

PARENT/STUDENT FORM -- ST. RITA HANDBOOK

PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY – ST. RITA HANDBOOK

It is important that both students and parents be familiar with the rules and regulations of St. Rita High School.

As such, we require that all parents and students read over the handbook each year, and understand that they are required to abide by these rules.

All families will be informed, at the Tolle Lege interview of this responsibility, and will be required to sign, at that interview, that they agree to follow the policies contained in this handbook. This consent applies until graduation.

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STUDENT CODE OF HONOR

That I may be educated in an atmosphere of Catholic culture, that I may increase in reverence toward God, that I may be courteous toward others and that I may grow in self-control, I have elected to attend St. Rita High School.

I desire to promote loyalty to my school, to maintain its high standard of honorable conduct, to support enthusiastically all its activities and to make my school a better place for my being one of its students.

That I may make the most of my opportunities to be true to the traditions of my school and to show my appreciation to those who are making my education possible, I hereby make the following resolutions:

That I may assist in its efficient operation, I propose to be obedient to all lawful authority, to study conscientiously, and to carry out all the regulations of my school.

I resolve to move quietly and quickly through the school building, doing my part to promote the order necessary in such a large school.

I will help to maintain cleanliness -- because cleanliness is next to Godliness -- in the school, and be vigilant in preventing defacement of the property and buildings.

I determine to follow my program of studies with honest, courageous effort, and sincerity of purpose; and to be ready to make the personal sacrifices which its successful accomplishment may entail.

In my dealings with others, I resolve to have ambitions and be filled with the strength of worthy convictions. I will regard the property of others as inviolable, eager to render service, and quick to appreciate what is done for me. I will be punctual and conscientious in meeting obligations.

Finally, I resolve, to hold conquest of self as the greatest achievement, remembering that because I am a member of St. Rita High School, in my keeping is the good name of my school, and I must govern myself accordingly.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

An Augustinian College Prep School

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OFFICIAL HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS 2009-2010

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RECOGNITION

St. Rita High School was chartered by the Illinois Legislature on July 13, 1905. Since 1921 it has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and it also holds full formal recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education. St. Rita High School is also a member of the National Augustinian Educational Association.

St. Rita High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or ancestry in admitting students or in the administration of its policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other programs. In 1987 St. Rita High was recognized as an Exemplary Secondary School by the United States Department of Education.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

St. Rita, Patroness of our school, was born in the hamlet of Rocca Porena, Italy, near Cascia. She was born of peasant parents, Antonio and Amata Lotti in the year of 1381. She was baptized Rita in the parish church of Cascia, conducted by the Augustinians. She was raised by her elderly parents who supported themselves by farming. Rita grew up in this environment without any formal education. Her teachers were her parents, the Augustinian priests, and above all, her Savior Jesus Christ. She grew in knowledge by contemplating the Crucifix. She had a strong desire to enter the religious life as a nun with the Augustinian Sisters in Cascia.

Rita's parents had other ideas. As was the custom in those days, the parents chose the spouses for their children. For Rita, Antonio and Amata picked out Paulo Ferdinando Mancini as her husband. Rita bowed to her parents' will as the will of God and consented to marry Paulo Ferdinando. From the beginning this marriage was filled with sorrow and suffering for St. Rita. Paulo was a violent, impatient, brutal man. Rita, as well as others, was often the object of his violence. Through patience, penance, and prayer, Rita converted her husband to love of God and herself. They were the parents of two boys, Giacomo and Paulo.

Rita's husband was murdered. Her two boys vowed vengeance on their father's murderer. This brought renewed anguish to her heart which so loved peace. She prayed that this hatred be taken from her sons, and if necessary that they be taken to heaven. Her two sons made their peace with God and were taken to heaven.

Now Rita was free to enter the convent. After repeated rejection because she was a widow, she was finally accepted as a nun in the Augustinian Convent of Cascia. While there she devoted her life to prayer, penance, and service of her fellow sisters. She began to feel a new sense of peace and love. Her great desire was to be like her Crucified Savior. She was given a wound in her forehead which continually reminded her of Christ's love for her.

Finally in the year 1457, after having been so closely united to the sufferings of Jesus, she was anointed and received Holy Communion for the last time. Rita was canonized in 1900 by Pope Leo XIII. Since that time devotion to St. Rita has spread through Europe, Canada, and the United States.

Because of the almost impossible circumstances of her life, and the miracles that have been worked through her intercession, St. Rita is often called the "Saint of the Impossible." Her feast is celebrated on May 22nd. A sign and symbol of St. Rita's love of God is the red rose. These are traditionally distributed on the Feast of St. Rita.

THE SCHOOL SEAL

The symbols used in the Seal of St. Rita High School depict events in the lives of two great Saints, Augustine, the Founder of the Augustinian Order, and Rita, the holy patroness of our school.

The Center of the seal incorporate events in the life of St. Augustine. The book, representing the writings of St. Augustine, is a symbol of his great learning. The heart burning and pierced with an arrow symbolizes St. Augustine's great and burning love for God and His creatures. The inscription around the seal is the official title of our school, and the rose is a special symbol of the life of St. Rita, our patroness.

THE SCHOOL COLORS ARE RED AND NAVY BLUE. THE SCHOOL'S TEAMS ARE CALLED THE ST. RITA MUSTANGS.

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

St. Rita High School admits only those students who meet the school's academic and disciplinary standards. Qualified students are given preference in the following order:

A. Catholic students from both Catholic and other-than-Catholic schools.

- B. Brothers of current students or relatives of alumni.
- C. Other-than-Catholic students from Catholic elementary schools.

St. Rita of Cascia High School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all rights; privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all students at the school.

THE HISTORY OF YOUR SCHOOL

St. Rita High School was founded in 1905 by the Very Rev. James F. Green, O.S.A. Construction of what was Green Hall was the initial step in forming the original campus. Student enrollment mounted rapidly and in 1922, when the pressure of other duties necessitated Father Green's retirement from scholastic work, St. Rita High School had become established in Chicago as one of the leading secondary schools.

Successor to the founder was the Very Rev. William L. Egan, O.S.A., during whose incumbency the original Harris Gym and Egan Hall were completed. The Very Rev. Joseph B. Kepperling, O.S.A. followed Father Egan in 1926, but his splendid work was brought to an untimely close by his death on June 4, 1929. The Very Rev. John J. Harris, O.S.A. was selected as the next rector to direct St. Rita's destiny.

In summer of 1935, the Rev. Ruellan P. Fink, O.S.A. succeeded Father Harris. Father Fink was the motivating spirit of many noteworthy developments, of which the most important achievement was the installation of a technical course in 1936.

Father Fink also began an extensive expansion program as evidenced by the erection of Mendel technical building, completed in June 1938, and the addition to Egan Hall, completed in August 1939. A modern concrete stadium was built in 1946 and the new monastery was completed in May 1949.

Rev. John E. McLaughlin, O.S.A. succeeded Father Fink in 1956 as Principal. In 1962 Rev. Francis P. Crawford, O.S.A. became Principal. He was succeeded in 1968 by the Very Rev. Daniel B. Trusch, O.S.A. In 1971 Rev. LaVern J. Flach, O.S.A. became Principal; in 1979 Rev. David L. Brecht, O.S.A., in 1983 Rev. Patrick E. Murphy, O.S.A. became Principal and in 1989 Rev. Bernard R. Danber was appointed Principal. Both Fr. Murphy and Fr. Danber are graduates of St. Rita High School. On June 27, 1990, Rev. Bernard R. Danber, O.S.A. was given the keys to the new campus at 7740 South Western. In 1993 a new president-principal model was adopted for the school. Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, O.S.A. became the school's first president. Rev. O'Connor appointed Mr. Joseph F. Bamberger as Principal. In the year 2000 Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A. was then named the second President and the first Alumni President of St. Rita High School. After 43 years of service, nine as principal, Mr. Joseph F. Bamberger, retired in 2002. Beginning in 2002, Fr. Thomas McCarthy became President/Principal. In 2007, Fr. McCarthy became President and Mrs. Sally Deenihan was named Principal.

THE AUGUSTINIANS

The Augustinians are an order of Catholic educators with a rich heritage of traditions and experience. Their history reaches back to an illustrious founder, St. Augustine, whose profound mind formulated and gave written expression to the very foundations of Catholic thought and culture. St. Augustine was born in the fourth century and devoted his life to the monastic ideal of nurturing and spreading Christ's way of life. For fifteen centuries the Augustinians have patterned their lives after St. Augustine. Great saints, great scholars, great educators, great missionaries—a glorious pageant of Augustinian triumphs through the centuries these are the legacy of the men who teach you at St. Rita High School.

A famous scholar of our day characterized St. Augustine as "the greatest modern man." He meant that, after fifteen centuries, St. Augustine's thought is modern. In St. Augustine's voluminous works one finds an astonishing clarity of thought upon the vexing problems of the present. Ancient

in wisdom, yet up-to-date in its application -- this likewise is a keynote of the Augustinian system of education.

The preparation of an Augustinian for a teaching career, therefore, combines the deep wisdom of the ages with the modern specialized training in curriculum and method. An Augustinian teacher is equipped to give you a thoroughly modern education. He does not attempt merely to qualify you as a high school graduate, but pre-eminently to nurture within you a plan of life and answers to its riddles.

Complementing the Augustinian priests and brothers is a dedicated corps of lay people. Some of these people have been with us for over 25 years. Through their long-standing stay and experience, they are an integral part of St. Rita High School.

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

While the school authorities are deeply interested in the welfare of each student, it is impossible to realize his aims without the full cooperation of the parents. It is important that the parents familiarize themselves with the contents of this handbook so that they may have a better understanding of what is expected of their son.

Physical fitness is a prime requisite for success in study. The parents of our students are urged to see that the social life of our students does not interfere with the physical exercise, the necessary rest, and the good health habits that make for maximum efficiency.

At least two hours of systematic preparation is required for each class day. This is in addition to required written work. Home study is a must in our school. The parents are asked to provide the place, opportunity and assistance for their sons' homework and study. Regular and prompt attendance is indispensable. Parents should not permit unnecessary absence, since it leads to discouragement and militates against successful achievement.

Grade reports are sent home each quarter of the school year. Please examine them carefully, paying particular attention to the explanatory reasons for poor scholastic work. Parents should not rest satisfied with an unsatisfactory report. They should try to discover the possible cause of failure, either by discussions with the student or the teacher.

Parents may call the school and talk with their son's teachers. Appointments may be made by the student and/or parents with the teachers at a time and place convenient for the teachers.

In dealing with the school authorities, parents should take up matters of discipline and excuses from school with the Dean of Men. The Assistant Principal of Studies deals with scholastic problems and tuition matters are settled with the Tuition/Transportation Director.

A minimal student accident insurance plan designed especially for the student of St. Rita High School is in effect. The school's only interest in this plan is to secure desirable coverage for students at a low group rate per student.

Coverage basically begins where the family insurance leaves off.

MISSION STATEMENT

The faculty has reflected on its efforts to live out this statement of philosophy and objectives, and has concluded that its mission is as follows:

St. Rita High School, the Augustinian fathers and brothers, and members of the faculty and staff accept the challenge of educating young men of diverse background in a metropolitan community. We carry out our mission in the spirit of St. Augustine and enlightened by the Catholic tradition which forms the whole person -- spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially. We expect that this will be beneficial in preparing our students for college, life-long learning and personal awareness.

We desire that our students experience fulfillment and success based on their personal ability and interest. Truth, honesty, integrity, moderation, responsibility, self-discipline, self-worth and

a desire to serve society are our prime goals for the individual.

It is our goal to see that a bond develops among all members of our school community. This bond of love creates family, and in the school family, through caring relationships, we and our students experience an increase in love and thus come closer to our ultimate goal -- union with God Who is Love!

PREAMBLE

AUGUSTINIAN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

St. Rita High School is a school run by the Augustinians, formally called the order of St. Augustine. The order in its present structure dates to the year 1256, but it traces its roots ultimately to St. Augustine of Hippo (354 to 430), that extraordinary thinker who influenced the development of Western thought in a profound way.

Thus, St. Augustine's philosophy forms the foundation of St. Rita's approach to education.

The pursuit of truth is one of the two principal purposes of the school. Through various levels of abstraction students are assisted to search out the ultimate truth, God. They are united with their teachers in this common task -- both striving together in a joint effort to know and understand.

Teachers do not view themselves as loading things into the minds of their students. Rather, a profound respect is present according to which a teacher must wait in patience until students compare their new learnings with the inner dictates of truth, which allow those students to embrace new ideas enthusiastically when those new ideas are justified by that interior light.

The academic community in an Augustinian school is not concerned only with the truth, however. A personal bond should develop among all the members of the community. This bond of love creates family, and in the school family students learn through caring relationship to love the source of all love, God.

