



## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **Purpose:**

Homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. It is the intention of St. Mary's Catholic High School to assign challenging and meaningful homework that is used to reinforce classroom learning objectives, to see whether students understand the lesson and to find/use more information on the subject. Homework can also serve as a communication link between school and home that shows what children are studying.

### **Expectations:**

#### **Responsibility of the Student:**

- Keep an up-to-date calendar for homework and other assignments and their due dates.
- Clarify with teachers any instructions not understood.
- Use a proper heading at the top of all homework assignments.
- Complete homework in proper form as per your teacher's instructions (example: If homework is to be turned in to Google Classroom or emailed to your teacher etc.)
- Complete homework to the best of your ability.
- Turn in completed homework on the due date.

#### **Responsibility of the Parent:**

- Make homework a daily activity.
- Help your child get organized. Check their calendar daily.
- Set up a comfortable location for doing homework with good lighting and free of distractions.
- Show interest in your child's schoolwork and discuss what your child is learning.
- Contact the teacher if necessary to clear up any misunderstandings, troubleshoot problems, discuss time management and be informed about your child's learning progress.
- Alert the teacher, in advance, when extenuating circumstances ( example: medical or other emergencies ) arise that may prevent homework from being completed on time

## **Responsibility of Teacher:**

- Give students the required time for completion based on the homework tasks set.
- State clearly the expectations of the assignment.
- Assign relevant, meaningful homework activities that reinforce classroom learning.
- Ensure that the student has the skills to complete the homework assignment.
- Ensure students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed.
- Provide feedback in a timely manner.
- Include homework as part of the student's internal assessment.

## **Time:**

Actual time required to complete assignments will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and course load. All students are encouraged to pursue non-assigned, independent, reading for pleasure.

## **Late Work Penalties:**

***Homework assignments are due completed in class the day after they are assigned unless otherwise specified by the teacher.*** If a student does not hand in a homework assignment on time, they will lose the formative / summative grading associated with that piece of homework.

## **Projects:**

Projects include research reports, book reports, & other assignments that teachers designate as projects. Sufficient advance notice and time frames will be given to ensure that work is completed on time.

## **Practice makes Perfect:**

It is a well established fact that with subjects like Math, French, Accounting, Physics, Chemistry, daily and regular practice is the key to mastery. Students must build this practice into their daily schedules even if work has not been assigned by the teacher.

## **Daily Study:**

It is very important that all children revise & study the work done daily. Let us as parents & teachers do our best to inculcate a daily study of units / modules/ work covered rather than last minute preparation before exams or tests. Students in years 11, 12 & 13 must recognize that consistency in attainment throughout the year will be significant for them as starting points to their future educational pathways.

## **Extenuating Circumstances:**

Parents must email the teachers in the case of extenuating circumstances. The student will work with the teacher to make a plan to deal with extenuating circumstances. Examples of extenuating circumstances may include: family emergencies/death in family, injuries, and extended illnesses. Student or parent must notify the teacher.