment that is conducive to their learning. We expect them to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will bring credit to themselves, their parents/guardians and to Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy.

I understand that the policies, rules, and benefits described in this policy are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Academy at any time. I also understand that my signature below indicates I have read and understood the above statements and accept full responsibility with respect to my child's behavior and compliance with these mandatory policies. I have also discussed the contents of this Code of Behavior with my child.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Student Name

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Grade in September 2017