The liberal arts are viewed as the primary vehicle for the kind of learning, which Augustinian schools view as fundamental. But, academic learning is not the exclusive concern of a St. Rita High School education. From what was stated above, effective and social learning in classroom settings, on the athletic fields, and in activities projects is considered an essential part of the school's work. The curriculum is structured as a rung on the ladder of learning; it looks forward to a lifetime of learning, but proximately to the next formal step -- college.

GOALS

To learn to think critically.

To develop the capacity to move from sense data through the various grades of abstraction.

To realize that God is the ultimate ground of being.

To grow in the ability to find movement toward fulfillment in loving relationships with others.

To form and experience Christian community.

To sense God as the ultimate ground of love.

To develop skills of life-long learning.

To master that body of knowledge and skills requisite to perform well in college and university studies.

To increase sensitivity and awareness and an appreciation of the range of human response -- that is to, attain a liberal education.

To organize a Christian value system for further development in adult life.

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

St. Rita High School is a private Catholic college preparatory school for boys. It operates under the auspices of the Augustinian religious order, and therefore it endorses the Augustinian philosophy of education as expressed above. As an authorized Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Chicago, St. Rita High School endorses the archdiocesan school board stated aim of "creating a Christian educational community where human culture and knowledge, enlightened and enlivened by faith are shared among teachers and students in a spirit of freedom and love."

Because of its Augustinian roots, St. Rita High School especially reflects the following values of St. Augustine and finds them especially relevant to its unique role:

- a) **the value of community:** "Before all else . . . love God and then your fellow man, for this is the purpose of your coming together." (**Regula**)
- b) **the value of the liberal arts and the pursuit of truth in a school:** "He . . . is called studious . . . who with all earnestness seeks those things which pertain to liberal culture and adornment of mind . . . especially if we add (that) he studies to hear the open and pure Truth . . . especially knowledge of God." (**De Utilitate Credendi**)
- c) **the value of search in restlessness:** "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (**Confessiones**)

St. Rita High School's purpose is to assist each person in the orderly development of his capabilities -- intellectual, spiritual, emotional, moral, civic, and physical. Thereby, he should become a mature Christian capable of functioning proficiently in institutions of higher learning and in adult society. The school's primary consideration is the intellectual development of its students, an aim shared with the family, church, and state. Academically, St. Rita High School aims at a liberal education that will enrich the unique personality of each individual and increase mental adaptability, awareness, sensitivity, and a spirit of inquiry, all aimed with God as a final goal. As an officially chartered school in the state of Illinois, St. Rita High School recognizes and accepts its role in developing informed and responsible citizens and leaders.

As a private Catholic school and thus an agent and of the family and church, St. Rita High School integrates the spiritual and moral aspects of life with intellectual development. St. Rita High School tries to increase awareness of religious and cultural heritage. As part of its Christian ministry, St. Rita High School strives for the ideal that it becomes a strong Catholic community in which staff, faculty, and students give daily witness of Christ's care and concern as they share their lives with each other.

In light of its philosophy and in addition to the general aims stated above, St. Rita High School seeks to develop in students:

1. a vital realization of God as the source and goal of human life and activity
2. an awareness of God as source and sanction of all moral obligation
3. a reasonably thorough understanding of Catholic doctrine and practice
4. the belief that the American form of government exists for the benefit of the people, that each person has received from God certain inalienable rights which the state cannot take away, that the well-being of American democracy depends upon the action of individuals
5. knowledge of history and appreciation of American heritage
6. knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of cultures, ideologies, and languages difference from their own
7. the logical and computational skills of modern mathematics
8. facility in the use of language, including reverence for "the word," a liking for how reading and literature can enrich an understanding of life's possibilities, and understanding of the conventions of grammar, usage, and literature -- as well as competence in the basic communication skills, especially

reading and writing

9. an awareness of God's handiwork: the physical world, its structure and its beauty -- and thus a sense of responsibility for the care of that world
10. an awareness of the human family with its ethnic and economic diversities
11. certain skills useful for future adult life and employment
12. some skills in locating and using the information available in libraries and other resource centers
13. an understanding of and respect of the body and an appreciation of physical fitness
14. a genuine love of family and a Christian respect for and understanding of the responsibilities of parenthood
15. the ability to think clearly, critically, and creatively
16. a sense of pride and fulfillment in shaping a unique personal identity.

To achieve these aims, St. Rita High School:

1. seeks faculty members who are mature individuals: people whose mental and moral qualities challenge the students to emulate them, and whose open-mindedness and tolerance mark them as balanced and sensitive
2. seeks in faculty members the qualities that mark a person as an educator, one who is proficient in his/her field, who can communicate with enthusiasm and imagination, who can encourage, who can sympathize with and can adapt with flexibility to young men on their way to maturity
3. provides, as far as possible, homogeneous grouping so that teaching may be addressed to the student's abilities and achievements, and mosaic scheduling with electives to satisfy special interests and skills
4. provides some course and programs designed to help less accomplished students accelerate their performance so that they may choose college, if they should so desire
5. provides programs designed to meet and, if possible, to surpass college entrance requirements, and to prepare qualified students for placement in advanced college courses
6. provides opportunities for religious growth, formally through scheduled religious activities and informally through sharing in Christian community and love
7. provides a program of guidance and counseling which enables each student to define, understand, and reach his goals -- academic, intellectual, and personal
8. promotes a code of student conduct which encourages courtesy, self-discipline, and responsibility
9. encourages each student to participate in co-curricular activities
10. cooperates with parents as much as possible in the shared task of helping young men develop themselves

TUITION AND FEES 2009-2010

1. NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE (each year) -- \$300.00
2. TUITION -- \$8,350.00

PAYMENT PLANS

St. Rita High School offers you several ways to help finance the investment of your son's education.

Payment Options

1. **A single payment** of tuition, paid in full (minus \$300.00 prepay discount), due on or before July 1, 2009. Discount does not apply to families who receive \$1,000.00 or more in financial assistance or scholarships.

2. **Two payment plan** – half of tuition is due on or before July 1, 2009 and the other half is due on or before December 1, 2009.
3. **F.A.C.T.S. monthly payment plan.** Payments are budgeted over 10 months beginning in July 2009. Payments are made automatically by your bank to F.A.C.T.S. through an automatic bank draft. Payments can be made on either the 5th or the 20th of the month. If you choose, you may authorize the F.A.C.T.S. program to charge your tuition through your Visa, MasterCard or Discover account.
 - a. **A F.A.C.T.S. Automatic Tuition Payment Agreement form must be filled out and turned into the tuition office. Filling out the F.A.C.T.S. Grant & Assessment is NOT a substitute for the aforementioned form. These are two separate documents.**
 - b. If you choose to have F.A.C.T.S. withdraw directly from your checking account, you must attach a voided check to the agreement form.

Please note the final payment for all students will be April 30, 2010 regardless of date of payment for the first nine installments.

OTHER CHARGES

1. **Saint Rita High School Non-Sufficient Funds** - fee is \$40.00 (If any check does not clear the bank.)
2. **F.A.C.T.S. Non-Sufficient Funds** - fee is \$25.00 thru F.A.C.T.S.
3. There is an annual \$38.00 per family set-up charge collected by F.A.C.T.S. This amount will be deducted from your current account when the agreement is initially processed.
4. Full payment and semester payments must be paid in full on designated due date or within thirty (30) days from the date of the bill. Failure to pay will result in a 4% per month interest charge on the unpaid balance, to be computed whenever payment is made. Expenses and costs of collection, including attorney's fees and interest, will be the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian.

A student is not entitled to any examinations nor will he receive a recommendation, a diploma, a transcript of credits, or advancements to higher class until his account with the school has been settled in full. If at anytime tuition becomes two months delinquent, the student's class attendance will be suspended until his account is brought current. Only full payment and semester payment of tuition and fees may be paid by mail or to Mr. Michael Gallagher on school days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monthly payments must be made through our Tuition Management Firm, F.A.C.T.S. Management Company. If any tuition payment adjustments need to be made, you must call the school and not F.A.C.T.S.

1. Tuition must be up to date as of the end of November, 2009 for a student to sit for his December final exams. Tuition must be paid in full by the end of April, 2010 for a student to sit for his May final exams.
2. Tuition is due in full by April 30 2009. Any tuition paid after April 30, 2009 must be in the form of cash, cashier check, or credit card.
3. Ten percent of the total tuition you owe is due each month starting July, 2009 (\$835 if student does not receive any financial assistance).
4. If a student's tuition is past due by more than one month, he will be asked to stay home until his tuition account is current.
5. If a family has two payments returned due to non-sufficient funds, they will be required to make all tuition payments by cash or cashier's check. A non-sufficient funds check will be charged \$40 per month until it is paid in full.
6. All scholarship and financial aid will be applied to a student's tuition account evenly over a ten month period – July, 2009 through April, 2010.
7. Juniors will not be allowed to attend prom until tuition is paid in full.

- 8. Seniors will not be allowed to do the following until their tuition is paid in full:
 - a. attend prom
 - b. take final exams
 - c. obtain their graduation cap, gown, graduation tickets, or attend graduation.
- 9. Questions regarding any of these issues can be addressed to the tuition office, 773-925-6600 x6653.

TUITION AND FEES REFUNDS

If a student withdraws within the first week of a school quarter, no tuition will be charged for that quarter. Payments for that quarter will be refunded. (It takes two monthly payments to pay for a school quarter.) The following tuition refund chart will be used for students who withdraw after the first week of a quarter; (a partial week of attendance is considered as a week of attendance).

Period of Attendance.....	Percentages
Two weeks	87.5%
Three weeks	75.0%
Four weeks	62.5%
Five weeks	50.0%
Six weeks.....	37.5%
Seven, eight, nine weeks.....	.0%

The refund scale applies only to students who have made full and up-to-date payments.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

- 1. Any bus owned, operated or chartered by St. Rita High School is considered to be a mobile classroom, and the ride is a school-sponsored event.
- 2. Cost of the bus program:
 - a. 79th & Kedzie Metra - \$75 per semester plus \$50 registration fee (a total of \$200 for the school year. This includes a morning pick-up at 7:25 a.m. from Metra and drop-off at St. Rita. There are 2 options for after school: the 2:40 p.m. pick-up from St. Rita and drop-off at Metra or the 5:40 p.m. activity bus from St. Rita to Metra.
 - b. Garfield Ridge and LaGrange Route - \$300 per semester plus \$50 registration fee (a total of \$650 for the school year). Fees are non refundable.
- 3. All students are expected to show respect, order, and to listen to authority just as they would in a classroom.
- 4. St. Rita High School has the authority to assign all seating arrangements and all seats will be assigned. St. Rita High School also has the authority to change any seating arrangement at any time.
- 5. The directions of the bus driver with regard to behavior, attitude, seating, language and actions are to be obeyed.
- 6. Students who disobey the bus driver or cause trouble on the bus can and will be suspended from school.
- 7. Any damage and/or vandalism by a student to a bus will be the responsibility of the student(s) involved and repair(s) will then be charged to the student(s).
- 8. Food, beverages, smoking, radios, pets, unbecoming language, abusive noise, boisterousness, clowning, heckling, or any abuse of windows, equipment, driver, fellow riders or outsiders are not permitted. Riders are to be ready and prompt in both boarding and leaving the bus.

9. Because failure to abide by these bus regulations can jeopardize the safety of lives, serenity of drivers, or reputation of the school, we want both parents and students to clearly understand that such conduct will be considered more serious than similar conduct elsewhere, and can result in immediate and permanent expulsion from the bus program and possibly from the school.
10. Any concerns, recommendations, suggestions, etc., are to be communicated to our Business Office at (773) 925-6600 ext. 6623.

ASBESTOS

<p>Pursuant to the law, St. Rita of Cascia High School has had the inspection for asbestos and has submitted the required management plan which was accepted by the State.</p>
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REGULAR SCHEDULE

	1	7:55 - 9:00			
	2	9:04 - 9:54			
	3	9:58 - 10:48			
4A	10:52 - 11:16	Lunch	4B	10:52 - 11:12	TDT
	11:20 - 11:44	TDT		11:16 - 11:40	Lunch
	11:44 - 12:32	Class		11:44 - 12:32	Class
4C	10:52 - 11:40	Class	4D	10:52 - 11:40	Class
	11:44 - 12:08	Lunch		11:40 - 12:04	TDT
	12:12 - 12:32	TDT		12:08 - 12:32	Lunch
	5	12:36 - 1:26			
	6	1:30 - 2:20			

LATE ARRIVAL SCHEDULE

	1	8:55 - 9:40			
	2	9:44 - 10:24			
	3	10:28 - 11:08			
4A	11:12 - 11:36	Lunch	4B	11:12 - 11:32	TDT
	11:40 - 12:04	TDT		11:36 - 12:00	Lunch
	12:04 - 12:52	Class		12:04 - 12:52	Class
4C	11:12 - 12:00	Class	4D	11:12 - 12:00	Class
	12:04 - 12:28	Lunch		12:00 - 12:24	TDT
	12:32 - 12:52	TDT		12:28 - 12:52	Lunch
	5	12:56 - 1:36			
	6	1:40 - 2:20			

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

		7:55 - 8:05	Call To Chapel
		8:05 - 9:25	Mass
		9:25 - 9:35	Return to Class
1		9:35 - 10:08	
2		10:12 - 10:45	
3		10:49 - 11:22	
4A	11:26 - 11:50	Lunch	4B 11:26 - 11:46
	11:54 - 12:18	TDT	11:50 - 12:14
	12:18 - 1:06	Class	12:18 - 1:06
			TDT
4C	11:26 - 12:14	Class	4D 11:26 - 12:14
	12:18 - 12:42	Lunch	12:14 - 12:38
	12:46 - 1:06	TDT	12:42 - 1:06
			Lunch
5		1:10 - 1:43	
6		1:47 - 2:20	

MASS WITH CEREMONY SCHEDULE

		7:55 - 8:05	Call to Chapel
		8:05 - 9:45	Mass/Ceremony
		9:45 - 9:55	Return to Class
1		9:55 - 10:24	
2		10:28 - 10:57	
3		11:01 - 11:30	
4A	11:34 - 11:58	Lunch	4B 11:34 - 11:54
	12:02 - 12:26	TDT	11:58 - 12:22
	12:26 - 1:14	Class	12:26 - 1:14
			TDT
4C	11:34 - 12:22	Class	4D 11:34 - 12:22
	12:26 - 12:50	Lunch	12:22 - 12:46
	12:54 - 1:14	TDT	12:50 - 1:14
			Lunch
5		1:18 - 1:47	
6		1:51 - 2:20	

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

1	7:55 - 8:40
2	8:44 - 9:24
3	9:28 - 10:08
5	10:12 - 10:52

4A	10:56 - 11:20	Lunch	4B	10:56 - 11:16	TDT
	11:24 - 11:48	TDT		11:20 - 11:44	Lunch
	11:48 - 12:36	Class		11:48 - 12:36	Class

4C	10:56 - 11:44	Class	4D	10:56 - 11:44	Class
	11:48 - 12:12	Lunch		11:44 - 12:08	TDT
	12:16 - 12:36	TDT		12:12 - 12:36	Lunch

6	12:40 - 1:20
Assembly at	1:30
Dismissal by	2:20

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THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM

A comprehensive program of guidance services is available to the student body. The basis of our guidance philosophy is the recognition of the personal worth, Christian dignity, and uniqueness of each individual student. Guidance services are an integral and significant part of the total educational program, personal and academic.

PERSONAL

Individual counseling is the heart of the guidance program. Counseling interviews can be either student or counselor initiated. It is through these individual interviews that a student discusses his personal adjustments, academic program and post high school plans.

Students are encouraged to initiate counseling interviews whenever they feel the need. Request forms for this purpose are available in the guidance center. Academic counseling is given on an individual and group basis.

Parents should feel free to call on the counseling staff to discuss their son's progress and plans. Personal interviews for parents can be arranged by calling the student's counselor.

St. Rita High School has always cooperated fully with all federal, state, and local law enforcement and social agencies. We recognize the authority of these agencies and continue to cooperate with them completely. However, because we are a private, Catholic school, we will attempt to communicate with a parent or legal guardian while complying with any requests regarding our students. We feel a great responsibility to provide for the health, safety and general well being of the students and families associated with our school.

Under certain circumstances, the school reserves the right to demand a professional psychological/medical assessment and/or outside counseling for the health, safety, and well being of the student. Under certain circumstances, the school also reserves the right to demand a professional educational assessment. Again, under certain circumstances, the school also reserves the right to either mandate or approve a particular professional for the psychological/medical/educational services required of the student. Failure to comply with these policies could result in suspension and/or expulsion.

ACADEMIC

Services provided include academic counseling on an individual and group basis; college and career information and planning; referral to out-of-school resources and agencies, when necessary; and standardized testing.

The guidance program regularly reviews the school's overall testing program to both update the program and make it the most effective and efficient program possible for satisfying the needs of a college preparatory program.

Freshmen: EXPLORE

Sophomores: PLAN

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) (Registration and permission required)

Juniors: PSAT (Registration and permission required)

ACT (American College Testing)

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Testing)

Seniors: ACT (American College Testing)

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Testing)

VILLANOVA ACADEMIC STUDY CENTER

The Villanova Academic Resource Center is a program rooted in the Augustinian tradition of accepting students at their individual level of development, and assisting them to grow. It is an opportunity for students to receive individual attention, tutoring, mentoring, small group work, and help with any study skill that is necessary for secondary and post-secondary success. Students

can be regularly called down to the center for assistance and guidance in their academic lives. Part of the program includes after-school tutoring, which is just another opportunity for the students to grow. The center and after-school tutoring is open to all students.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Once a student has selected his program for the year he may not change his program without permission of the Principal. A student who desires a change in his program should first consult with his Guidance Counselor. The Guidance Counselor will make a recommendation about possible change of program to the Principal. **NO CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE SECOND WEEK OF A SEMESTER, AND THE SCHEDULE CHANGE FEE IS \$50 AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

THE CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAM

The goal of the Campus Ministry Program of St. Rita of Cascia High School is to build a strong, healthy, Christian community based upon ideals of the Gospel and the Order of St. Augustine: TRUTH, UNITY and LOVE. The purpose of the Campus Ministry Program is to help each student recognize and develop his own unique gifts and talents and to develop those gifts and talents to their fullest potential. The student body is a faith community that seeks to grow in love of God and neighbor.

The Office of Campus Ministry provides many opportunities for each student to enrich and develop his spiritual life. All-school Masses are celebrated every First Friday of the month and on all Holy Days. In addition, seasonal liturgies are celebrated at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Holy Week. Individual and communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated regularly throughout the year. Sacramental preparation is provided for students requesting preparation. Spiritual Direction, Pastoral Counseling and individual confessions are always available in the Office of Campus Ministry.

All students are required to make an annual retreat. Underclassmen make a one-day retreat at St. Rita with their homeroom. Seniors make their retreat away from school lasting from one to four days. The vast majority of Seniors make the Kairos Retreat, a four-day retreat held at Christian Brothers LaSalle Manor in Plano, Illinois. A St. Rita diploma will not be granted until the student has made his Senior retreat.

Once each quarter, the St. Rita Family gathers on a Sunday morning in the Main Chapel for a Family Mass followed by a breakfast in the dining hall. All families are invited and encouraged to attend. The Family Masses for this year are at 9:00 A.M. on September 21st, November 16th, January 18th, and May 3rd.

All religious programs, as well as four years of formal classroom instruction in Theology, are rooted in the Augustinian tradition and are designed to cultivate a solid foundation in the Catholic faith. St. Rita is a Catholic high school and therefore each student, regardless of his religious denomination is expected to participate in the Campus Ministry Program as well as four years of theology. No students may be exempt from a religious service without the permission of the Principal or the Director of Campus Ministry.

Respecting our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, no activities are allowed before 12:00 noon on Sundays. If an activity must be held before noon on Sunday, contact the Director of Campus Ministry to arrange for Mass.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, students or parents should contact the Director of Campus Ministry as soon as possible. The Office of Campus Ministry serves as an outreach of pastoral care to students, parents, staff and alumni. Requests for prayers or masses should be directed to the Office of Campus Ministry. Notices of deaths should also be given to the Office of Campus Ministry.

Apart from the Campus Ministry Program and academic instruction in Theology, **each student of St. Rita High School is expected to be practicing his faith with his family on Sundays in his re-**

spective parish. Non-Catholic students are strongly urged to worship regularly with their own respective faith community. Wherever possible, each student is encouraged to become involved in parish programs and activities.

It is the expectation and hope of St. Rita High School, that each student present himself as a Christian gentleman at all times and proudly uphold the high standards of Augustinian, Christian excellence that has characterized St. Rita High School for over 100 years.

REFLECTIVE OUTWARD SERVICE EXPERIENCE (ROSE)

The rose is the most easily recognized symbol of Saint Rita of Cascia. For Saint Rita, the rose was a sign of faith and trust in God. Rita, an Augustinian nun, was a messenger of great compassion, hope, and reconciliation to the people whom she encountered. She has become a powerful example of faithful service for all those who follow in the Augustinian tradition.

It is in this tradition of loving service that Saint Rita High School has introduced the **Reflective Outward Service Experience (ROSE)**. A critical aspect of education in the Augustinian tradition is an education in being of practical service to all God's people. The ROSE process is a well-defined, integrated attempt at responding to this educational imperative.

There are essentially three stages in this process of Christian formation.

The following are the graduation requirements.

1. In the freshman year - 25 hours of service at home, with reflection paper due in Theology class.
2. In the sophomore year - 25 hours of service: 15 hours at St. Rita; the remaining 10 hours at his home Parish or Church, or at his former grammar school. Paper required in Theology class.
3. In the junior year - TBA.

Saint Augustine was quite fond of reminding his community of the following:

Charity makes us support one another in bearing our burdens. When the deer have to cross a river, each one of them carries on its back the head of the one following, while it rests its head on the back of the one preceding. In that way, supporting and helping each other, they are able to cross safely wide rivers, until they reach together the stability of the land.

(from *"Eighty-three Diverse Questions"*)

How much we can learn from the deer! In the **ROSE** program, students learn the importance of providing support for others in need in the community. Students also learn about vehicles which exist in the community for support — should they themselves ever be in need. How wonderful it is when we can support one another — living together as sisters and brothers!

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Many students find it necessary to work after school hours to help defray the expenses of their education. While this is a laudable practice, it is not an excuse for failures in studies, nor is it sufficient reason for absence from class. It is definitely not a reason for failing to report for detention class.

A person cannot do two things at the same time and do both of them well. If work interferes with schoolwork, parents are requested to make proper adjustments to correct the situation.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

An Employment Certificate must be obtained from the Main Office for part time work after school and on Saturdays if the student is between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. No certificate can be issued if the student has not reached his fourteenth birthday, and a certificate is not necessary if the student has reached his sixteenth birthday. A student over sixteen must, however, present to his employer a statement of approval from the school.

Students between fourteen and sixteen years of age must present the following three documents:

1. Employer's Statement giving the student's name and detailing the hours of employment and the nature of the work.
2. Proof of Age: preferably a birth certificate filed soon after birth. If this cannot be obtained a baptismal certificate is usually accepted in practice.
3. A Social Security card is required when applying for certificate.
4. Parent Approval: A letter from a parent stating that the student has his or her permission for the particular position and for the hours of work.

VACATION EMPLOYMENT

School approval is not necessary for employment during the vacation periods. Students between the ages of fourteen and sixteen must, however, obtain an employment certificate from the Main Office for vacation jobs. During these periods, the Main Office will issue the certificate upon presentation of the three documents already described.

THE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

PART 1 - THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

The center of all extracurricular activities and events at St. Rita High School is the office of the Director of Activities.

The Office is located at the middle of the Athletic Wing, an office which also serves as the headquarters of the Student Government. Both students and faculty are encouraged to stop in the office to discuss any matter that will help build up the extracurricular activities at St. Rita High School.

PART 2 - CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

A high school education is far from complete without some participation in an extracurricular sport or activity. It is only through interaction with others that the St. Rita student, or any person, can truly grow and mature. It is only through involvement and attendance at various St. Rita dances, events and games that any real dedication and spirit for the school will grow. It is for these twin reasons -- growth and spirit -- that the high school encourages your participation in its many sports and clubs.

So that such participation does not interfere with academic achievement at school, general guidelines of eligibility have been set by the school.

St. Rita High School is dedicated to the concept of supporting the many clubs and organizations it now has, and working diligently to create and support new clubs and organizations.

Hence, the school encourages all students and parents to become involved in one the students' and parents' clubs listed below, or to work with the Director of Activities to create new clubs that will also serve the needs and interests of the St. Rita community.

ELIGIBILITY

Although the student is urged to devote a part of his time sharing in the extracurricular program, the school insists that success in studies be his paramount consideration. For this reason, an eligibility code has been drawn up to guard against the student's spending too much time in these projects to the detriment of his scholastic pursuits.

1. A student becomes ineligible for extracurricular activities if he receives an average below 70 in two major subjects.
2. A student also becomes ineligible for extracurricular activities if his conduct becomes unsatisfactory.
3. Determination of the above mentioned ineligibilities will be made by the Principal in conjunction with the Dean of Men.

Ineligibility is binding and remains in effect until the Principal approve the reversal. Where disputes concerning eligibility arise, the Board of Administration reserves the right to make final decisions.

St. Rita High School also adheres to, and enforces the less rigid and technical academic eligibility requirements set forth by the Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.) and Chicago Catholic League.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: ST. RITA CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following items regarding clubs and organizations were discussed by and ratified unanimously by the Board of Administration and the Board of Advisors:

- 1. Any club or organization, whether student or parent, exists with the consent and approval of the approval of the Principal and the Board of Administration.
2. Any change in the constitutions or bylaws of any club or organization, whether student or parent, must be reviewed and approved by the Principal and the Board of Administration.
3. Any club or organization which has its own bank account(s) must have the moderator of the club as one of the signatures on the account(s).
4. The Principal and the Board of Administration reserves the right to amend or nullify any clause in the constitutions or bylaws of any club or organization, whether student or parent, which is in conflict with the philosophy and policies of St. Rita High School.

CURRENT STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AT ST. RITA

Current clubs approved for activity by the Board of Administration include:

Table listing clubs and their moderators: School Band (Ms. Cindy Gradek), Billiards (Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A.), Canoe/Hiking Club (TBA), Cheerleaders (Mrs. Noreen Kelliher), Chess Club (Mr. Norb Lasky), Drama Club (TBA), Hispanic Culture Club (Mr. Antonio Miranda), Math Team (Mr. Josh Blaszak), Knights of Augustine (Bro. Jerome Sysko, O.S.A.), National Honor Society (Mr. Wes Benak), Newspaper - 'The Ritan' (Mr. Josh Blaszak), Paintball Club (Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A.), Ritanettes (Mrs. Jodi McLawhorn), Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) (Jay Standing), Scholastic Bowl Team (Mr. Tim Baffoe), Stock Club (TBA), Street Hockey Club (TBA), Video Games Club (Mrs. Marilyn Shannon), Yearbook - 'The Cascian' (Mrs. Mary Misiora).

CURRENT PARENTS' CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS AT ST. RITA

St. Rita High School Alumni Organizations

Moderator of the Alumni Association is Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A.

St. Rita High School Band Boosters Club

Parents of band members and friends of the band are eligible for membership in the Band Boosters. The director of the school band is Ms. Cindy Gradek.

St. Rita High School Fathers' Club

The Fathers' Club is a social and service body composed of the students' fathers and friends of the school. Every St. Rita father is encouraged to be an active member of this organization. The moderators are Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A. and Bro. Jerome Sysko, O.S.A.

St. Rita High School Mothers' Club

Membership in the Mothers' Club is open to the mothers of the students and mothers of the alumni as well. The moderators of the Mothers' Club are Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A. and Mrs. Margie Hopkins.

STARTING A NEW CLUB OR ORGANIZATION AT ST. RITA

The Director of Activities will work with any student, faculty or parent of St. Rita to find and support a new club or organization that will serve the needs and interest of the St. Rita community.

To organize a new club or organization, the following procedure should be used:

1. Contact the Director of Activities for direction and guidance in forming the club or organization.
2. The Director of Activities shall then appoint a moderator for a new club or organization.
3. Membership meetings shall be called to determine the amount of interest in the club at the high school.
4. A constitution shall be drawn up and filed with the Director of Activities after it has been determined that sufficient interest and proper organization does exist for the club to operate successfully.
5. The Director of Activities shall submit the club's constitution to the Board of Administration for its approval.
6. Once so approved, the club shall submit an annual roster along with the above said constitution to the Director of Activities.

PART 3 - OTHER ACTIVITIES AT ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

Besides the current clubs and organizations at St. Rita, the high school also offers many other annual activities to its students. The goal is to continue making St. Rita High School a place where students, teachers, and parents can grow together in informal, relaxed atmosphere.

Among the activities sponsored by St. Rita are the following:

St. Rita Field Trips

Field trips to locations in the Chicagoland area may be taken by St. Rita students. Such trips require adequate faculty supervision, and must be approved by the Director of Activities (clubs or organizations only) and the Principal two weeks in advance. The faculty supervisor must make all arrangements with the proper authorities and shall insure the safety and educational value of all approved field trips. Field trips may not take place in the months of December and May due to semester exams.

St. Rita Gym Nights

Use of the gym by a section or group of St. Rita students can be had from 7:00-9:30 p.m. nightly with the approval of the Athletic Director. Such gym nights must be properly supervised by an approved faculty moderator.

St. Rita Swimming Pool Nights

Use of the swimming pool by a section or group of St. Rita students can be obtained with the permission of the Athletic Director. An adult, licensed lifeguard must be arranged for and on duty at all times during a swimming pool night.

St. Rita Senior and Junior Proms

Annually, St. Rita sponsors prom nights for its senior and junior classes. Moderator of the Senior

Prom is the Senior Class Moderator; and of the Junior Prom, the Junior Class Moderator. Semi-formals are also run at year's end by the freshman and sophomore classes.

St. Rita Mother-Son Mass

Annually St. Rita High School sponsors a Mass for the junior class and the mothers of the juniors. The Mass is coordinated by the Campus Minister and the Junior Class Moderator.

St. Rita Mother-Son Dance

Sponsored by the Mothers' Club, this annual dance brings together St. Rita students and their moms for an enjoyable evening of food, dance, and fun.

St. Rita Community Service Projects

St. Rita also annually participates in many community service events, including the state record-setting Blood Drive (287 Pints, 1987), the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Toys for Tots at Christmas, participation in candy sales for the Kiwanis Club and the Sertoma Lions Foundation, the Kennedy School for Special Children, the Misericordia Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, and the Park Lawn School for handicapped children, as well as special mission collections, coat and clothes drives for the homeless, and many other events intended to draw St. Rita students into meaningful ways to learn the love of charity and giving to others, and the appreciation of what we all have through work with those who have special and often dramatic needs. The social service events are sponsored by a variety of offices and organizations, including the Campus Ministry Office, the Activities Office, the Student Government, the Mission Club, the Knights of Augustine, the National Honor Society, the Athletic Department, the Development Office and by many other St. Rita clubs and organizations.

St. Rita Academic Awards Banquet

The annual Academic Awards Banquet honors St. Rita's top academic achievers and award winners. Held at the end of senior year, the banquet rewards the students and their families for four years of academic excellence.

St. Rita Teacher Appreciation Banquet

The annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet honors all of St. Rita's hard-working faculty/staff members and their families. Special note is taken of faculty/staff celebrating anniversaries of many years of service and/or those who have won special academic recognition during the year.

St. Rita Mustang Store

Located at the south end of the Administrative Wing, the Mustang Store has as its purpose the promotion of school spirit, involvement and pride, through the sale of a wide variety of St. Rita shirts, hats, buttons, pennants, sweatsuits, jackets, and other items. The Mustang Store is under the direction of Mr. Michael Gallagher.

PART 4 - ST. RITA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

St. Rita High School Student Government offers the student excellent opportunities for the development of leadership and responsibility for the issues and the events that affect the entire St. Rita community.

All St. Rita Student Government officers are elected in a free vote of their classmates, as designated below; therefore, all students are asked to always vote wisely and practically in the selection of any class or section officer.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE

Only those men are eligible to run for and retain office who --

- a) have attained a 2.00 grade point average or higher;
- b) have maintained an acceptable discipline record for the current year, that is, have not been placed on probation or have not been guilty of any infraction that will bring disrepute upon the image and office of the Student Government at St. Rita;
- c) have attended St. Rita for one full semester before election (This does not apply to freshmen).
- d) *Students running for Senior Class Representatives must have completed all R.O.S.E. hours*

requirements.

The Director of Activities in conjunction with the Board of Administration retains the right to remove any St. Rita student from any student government position for words and actions deemed inappropriate for a leader and representative of the entire St. Rita student body.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

PART 1 - MODERATORS

Activities Team	Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A. Mr. Josh Blaszak Mrs. Vicki Blaszak Mr. Antonio Miranda
Senior Class Moderator	Bro. Gary Hresil, O.S.A.
Junior Class Moderator	Mr. Josh Blaszak
Sophomore Class Moderator	Mr. Antonio Miranda
Freshman Class Moderator	Mrs. Vicki Blaszak

PART 2 - OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT 2009-2010

ST. RITA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President.....Michael Basic
Vice President..... Joe Campagna

SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Kelly	Tim Ladd
Marty Kordas	Tom Murphy

JUNIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Liam Hopkins	Dan McGrath
Ryan McGowan	Aamir Walton

SOPHOMORE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Brendan Duffy	Mike Murphy
John Johnson	Shakir Spells

FRESHMAN CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

(will be elected into office the last week of the first quarter 2009-2010)

THE LOCAL OFFICIALS:

THE ST. RITA SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

For initiation of any action, the local representatives may meet with the appropriate Class Representatives to bring up matters to the entire Student Government directly. The Student Government may act as needed after consultation with the Class Representatives. All meetings of the St. Rita Student Government require the presence of the Activities Team.

PART 2 - THE ST. RITA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Government consists of the President, Vice President and representatives from the

freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. The Student Government meets every other week and is chaired by the President of the Student Government. The Government's duties are to work together to coordinate the Augustinian core values of *Veritas*, *Unitas* and *Caritas* through all schoolwide events promoting the Augustinian charism of building community through all we do here at St. Rita. Moderators are encouraged to attend and speak but have no vote at meetings of the Student Senate.

PART 3 - ELECTION PROCEDURES

SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

All sections of the high school shall elect their section representatives by the first week of October, and shall also report the names of the representatives (2) to the Director of Activities by the first week of October. Elections shall be serious, shall be directed by the homeroom teacher, and shall be determined by a majority vote of the students in each particular section.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Class Representatives shall be elected by a free vote of their classmates in May of the year preceding the year they will take office.
2. The Freshman Class Representatives shall be elected the last week of the first academic quarter.
3. All eligibility requirements for Student Government service - a 2.00 g.p.a., an acceptable discipline record (see point a. and b. in "Eligibility for student Government Office:) - must be met before a student can be approved to be placed on the ballot. Such approval shall come from the Office of the Principal, Dean of Men and Activities Team.
4. All voting shall be directed by the Activities Director, who supervises the counting, and who has the responsibility to ensure that the election is handled honestly, properly, and seriously.
5. Winners of the class elections shall have their names submitted to the President and Principal who retain the right to judge the fairness of the election and the eligibility of the winners. No election shall be final without their approval.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The Student Government President and Vice President shall be elected by a free vote of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes during May of their Freshman, Sophomore and Junior year. Only members of the current Junior class, who have met the proper requirements as stated on page 25 may run for Student Government office for their Senior year. The election shall be held during the month of May. The top two candidates eligible to run for Student Government President are the two who receive the majority of the votes for Senior Class Representatives.

THE STUDIES PROGRAM

EDUCATION

The aim of St. Rita High School is the total education of the student -- morally, intellectually, and physically -- in accordance with the ideals of Christian education. Fundamental in the Augustinian theory of education is the belief that a thorough liberal training should accompany specialized training. Specialization can be effective only with the full development of the faculties of the mind and body and with adequate spiritual guidance.

The curriculum at St. Rita is college preparatory at all levels -- honors (Augustinian Academy), academic (Mendel Academic Program) and remedial (Villanova Academic Study Center). However, a variety of electives are offered in accordance with the personal educational ambitions, interests, and abilities of each student.

AUGUSTINIAN ACADEMY

The prime purpose of this program is to serve students with exceptional ability. Students are

INVITED to participate in this course, if they meet the requirements (minimum GPA: 3.3).

Through honors level courses, each student has an opportunity to participate in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Exam Board (CEEB). This opportunity makes it possible for a student to earn college credit or advanced placement in college if he is successful in the examination offered by the CEEB.

Since these advanced honors courses receive increased grade value, the student's high school average may be raised through participation in the Honors Program.

GENERAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Although we offer a curriculum that is College Preparatory in nature, we admonish parents and students alike that they must aim for a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better over a four-year period. A cumulative grade point average of less than 2.00 jeopardizes a student's opportunity to enter the college of his choice.

COMPLETE LIST OF STUDIES

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AT ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

Students are required to complete the minimum of 22 units for graduation.

3 units of Theology

4 units of English

3 units of Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)

3 units of Science (must include Biology and Chemistry)

3 units of Social Studies (1½ units consisting of U.S. History and American Government must be included)

2 units of the same Foreign Language

.5 unit of Health

A minimum of 3.5 additional units are required as electives

In addition, each student must pass a comprehensive examination based on the History and Constitution of the State of Illinois and of the United States.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must have met the academic requirements for graduation. Students who have multiple failures such that those failures cannot be completed in summer school, will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises.

ACADEMIC POLICIES & SERVICES

PRINCIPAL

The Principal plans and organizes the course of study for all students. He/she advises and directs the teachers in the administrative problems particular to their classes and supervises the entire scholastic program. The student should consult his Guidance Counselor and the Principal concerning his special class problems and the selection of his course of studies; special problems will be decided in consultation with the Principal.

We emphasize the fact that receiving only passing grades is not enough for a student. Mere "passing grades" do not give a student assurance of college or university eligibility and are not in line with the philosophy and objectives of St. Rita High School for proper student growth. Therefore, the subjects chosen and the grades received are of vital importance.

GRADE ADVANCEMENT

In order to advance into the Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year, a student must acquire a minimum of 5 units in the preceding year. Any student who does not acquire 5 units in the scholastic year must make up the deficiencies in St. Rita summer school or be subject to expulsion.

PROBATION

Academic probation is left to the discretion of the Principal. He/she will define the terms of probation in each individual case. These terms will be written down and the parents will sign a copy of the probation letter.

ELIGIBILITY

Although the student is urged to devote a part of his time sharing in the extracurricular program, the school insists that success in studies be his paramount consideration. For this reason, an eligibility code has been drawn up to guard against the student's spending too much time in these projects to the detriment of his scholastic pursuits.

1. A student becomes ineligible for extracurricular activities if he receives an average below 70 in two major subjects.
2. A student also becomes ineligible for extracurricular activities if his conduct becomes unsatisfactory.
3. Determination of the above mentioned ineligibilities will be made by the Principal in conjunction with the Dean of Men.

Ineligibility is binding and remains in effect until the Principal approves the reversal. Where disputes concerning eligibility arise, the Board of Administration reserves the right to make final decisions.

St. Rita High School also adheres to, and enforces the less rigid and technical academic eligibility requirements set forth by the Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.) and Chicago Catholic League.

EXAMINATIONS

Tests may be given by the teachers at any time, but the regularly scheduled semester written examinations are obligatory upon all and admit of no exceptions. The time and place for these examinations are announced through homerooms.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

A St. Rita High School student is expected to learn and achieve honestly. Achievement should be the result of his own efforts. Academic dishonesty or cheating can result in the loss of credit for the assignment. Cheating on a test or quiz will result in a zero for that test/quiz. Proven cheating in standardized testing will result in invalidation of the result.

REPORT CARDS AND GRADING

Report cards are mailed to parents or guardians at the end of each quarter. The following grading system is in effect.

Grades	Grade Points	Honors Classes
A+ 98-99	A+ 4.3	A+ 5.3
A 95-97	A 4.0	A 5.0
A- 93-94	A- 3.7	A- 4.7
B+ 91-92	B+ 3.3	B+ 4.3
B 87-90	B 3.0	B 4.0
B- 85-86	B- 2.7	B- 3.7
C+ 83-84	C+ 2.3	C+ 3.3
C 79-82	C 2.0	C 3.0

C- 77-78	C- 1.7	C- 2.7
D+ 75-76	D+ 1.3	D+ 2.3
D 72-74	D 1.0	D 2.0
D- 70-71	D- 0.7	D- 1.7
E – Very Poor (Honors only)		E – 1.0
F – Failure	F - 0	F - 0
F-WD – Failure-Withdrawal		
P – Pass		
SS – Summer School Credit		

F-WD — A student who is seriously or repeatedly disruptive in a particular class will be permanently removed from that class. This will result in a withdrawal-failure grade (F-WD).

I — Incomplete can be given for a student who has been absent an excessive number of days because of illness. Prior approval of the Principal is needed to use this grade for any student.

HONOR ROLL

GOLD (FIRST) HONORS are earned by those students who have attained a 4.0 for any one-semester period.

SILVER (SECOND) HONORS are earned by those students who have attained a 3.0 for one semester period.

Recognition of Gold Honor Roll Status or Silver Honor Roll Status is indicated on the report card.

N.B. The Grade points of students in Honors courses are given weight value slightly higher than the grade points of students in other courses; therefore, it is quite possible that the grade point average and class standing of students taking Honors courses will be higher because of the extra work required.

EXPULSION FOR STUDIES

The following policy is now in effect and will be utilized by the administration in determining the future status of students at St. Rita.

1. Any student will be subject to expulsion for failure to live up to terms of an academic probation.
2. Any student who neither acquires 5 units in a scholastic year nor makes up the deficiency in St. Rita summer school is subject to expulsion.

WITHDRAWAL

If a student wishes to withdraw from the school, a parent or guardian must come in to the main office and sign the required withdrawal forms. A transfer will be given to the student and the scholastic record will be forwarded to the school to which he seeks admission, pending full payment of any debts or money owed to St. Rita High School.

DISMISSAL

The school authorities reserve the right to dismiss any student who, by misconduct on or off school property, or by repeated failures to perform required tasks, reflects discredit upon the school.

TRANSFER STUDENT

A student who wishes to transfer into St. Rita High School must first submit an unofficial transcript of the credits from his current high school. The Principal will determine whether or not the student has completed the courses that would have been required here at St. Rita. If the student is aca-

demically acceptable in accordance with St. Rita requirements, he and his parent (guardian) will be invited for a personal interview with the Principal. Also, his discipline record from his previous school will be ascertained. The Principal, in consultation with the Director of Guidance, will make the final decision to allow, or not allow, the transfer to take place.

NOTES ON COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the graduation requirements, students who plan to enter college should observe the following: (1) Many universities and colleges, including the University of Illinois, require additional study of Advanced Mathematics and Trigonometry. (2) Many schools, including the University of Illinois, recommend additional work in a language within the same sequence, or a second with two units. (3) In many schools, two years, or two full units of a laboratory science are required to obtain admission to a particular university or college. (4) Also keep in mind that A.C.T. or the S.A.T. (The College Board Exam) is required in most colleges and universities today. Applications for these tests may be obtained through your counselor. Students who plan to attend a college or university are strongly advised to acquaint themselves with the particular requirements or recommendations as found in the various college bulletins or The College Handbook.

ST. RITA SUMMER SCHOOL

Most subjects taught at St. Rita during the regular school year are taught in the summer session if there is a formative group of students needing the subject. Students who fail a required course in their senior year generally do not attend the summer school at St. Rita. Alternative summer school sites will be recommended by the Administration. All underclassmen must make up their failures at St. Rita during the summer session. In the event that there is not a formative group of students needing a particular subject, the school reserves the right to recommend and approve another school where that particular failure may be corrected.

Generally, the first summer session begins the second week in June. Registration begins a week prior to the opening session.

GRADUATION

Students who fail a required course in the senior year must follow the directions of the administration regarding correction of that failure. The credit(s) must be obtained by August 31st of the year in which the student was to graduate.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Once a student has selected his program for the year he may not change his program without permission of the Principal. A student who desires a change in his program should first consult with his Guidance Counselor. The Guidance Counselor will make a recommendation about possible change of program to the Principal. **NO CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE SECOND WEEK OF A SEMESTER, AND THE SCHEDULE CHANGE FEE IS \$50 AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Desirable behavior in the school--good school citizenship--is an important goal in the total educational process.

In all matters of discipline and behavior, the school attempts to reinforce the necessary work of the parents in teaching basic Christian values, self-discipline, respect for authority, respect for other people and their property and honesty. As such, the Discipline Office is both a support system and a separate source of instruction in the molding of the student's character by his parents.

Over and above the observance of the rules, the student must understand that his ATTITUDE is of paramount importance. Always bear in mind that when a young man follows the will of his parents and teachers rather than his own will, he is building up character that will help him when he must face crises later in life.

Cooperation of student's parents is constantly necessary. The requirements of the school must always be put before personal preferences. Good order demands this.

In matters pertaining to discipline, patterns of behavior are mostly a question of adjustment. The behavior pattern set up for a St. Rita student is planned to make him a better man, a wiser man and one who recognizes that he must assume full responsibility for his own behavior. As stated above, this matter of responsibility must be learned first in the home, then in school. Ultimately, he must learn that he has to get along with others whether these are teachers, his associates, or his companions.

Disciplinary rules of behavior are adopted in order to create an atmosphere in which several hundred widely different personalities will live together harmoniously while working toward common objectives. By conducting themselves as Christian gentlemen, the students at St. Rita High School become a credit to their faith and an honor to their families. Moral conduct, courteous behavior, and respect for the rights and property of others are expected of all students in the classrooms, throughout the school, within the vicinity of the school, on public or school transportation, and at all school functions, whether on or off school property.

We cannot place too much emphasis on the importance of acceptable behavior. The manner in which a student conducts himself reflects on him, his parents, and often on the entire student body. Many times, the unacceptable actions of a small group will affect the reputation of the school for many years.

The Discipline Office bases all its judgments on the basic philosophy of fairness to all involved, consistency of punishment for offenses, equality of treatment for all, strict and impartial adherence to policy and procedure, and an overall attempt to instill basic Christian values as the ultimate and most important dimension of every decision made.

Students also learn to meet prescribed consequences for their behavior, without "deals" or "breaks" in the meeting of these consequences. Such a system not only prepares a student well for his life as an adult in society, but also this system is part of the basic concepts of fairness, equality and consistency that are the bedrock of the discipline program of St. Rita High School.

All teachers have been requested to be alert for any student behavior which is in violation of the following regulations. This policy is not intended to place undue restrictions on the student body, but rather to encourage all students to behave in a manner that will make them a credit to St. Rita High School.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCE

Since each student's academic progress is directly dependent upon regular attendance at school, St. Rita High School places high priority on punctuality and on regular attendance each day. The school does not condone any absence from school unless it is for a serious reason.

More than three (3) episodes of absence per semester are considered excessive. An episode is defined as one or more days absent depending on the situation. A student who has a severe cold and is out of school for a few days in a row has accumulated one episode of absence, and in the same way, if a student is out only one day, he accumulates one episode of absence.

A student who accumulates more than three episodes of absence a semester will be required to attend a conference with his parents, his counselor, and the Dean of Men at which time the student will be placed on probation. The probation will outline specific details that the student must follow. Noncompliance with the probation agreement will result in expulsion.

The Dean of Men will designate absences as "EXCUSED" if the student is absent from class due to school function, e.g., participation at a seminar, science fair, or other school-related activity. An absence marked "EXCUSED" by the Dean of Men for this purpose will not be recorded as an absence.

Normal Absence: Parents or guardians must call the school (925-6600) before 9:30 A.M. on the

morning of the absence to inform the Attendance Office of the reason for the absence. This **MUST** be done **EACH DAY** of the absence.

E-mail and faxes will not be accepted for a student absence. Parents must call in.

Penalty: For each day of absence on which a parent or guardian does not call the Attendance Office, the student will be given a disciplinary jug. If a fraudulent phone call is received by the school, on a day of absence, the student will be considered truant.

Extended Absence: If a student, under a doctor's care, is to be absent more than 3 days, the parents or guardian must call the Attendance Office to advise the school and **MUST CONTACT** the Assistant Principal of Studies to receive class assignments that are to be completed at home. Students with excessive or erratic absences will have their attendance monitored and may be asked to withdraw from the school if no improvement in attendance occurs.

Foreseen Absences: Pick up a form in the Discipline Office beforehand. The form must be shown to all teachers for their signature and returned to Mrs. Deenihan.

Court Appearance: If a student must appear in Court, he must present the Discipline Office with the subpoena or traffic ticket in order to be excused from school. The **ONLY** information taken from the document will be the student's name and the time and date of the required appearance. Parents or guardians must be made aware of the court appearance.

College Visits: St. Rita High School realizes that students need to visit colleges in order to help them make an informed choice in that area. However, we do not condone the use of school time in order to conduct these visits, and advise parents that days such as Teacher Institute Days and other St. Rita free days be used by Seniors for this purpose. Since our school calendar for the year is available in July, plans can and should be made to use these free days to visit college campuses.

Vacations: Because attendance in classes is so important in the learning process, St. Rita strongly encourages families to schedule their vacations only during school vacations. We do not condone loss of class time due to vacation. Also, teachers are not required to give extra help to students who have fallen behind in their studies due to their own voluntary absence from school.

PROCEDURES UPON RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE

On the morning that the student returns to school, he **MUST BRING** a written excuse for his absence, **DATED AND SIGNED** by either parent or guardian. This note should be brought to the Discipline Office before school.

After an **extended** absence, a doctor's statement must be submitted, in addition to the procedures mentioned above.

PENALTY: If a student fails to bring from his parents or guardian a written excuse for his absence, he will be given a disciplinary jug at the discretion of the Discipline Office. Repeated instances will result in a phone call home and possible suspension. If a fraudulent note is submitted to the Discipline Office, the student will be considered truant.

NOTE: The Dean of Men will periodically spot-check incoming phone calls regarding absence. Any student who has no phone call and no note regarding absence will be considered truant and receive 3 Saturday detentions.

EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES

Extraordinary weather may cause the emergency closing of St. Rita High School. Closings will be announced on the radio (WGN and WBBM) and all major TV stations beginning at 6:00 a.m. You may also access information on the Emergency Closing Center website: [www. EmergencyClosings.com](http://www.EmergencyClosings.com).

TARDINESS

Students are considered tardy when they are not in their respective classrooms at the sound of the second signal. The teacher will record the time of a tardy student's arrival on the absent slip. Habitual tardiness is considered a serious offense. If a student is tardy for any reason, other than

a doctor's visit, he will serve the appropriate punishment. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FOR TARDINESS BY A PARENT'S PHONE CALL.** Students need to be responsible for their punctuality.

Students who are late for a class because they were detained by a teacher must get a note from the detaining teacher verifying this fact. The student must then present the note to the teacher of the class to which he is going. Students legitimately detained will not be marked tardy.

Students who have business to transact with the Principal, or any other administrator before or during school should allow themselves ample time to conduct their business and still be on time for class.

Punishments for tardiness are as follows:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd tardy	=	half hour after school late jug
4th, 5th, and 6th tardy	=	one hour after school late jug
7th and beyond	=	Saturday Jug

TRUANCY

A student is considered truant when, without the knowledge and permission of the school authorities and without the knowledge and permission of the parents or guardian, he does not attend school. He is also considered truant if, without the knowledge and expressed permission of the school authorities and parents, he leaves the school after arrival. A student who is truant from school will receive a "0" on any work missed during his truancy.

By law parents are responsible for seeing that their son attends school regularly. If they will not fulfill this obligation, a Truant Officer will be sent to their home to evaluate the situation.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Students who miss school in the morning and/or afternoon because of some physical illness may not participate in the practice or contest of any extra-curricular activity. If a student is too sick to attend school, the school will not accept the consequences of letting a student endanger his health by allowing him to participate in strenuous physical or mental activity when the school day is over.
2. Students who are absent from school during the course of the day **MAY NOT** participate in any extra-curricular activity on that day.
3. Students who are missing from school in the morning and/or afternoon of a specific day for a visitation to a doctor, may return to active participation in the extra-curricular activity provided they have written permission from the doctor to return to that activity.
4. NOTE: It is here noted that the student's disciplinary record is also a prime determinant in a) ability to participate in any extracurricular activity (see "Eligibility, Student Activities Section and Academic Policies and Services Section), b) ability to participate in any sport (see Athletic and Academic Policies and Services Section), c) ability to attend any St. Rita function as determined by the Dean of Men, and d) ability to run for or hold office in the St. Rita Student Government (see "Eligibility for Student Government Office," Student Activities Section.)

BETWEEN CLASSES

At the end of each period, students will be dismissed by their teachers in an orderly fashion. The teacher should be the last one to leave the classroom. Students going to another room for their next class period are to do so as quickly as possible without running, loud talking or any roughhousing. Students may go to their lockers between classes; however, they may not go to their lockers during class periods including lunch periods unless given a written pass by the Dean of Men or a teacher.

CAMPUS (DEFINITION)

The Campus includes sidewalks adjacent to the school (Western Avenue -- 77th Street) and all

athletic fields south, and southwest of the school.

CORRIDOR PASSES

Corridor passes will be issued by teachers **ONLY** in the case of a serious need. **NO PASSES** will be issued for visits to the Main Office, the Disciplinarian, or the Counselor unless a student is directed there by an announcement or is sent there by his teacher as an extraordinary measure. No student is ever permitted out of class without permission from the teacher. **ONLY ONE (1) STUDENT MAY BE ISSUED THE TEACHER'S CORRIDOR PASS AT A TIME. NO PASSES MAY BE ISSUED TO TWO OR MORE STUDENTS AT THE SAME TIME. TEACHERS WILL ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO THE LENGTH OF TIME A STUDENT USES THE PASS AND WILL NOT ISSUE PASSES TO STUDENTS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN VERY IMPORTANT REASONS.**

DETENTION POLICY

1. Detention is the acceptable punishment or disciplinary measure for student violations of school rules and regulation. This detention may be in the form of manual labor or by spending time occupied in a classroom.
2. The detention period is both a time of punishment and a time for reflection on the need for good citizenship.
3. Students must serve the detention the day it is issued and may not change the date or time of the detention.
4. Individual teachers will not detain students who have tardy and/or after school jug; however, the student will be asked to make up the individual punishment of the teacher at the convenience of that teacher.
5. Official school detentions take precedence over any other activity that day.
6. Corporal punishment of any kind is not recognized as an acceptable form of punishment or discipline.
7. Detention held after school or on Saturday may require/include physical labor around the school

STUDENT BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION STEPS

1. **The teacher is always the first step of intervention for minor classroom and/or school infractions.**

Teachers will issue reasonable punishments that mirror the infraction by the student. A student who complies with his teacher will seldom need intervention by the Dean.

2. **Students will be referred to the Dean's office for serious infractions and/or for non-compliance with teachers.**

Once a student is referred to the Dean's office, one or more of the following intervention steps may be taken:

Intervention Steps:

- a) Late Detention
- b) After-School - one-hour detention
- c) Saturday Detention
- d) Parental Contact
- e) In and Out of School Suspension
- f) Probation
- g) Convening Discipline Board
- h) Recommendation of expulsion

The following is a sample list of infractions. If the student's unacceptable behavior is not categorized here, the Dean will determine its place in the categories.

Category A - Minor Infractions = 1 hour jug after school unless otherwise indicated as well as letter sent home and possibly a phone call.

- 1) Bus misconduct
- 2) Dress code violation: 1st, 2nd or 3rd offense = ½ hour jug
 4th, 5th or 6th offense = 1 hour jug
 7th or more = Saturday jug
- 3) Classroom, hallway or lunchroom misconduct
- 4) Disruptive devices (squirt gun, radio, etc.)
- 5) Play fighting
- 6) Parking without a permit or other parking violation
- 7) Missed teacher's personal jug
- 8) No phone call or note for absence
- 9) Gambling
- 10) Locker violation

Category B - Serious Infractions = Saturday jug unless otherwise indicated as well as letter sent home and a phone call.

- 11) Disrespect or insubordination
- 12) Fireworks
- 13) Reckless Driving
- 14) Forgery of a parent's or guardian's signature
- 15) Smoking, dip or chew
- 16) Failure to report to an after school detention issued by the Dean's Office.
- 17) Accumulation of more than three Minor infractions in any combination
- 18) Violating a specific - Serious Infraction for the second time (Two (2) Saturday jugs).
- 19) Being told to leave a classroom because of disruptive behavior.
- 20) Truancy (3 Saturday jugs)
- 21) Excessive Tardiness (After six (6) incidents of tardiness)
- 22) No phone call and note for absence

Category C - Totally Unacceptable Behavior = Immediate suspension and probation, possible Discipline Board referral, possible recommendation for expulsion by Dean, and if student is not expelled, a punishment determined by the Dean.

- 23) Missed Saturday detention
- 24) Theft or vandalism
- 25) Fighting
- 26) A student who is seriously or repeatedly disruptive in a particular class will be permanently removed from that class. This will result in a withdrawal-failure grade (F-WD).

DISCIPLINE BOARD

The Discipline Board is made up of three (3) faculty members chosen and appointed annually by the Dean of Men and the Assistant Dean of Men. The fifth member and chairperson is the Dean of Men, who consults on the appointments of all Discipline Board members.

The following *shall be called* before the Discipline Board:

1. A student, who despite repeated warnings or suspensions, and whose discipline record has been consistently bad, has no apparent desire for improvement, and has made no effort to improve.

2. A student who commits some major offense.
3. A student who is guilty of violation of the alcohol and drug-abuse policy.
4. Gang membership or affiliation.
5. Weapons
6. Malicious violence to others or to property.

The following *may be called* before the Discipline Board:

7. A student who breaks his probation agreement.
8. A student who is suspended twice within a year.

DISCIPLINE NOTICE

Because of the school's reliance upon parents and guardians as a source of discipline, and its desire to work with the parents in molding the best possible behavior from each student. Phone calls home will be used as much as possible by the Office. Parents and guardians are encouraged to call the school for clarification of any offense.

PROBATION

Probation is the status issued to students for serious offenses, repeated offenses, and failure to improve behavior or poor attendance. Probation is defined as being only one serious violation away from appearing before the Discipline Board, with the possibility of expulsion. Probation should be considered a very serious matter by both parents and students alike.

After accumulating three Serious Infractions a student will be suspended until a parents' meeting can take place, and he will be placed on probation.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST COME TO SCHOOL AND SIGN THE PROBATION AGREEMENT.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In-School Suspension removes a student from the classroom setting and places him in a supervised detention area for the school day. Parent(s) will be notified as soon as possible that their son will be serving an in-school suspension. Whenever possible, the student's academic work will be forwarded from the classroom teacher so that the student has the opportunity to stay on track for the day(s). The student must either bring his own lunch or can purchase the Dining Hall special. Students will eat their lunch in the detention area.

Students can receive an in-school suspension for the following reasons:

1. The student is making little, if any effort to learn and because of this has become a distraction to the teacher and the other students in the class.
2. The student, despite remediation attempts by the teacher, remains uncooperative. Examples include repeated failure to bring necessary materials to class, disrupts class by actions, noises, comments, etc.
3. The student has received previous detentions from the teacher, yet continues to disrupt showing a lack of respect for the teacher or the classroom setting.
4. The student has received an excessive number of detentions, three as stipulated by school policy, and while being placed on probation by the Dean of Men, serves a determined amount of days (1-3) of in-school suspension as part of his probation agreement.
5. The student has committed a serious school offense.

STUDENT CONDUCT FOR AN IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

1. The student must report immediately to the Discipline Office upon arriving on school property. The student may not go to the dining hall or any other school area.
2. Students must be prepared to do school work for the entire day. Newspapers, magazines, and any other non-school related work are not permitted in the detention area.
3. Uncooperative students will be immediately suspended from school for three days and will only be reinstated through a parent meeting with the Dean of Men.

4. Students serving an in-school suspension are not allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the duration of their in-school suspension.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be suspended from a class or from school for a serious reason by the Dean of Discipline. The suspension remains in effect until the situation, which led to the suspension, has been remedied to the satisfaction of the Dean. A student suspended from school will not be present at school for any reason unless it is approved by the Dean of Men. Students on out-of-school suspension will receive a "0" for any work missed during their suspension.

STANDARD OF APPEARANCE FOR STUDENTS OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

St. Rita High School expects its students to be dressed for academic work. Just as in the business world, where proper dress is demanded for the job, so, too, is proper dress required for school. This is a time for work and not for play. This means that beginning with orientation day and during school hours, St. Rita men are to remain in dress code at all times, i.e., in the classroom, in the hallways, and in the dining hall. **The Dean has final say with regard to appropriate interpretation of the dress code.**

SHIRTS: Men must wear the recognized official St. Rita High School polo shirt.

- Only solid white undershirts may be worn under the polo.
- Only the official St. Rita pullover windshirt will be allowed to be worn over the polo shirt. The collar of the polo shirt must be visible over the collar of the windshirt. (Windshirts can be purchased in the Mustang store.)
- NO sweatshirts will be allowed to be worn during school.
- Long sleeve shirts are never to be worn under the polo shirt at any time.

PANTS: Dress pants are mandatory. Dress pants of the following colors only will be worn by St. Rita students: black, brown, gray, navy blue, beige or tan.

- Dress belts are mandatory (black, brown or tan only).
- Dress pants may not have patches or rips, pockets below the hip, or rivets.
- Cargo pants and carpenter pants will not be worn.
- Chains are not allowed.
- Denim or denim-type pants will not be worn.
- Pants may not be worn low on the hip below the waist.
- Sandals may be worn as long as they have the proper backing; NO flip-flops.

ON ALL SCHOOL MASS DAYS, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR ST. RITA ISSUED DRESS SHIRT AND TIE.

SHORTS: Shorts may be worn from the beginning of school until September 15th and during the month of May.

- **ONLY LIGHT-TAN KHAKI, DOCKER-TYPE, SHORTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- Dress belts must be worn.
- The official St. Rita polo will be worn, tucked in, with the shorts.
- Athletic shoes may be worn only if you are wearing shorts.
- No cargo or carpenter shorts will be worn.
- Denim or denim-type shorts are not allowed.
- Shorts may not be ripped or frayed in any way, shape or form.

SHOES: St. Rita students may wear black or brown dress shoes, preferably with soft soles and heels, unless wearing shorts (see above guidelines). **NO ATHLETIC TYPE SHOES OR MOCCASINS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

- Shoes must be tied and laces must be brown or black.

- Any athletic shoe or shoe with an athletic insignia or logo is prohibited except in the gym during P.E. class.
- Boots (anything worn above the ankle) must be completely laced and always neat looking.
- Socks must be worn.
- Students who need to wear a different shoe because of foot injury/surgery, etc., should bring a note to the Dean of Men requesting permission prior to attending class.
- No tags of any kind are to be hanging off of shoes or shoelaces.

HAIR: Men must keep their hair neat and clean.

- Hair may not touch the collar, hang over the ears or be longer than three inches (3") in length.
- "TAILS" may not be worn, nor may hair be pinned up in the back. Sideburns cannot be cut higher than the top of the ear. Absolutely NO lines or designs are allowed cut into the side, back or any part of the hair.
- Hair must be cut so that it blends naturally throughout the head.
- Only one single part is permitted on the crown of the head.
- Hair may not be dyed or braided.
- ST. RITA MEN MUST BE CLEAN SHAVEN AT ALL TIMES. If a student should have a dermatological condition, a doctor's note should be submitted to the discipline office. This should not be an excuse to be unshaven.
- NO MUSTACHE OR FACIAL HAIR OF ANY STYLE IS ALLOWED.
- SIDEBURNS MAY NOT EXTEND BELOW THE EARLOBE.

If a student comes to school with facial hair of any kind, he will be sent to the dean's office and given the choice to shave and pay a \$3.00 fee or receive an hour detention that day.

EARRINGS: The wearing of earrings, or any other item in the ear, is prohibited in and around the school. This includes attaching the earring to any part of your clothing.

NECKLACES: Neckwear, other than the Kairos Cross, must be worn inside the shirt.

JACKETS: JACKETS MUST BE KEPT IN THE LOCKER DURING REGULAR SCHOOLHOURS.

The school will take no responsibility for the cleaning or replacement of any leather or other expensive piece of clothing that is brought to school. (Starter Jackets, etc.)

BOOKBAGS: Book bags must be kept in the student's locker during regular school hours.

THE SCHOOL ALSO PROHIBITS ANY OUTLANDISH IRREGULAR OR FADDISH CLOTHING, HAIRSTYLES, PIERCINGS OR APPAREL. TATTOOS ARE NEVER TO BE VISIBLE AND MUST BE COMPLETELY COVERED BY A SHIRT. STUDENT'S WILL RECEIVE AN AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL REGULATIONS. THESE RULES ARE IN EFFECT EACH AND EVERY DAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.

UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING, THE NO'S ARE:

- HATS
- EARRINGS
- HAIR PICKS
- BANDANNAS
- SUNGLASSES
- CELL PHONES
- POCKET CHAINS
- COLORED OR DESIGNED T-SHIRTS
- BEEPERS (BEEPERS ARE FORBIDDEN ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.)

Teachers should remind students that jackets and book bags are to be kept in their lockers for reasons of safety and security. If classrooms are chilly, only school or approved windshirts may be worn. Students in violation of this policy will receive an after school detention.

THESE REGULATIONS ARE IN EFFECT EACH AND EVERY DAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, BEGINNING WITH ORIENTATION DAY.

The registration of a student at St. Rita High School is an expressed agreement on his part and on the part of his parents or guardian to comply with the regulations of the school. The school reserves the right to review unsatisfactory conduct of a student with a view to his being suspended or dismissed.

BEEPERS/PAGING DEVICES

It is a violation of City Ordinance #8-4-058 for a student to have a beeper on school property. Students bringing a beeper to school will face immediate suspension, confiscation of the beeper, and notification of the police regarding the violation of a City Ordinance. St. Rita High School will not accept any requests seeking permission to have a beeper on school grounds.

CELL PHONE REGULATIONS

While we at St. Rita understand the need for cell phones in today's society, students must keep all cell phones in their lockers during the school day. Students may use their cell phones before and after school anywhere in the school building except in classrooms or the library. When school begins, all cell phones must be turned off and locked in students' lockers until the end of the school day. Any student who is found using or carrying his cell phone during the school day will have his phone confiscated and given to the Dean. A student will be given a choice to pay a \$20.00 fine or serve a Saturday jug for the 1st offense, \$40.00 fine or 2 Saturdays for the 2nd offense. For each additional offense thereafter, the fine will increase in \$20 increments and the Saturday jugs will increase by 1 day.

Furthermore, any form of video or voice recording on cell phones or other media equipment at any time of day while inside of the school is strictly prohibited. Any student found having any form of recorded material on their phones or other media equipment that has been recorded while at St. Rita will automatically be suspended, appear before the Expulsion Board and may possibly face criminal charges.

Students bring cell phones to school at their own risk. St. Rita High School is NOT responsible for any cell phone that is lost or stolen during the school day.

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE POLICY

Any student showing evidence of having consumed, or in the possession of drugs, and/or alcoholic beverages at any time while under the authority of the School is subject to dismissal. St. Rita High School has a zero tolerance policy with reference to alcohol, drugs and drug paraphernalia.

"Showing evidence of" ...includes any behavior observed by an adult which might be indicative of the use of alcohol and/or drugs.

"In the possession of" ... includes participation in the use of, or being in the presence of drugs in automobiles, in the School building, or elsewhere on campus.

"Drugs" ... includes all that is commonly understood in the context of the problem: narcotics, cocaine, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, federally controlled substances, etc

"While under the authority of the School" ...means any time when the student is on the School campus for whatever reason or in its immediate vicinity; and whenever he is attending, participating in, or being transported to or from a School sponsored function. Retreats, dances, plays, social events, and athletic events held at and/or sponsored by other schools are considered School-sponsored functions.

The School, when confronted with observations and/or evidence of alcohol/drug use by a student, will suspend the student from classes immediately. Parents or guardians will be notified and they will have the choice of either withdrawing him from the School or attending a hearing before the Discipline Board.

The possession, use, or distribution of any quantity of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is not permissible on School premises, School vehicles, or at off-site School-sponsored activities. Violators are subject to severe School discipline, including dismissal, and to the laws of the State of Illinois.

The substance abuse policy at St. Rita High School is part of our overall program to build a strong, healthy, Christian community based upon ideals of the Gospel and the Order of St. Augustine: TRUTH, UNITY, and LOVE. It is our hope that each student, while he is here, will recognize and develop his own unique gifts and talents and will work to develop them to their fullest potential. A student's involvement with drugs and/or alcohol does nothing to build up the Christian community;

rather, it contributes to its decline. It is our goal that the entire St. Rita High School community will live by the Christian values that we hold as a Church and that make up the foundation of our lives.

FIRE, FALSE ALARMS, AND FIRE EQUIPMENT ABUSE

Any student who deliberately sets a fire on school premises, sets off a false fire alarm, reports falsely the threat of fire or explosion, or who tampers with fire alarm equipment or extinguishers will be subject to immediate expulsion from St. Rita and turned over to the proper civil authorities. Any loss of school time due to these above actions will be made up by the entire student body and faculty after school.

FIRE DRILL REGULATIONS

1. During a fire drill, all teachers, office personnel, visitors, etc. must leave buildings.
2. Leave classroom and building single file at a fast walk.
3. Proceed to proper exit and move directly to the designated area.
4. All teachers having classes at time of the drill will remain with their class at all times even outside of building.
5. NO ONE is to carry ANYTHING with them during the drill.
6. Teachers not holding class at time of the drill will assist in maintaining order in areas where they happen to be.
7. Silence must be maintained during the actual drill. Moderate talking may be permitted when students have arrived at positions away from school. On the return trip to school silence again must be maintained.
8. Leaving the second floor of the Academic Wing, all students will walk single file on the outside of the stairways.
9. No smoking by anyone during the fire drill, inside or outside of school AT ANY TIME.

GANG AFFILIATION

Any student found to be a member of a gang, openly representing a gang (by use of hand signs, drawing of symbols on school property or in school books, etc.) to other students, recruiting new gang members or conducting any other gang activity while in school or while traveling to and from school, or while participating in or attending a school-sponsored function, shall be suspended from classes immediately. Reasons for such suspensions and removal shall be communicated to his parents or guardians and they shall have the choice of either withdrawing him from the school or requesting a hearing before the Discipline Board.

Gang activity will not be tolerated at St. Rita High School.

St. Rita interprets membership in "Party Crews" in the same manner as gang activity. Students found to be participating in these groups will be dealt with according to the above-mentioned policy.

GUM CHEWING

Gum chewing is absolutely forbidden while in any part of the school buildings.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All students will be issued two ID cards at the beginning of the school year. One ID must be worn at all times during the school day; the other must be kept in the student's wallet. Anyone who needs a replacement ID for any reason must order one for \$10 from the Dean's office. Any additional replacement ID after the first will be \$20.

ST. RITA NETWORK AND INTERNET

Educational Purpose:

The school network enables the students to access various resources including the websites of libraries, universities, museums, and various databases throughout the world using the Internet. This is to be done for constructive educational purposes. However, it should be remembered that

the same information is often able to be found by other reliable sources such as the school or public library systems.

Some material accessible via the Internet can be unverified, erroneous, defamatory, offensive, illegal, or even pornographic. Thus, caution must be exercised when accessing or utilizing Internet sources. St. Rita High School helps supply such caution by invoking a computer program that filters out certain objectionable sources. This is done to protect students from materials, which can be damaging to their personal growth.

Expectations:

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using the school computers and network resources including the Internet. The computer lab policy in the Student Handbook is to be followed. General school rules regarding student behavior also apply. Access to the school network is provided for students to conduct research for class projects and to further educational objectives. Access is a privilege, not a right. Thus, any violation of the Acceptable Use Policy will result in immediate loss of computer access and other appropriate sanctions.

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE POLICY

1. Network access is only given for explicitly educational purposes.
2. Since network and Internet access is to be used for educational purposes, non-educational games are never to be played during class time.
3. Personal financial transactions are never permitted over the Internet.
4. Network storage areas are considered the domain of the school and are reserved for educational purposes only. Files may be reviewed to insure that students are using the system responsibly.
5. Do not access information that is illegal, defamatory, offensive, or pornographic. Should students encounter such material by accident, they must report it to their teacher immediately. A GOOD RULE IS: NEVER ACCESS ANYTHING YOU WOULD NOT WANT YOUR TEACHER OR PARENT TO SEE.
6. Do not create, send or display offensive messages or pictures.
7. Do not plagiarize works found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writing of others and presenting them without proper reference as if they were yours.
8. Copyright laws are to be respected. Copyright infringement occurs when work protected by a copyright is inappropriately reproduced.
9. Other than text files, do not download program or executable software files.
10. All students are issued a user account and password to access the network. Students are responsible the contents of their network folders and for maintaining the security of their account. Never allow another student to use your personal password to gain access to the network.
11. Do not waste limited resources such as disk space or computer paper. Only print and save what you need.
12. A student must get permission from the teacher or supervisor to access the Internet.
13. Students are to use the computers in the lab to do assignments or projects. They are not to be used merely for "surfing the net."
14. **THE INTERNET IS TO BE USED FOR LEGAL PURPOSES ONLY. VIOLATIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE USE OF THE NETWORK TO BREAK THE SECURITY OF OTHER SYSTEMS.**
15. Any attempt by a student to circumvent St. Rita security systems and content filters will result in severe disciplinary action.
16. Students who have personal e-mail accounts may not use St. Rita computers to send or receive e-mail. That must be done on home computers only.

17. You may not use any communication tool to gain unauthorized access (or attempted access) to any other person's computer or e-mail.
18. The school reserves the right to review all computer activities. Users of school computers have no expectation of privacy.

LEGAL SEARCH

All lockers belong to the school. The school is co-tenant of lockers and desks and reserves the right to search them at any time without notice. If the school sees a need to search a locker in order to serve the best interests of the school, the locker will be searched. All lockers must have school-issued locks on them. Furthermore, students must agree to any or all personal searches, if there is reasonable suspicion for such a search. If a student is asked by proper authority having reasonable suspicion to submit to a personal search, the student must comply or he will be immediately suspended for disobedience.

It should be understood that the school's purpose and desire in conducting a search is to clear a student of any suspicion by the school.

St. Rita High School will fully cooperate with all federal, state, and local Agencies with regard to student(s) in question and will make every attempt to insure that parents and guardians have been notified as to the nature of the agency's request regarding their son.

LIBRARY REGULATIONS

1. Library Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on regularly scheduled school days. These hours will be adjusted for special schedule days and meetings.
2. Use of Library
 - a. Before and after school, no pass is necessary.
 - b. Any student coming from a classroom must have a pass from a faculty member. This pass is given to the library staff upon his arrival.
 - c. Prior notification: Groups of students must have made advance preparations to work in the library during the school day. Faculty must sign the calendar to schedule their classes; this is available at the front desk in the library.
 - d. Use during TDT time is scheduled before school only for use that same day.
3. Criteria for use
 - a. Have a need: research, reading, browsing, checking out or returning materials, quiet independent study.
 - b. Proper behavior – no talking will be permitted.
 - c. Students will sit no more than four to a table.
 - d. **You must have an assignment from a teacher to work on the computers and sign in and sit at the computer number that is next to your name.**
 - e. You are to work on that assignment only and when finished, sign out.
 - f. You are not allowed to check your personal e-mail.
 - g. Do not save any of your work on the computer's hard drive, as it will automatically be deleted when the computers are turned off.
 - h. All St. Rita students agree to follow the established Internet use policy as specified on ***page 39*** of this handbook.
4. Loan System
 - a. Most materials circulate for a two-week period and may be renewed. A current I.D. is required.
 - b. Reference Material does not circulate outside the Library.
5. Periodicals
Current periodicals are used in the Library only.

6. Overdue materials
Students are responsible for material checked out in their names. A charge of ten cents per day/per book is made for most overdue material. Lost or damaged materials must be paid for at the current cost of replacement.
7. Library Atmosphere
Students coming to the Library are asked to maintain an atmosphere of quiet work and study. No food or drink may be brought into the Library.
8. Copies
Any material printed from the computer is limited to 5 pages. There will be a charge of ten cents (10¢) for every page over the 5 page limit.
9. Cell Phones and Musical Devices
Cell phones and/or musical devices may not be used in the library at any time. Should a student violate this policy, the device will be taken away and a detention will be issued.

LOCKER REGULATIONS

1. Each student must occupy and use only his assigned locker. Only school locks may be used on school and gym lockers.
2. All locks must be purchased from the Bookroom at St. Rita High School, located in the Mustang Store.
3. A locker is assigned to each student and no locker is to be used or changed without the consent of the Dean of Men.
4. Students are not allowed to go to their lockers during class periods or leave the classroom for any reason to go to a locker without a "Student Pass" from the teacher.
5. Lockers must be kept clean and tidy.
6. It is to the student's advantage and protection to inform the office if tampering with lockers is noticed.
7. Any student who feels he is missing any articles may check in the Main Office or Discipline Office.
8. The school will not be responsible for missing or damaged articles.
9. Any repairs needed to a locker are to be reported to the Discipline Office.
10. All lockers are to be emptied during Christmas, Easter, and Summer vacations.
11. IMPORTANT NOTE: All lockers occupied by students must be locked with the proper school lock at all times. St. Rita High School is not responsible for any items missing from lockers that are not locked with the proper school lock.
12. Students should not give anyone the combination to his lock at any time.

LOST AND FOUND

Anything found should be taken to the Discipline Office immediately.

LUNCH PERIODS

Students who bring their lunch to school must keep it in their lockers until their lunch period. Refreshments are to be eaten in the dining hall, not in the corridors, classrooms, labs, or the gymnasium. Disregard for this regulation leaves the school untidy and leaves the offender open to jug. The student is to eat lunch only at the time assigned to him. This allows for seating everyone in the dining hall area and prevents overcrowding in the lines.

LUNCH REGULATIONS

1. All students are to eat only in their properly scheduled lunch period.
2. Each student is responsible for the area near the chair in which he is sitting. All of those sitting at the table are responsible for the cleanliness of the table and floor in the area.
3. Loud or boisterous speaking in the dining hall and while in line in the dining hall is not permit-

ted.

4. Students must refrain from the following:
 - a. boisterous behavior.
 - b. eating and drinking in the corridors or while walking or standing.
 - c. cutting into lunchroom lines.
5. A student may not purchase anything from the dining hall except during his assigned lunch period or before school.
6. Students will be dismissed from the dining hall by table after the prayer.

MARKERS

The only markers allowed in school are those used for highlighting work -- all other markers are forbidden.

MEDICATION

Due to all types of allergies, at no time during the day will any form of medication be given out to any student. This includes aspirin, Advil, cough drops, etc. Any student who needs to take prescription medication must drop off the medicine at the Dean's Office and the student may come to the office at the appropriate time to take his medicine. Medicine must be picked up and dropped off daily by any student needing the prescription medication.

OFF LIMITS

Certain areas surrounding the school campus are off limits to students for the time period of 1-1/2 hours before the student is scheduled to report to school and the same amount of time after the student is dismissed from school. Students will be informed of the location of all areas which are designated off limits. Any student seen entering, leaving or staying in an area designated off limits is subject to suspension and/or other disciplinary action.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (C.T.A./PACE)

Students of St. Rita are always representatives of their school. Proper behavior on public vehicles is required of St. Rita students. If reported, misconduct on public transportation will not only be dealt with by the school and student's parents, but also by C.T.A. authorities and the police. If a student damages C.T.A. or other public property, he can be expelled.

RADIOS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.

No laser lights, radios, electronic games, cell phones, radio transmitters or other sound emitting devices may be used in school. Walkmen and cell phones are to be put in student's locker upon arrival at school, and not removed until the student leaves the building. These will be confiscated and returned only to the parents or guardians in person by the Dean of Men. The student will receive a blue slip for using the device in school. The school takes no responsibility for the loss of any such device.

RESPECT FOR EDUCATORS AND PERSONNEL

Students will hold their teachers in the highest regard remembering that each teacher has dedicated himself/herself to help the student prepare to meet the challenges of the world in a mature and manly way. NO rude or discourteous conduct toward a teacher will be tolerated at ANY time. The teachers are always to be addressed by their proper titles: Father, Brother, Sister, Mr., Sir, Mrs., Miss, Ms., or Coach.

Within the classroom, the student will help the teacher maintain a good learning situation by observing the directives of each teacher. Defiant disobedience is never tolerated.

Any attempt at intimidation or assault of a teacher at any time may result in immediate expulsion of the student.

If a student is told by a teacher to report to him/her after or before school, or is given any reasonable personal punishment to do by a teacher, and the student fails to obey, the student is to be

issued an immediate after school detention (blue slip) by the teacher. Similarly, if a student fails to comply with a teacher's warning on dress code violations, he will receive an immediate after school detention.

RESPECT FOR SCHOOLMATES

Students will at all times be courteous to each other and will not endanger the physical or mental well being of others by fighting or other kinds of harassment. Any student who is so neglectful of the rights of others as to engage in fighting in the school or in the vicinity of the school will be dealt with severely by the Office of Discipline. First, the student involved will be suspended immediately. This can eventually lead to expulsion.

Any attempt at criminal assault, intimidation, or extortion will result in immediate expulsion and arrest by civil authorities.

Each hallguard is given special authority by the school because of his role in trying to insure the enforcement of school regulations and the betterment of St. Rita. At all times, while on duty as a hallguard, these gentlemen must be given the same respect owed to any staff members. Therefore, reports of harassment, disobedience, or attempts at intimidation will lead to suspension.

Excessive noise or running in the corridors cannot be tolerated. Neither can name calling or general roughhousing. Concern and consideration must be shown on the part of all students toward one another especially during class changes.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

This school building and property upon which it is built are the personal property of the Augustinians.

The jackets, books, and equipment that you own are your property. And, as you demand respect of your personal property, so do the other students, administrators, faculty, and staff members of St. Rita.

Any student or group of students who tampers with locks or lockers or who destroys or damages school or student owned property will be subject to suspension and expulsion and will be required to make financial restitution.

Any student or group of students who steals school or student owned property will be immediately suspended and subject to expulsion.

Any student or group of students who are found knowingly in possession of stolen property (or who are found unknowingly in possession of stolen property but refuses to cooperate in an investigation of the theft) will be suspended and subject to expulsion.

If a student finds a book, wallet, or any other item, which has apparently been lost by a fellow student, he should turn the item into the Office of Discipline IMMEDIATELY. Possession of lost items, which are not turned in, is treated as theft.

To prevent accidental damage to school property, fixtures such as windows, shades, drapes, and all other fixtures in the classrooms, library, locker rooms, etc., are not to be handled by any student without the explicit permission of a teacher.

SCHOOL CLEANLINESS

Wastebaskets are provided throughout the school to help the students keep the school clean. All waste paper, refuse, and other throwaway items are to be deposited in them. The student is also expected to keep the classrooms and corridors clean by picking up any papers that may have been carelessly strewn about.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

A St. Rita student is held responsible for his conduct while in attendance at any school function, be it athletic, cultural, or social. A student traveling to or from the school, in the building, or in attendance at any school function at any place day or night, is subject to all regulations of the school and will be treated accordingly.

SCHOOL POLICY ON SEXUAL ABUSE OR OTHER HARASSMENT

- A. St. Rita High School strongly disapproves of and will not tolerate sexual abuse or other harassment of any kind, either among students, teachers, staff, parents, and administrators or between any of these. Such harassment or abuse will be considered a major violation of policy and will be dealt with accordingly.
- B. Students who engage in sexual abusive behavior or other harassment on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.
- C. Any person who believes he or she has been subjected to sexual abuse or other harassing behavior by a student or employee of the school is encouraged to do the following:
 - 1. Disclose the abuse or harassment to some adult you feel comfortable with.
 - 2. Whenever practical, make clear statements, in writing or verbally, that the actions are offensive and unwelcome.
 - 3. Look for and record the names of witnesses and detail incidents or other evidence.
 - 4. The person alleging the abuse or harassment or the person of confidence to whom it has been revealed, should report this, verbally or in writing, to the Dean of Students or the Principal.
- D. Upon receiving the allegation, the Administration will promptly, thoroughly, and as confidentially as possible, investigate the charges and take appropriate action.

SMOKING AND SMOKING MATERIALS

No student may smoke or even have smoking materials of any kind on campus. (The campus area includes the area around the Augustinian residence, the athletic fields, the parking lots, and all sidewalks adjacent to the school.) Use/possession of any type of tobacco, including chewing tobacco, will not be allowed anywhere in the school buildings or within the campus area. Smoking materials will be confiscated and/or destroyed in the presence of the student, unless needed for evidence.

TELEPHONES

Students are allowed to use the telephones before and after school. Students may not be excused from class nor may they make a call on an Out of Class Permission Pass. Students need permission from the Dean of Men to use the telephone during restricted time. Unless it is an emergency, students are not to receive any phone messages during school hours.

TRANSPORTATION

BICYCLES: Bicycles may be brought to the school but they must be parked and chained in the properly assigned area.

The school is not responsible for any damage to or theft of any bicycle. If a student chooses to bring his bicycle to school, he must assume responsibility for its security.

STUDENT PARKING INFORMATION: Driving to school and parking on St. Rita property is a student privilege. Students wishing to drive to school and park in the student lot must comply with the following procedures:

- 1. Student drivers must complete a vehicle registration form, have it signed by a parent/guardian granting them permission to drive to school. The fee for the parking permit will be \$25 for the first three days of school, but will be \$40 if obtained after that time period.
- 2. Student drivers **MUST** park in the student parking lot. Students will not be assigned a specific spot; parking will be on a first come-first serve basis.
- 3. Students who are found to be parking in the lot without the proper parking permit will be issued a \$20 fine from the Deans office.
- 4. Cars are to be kept locked at all times. Students cannot go to, or enter any car during the school day without the permission of the Dean of Men.

5. Students who drive recklessly, speed, exits the surrounding school community improperly will have their privileges suspended immediately.
6. St. Rita High School will assume no responsibility for any vehicle or articles left in any vehicle.
7. TEMPORARY DRIVING PERMITS: Students who drive to school unexpectedly still must register their cars. Before classes begin in the morning the student must report to Discipline Office for a temporary parking permit and an assigned parking place.
8. Students are not to congregate in the student parking lot before or after school.
9. Students are not permitted to smoke on school property at any time. This includes the student parking lot.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL BUILDING: Students are to enter and exit the school building by the exits in the front (East Side) of the school building or the Rear (West Side) of the Building. Students are not allowed to use the exits at the North End of the Building by the Chapel or by the Augustinian residence. Students are also forbidden from exiting West into the faculty parking lot.

WEAPONS AND OTHER DANGEROUS OBJECTS OR MATERIALS

Possession, use, control or transfer of any objects or materials which are commonly used to inflict bodily harm and which are defined by Section 921 or Title 18, United States Code or Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Act, or use of a weapon as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code will result in the student's immediate expulsion. Any other object or material, including "look alikes", if used or intended for the express purpose of inflicting bodily harm or intimidation will be considered a weapon and the student will be subject to immediate expulsion.

Student possession or use of objects and materials designed for self-defense such as but not limited to object containing a non-lethal noxious liquid gas and which are reasonable perceived by the administration to be dangerous and disturb or have the potential to disturb the safety and well being of individuals or the school community, are strictly prohibited on school property or at school related events regardless of location. Violation of this regulation will result in confiscation of the item or material, automatic suspension, remuneration for damages incurred if applicable and administrative review for possible expulsion. The administration reserves the right to evaluate individual situations and student behavior in the context in which it occurs and take appropriate action commensurate with intent to do harm and past disciplinary history.

VISITORS

All visitors must enter the building through the main entrance ONLY. This regulation applies to all visitors including parents, alumni, salespeople, student guests, and law enforcement officials. No non-St. Rita student is permitted in the building unless cleared by the Dean of Men and escorted by a person appointed by the Dean of Men for that purpose. After entering the building, all visitors are to report immediately to the Main Office. Any strangers should be reported to the Discipline Office immediately if they do not have a visitor's pass.

A FINAL MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The St. Rita High School Discipline Program is based on a philosophy that centers around (a) meeting the consequences of all offenses, (b) consistency of punishment without "breaks" or "deals", (c) fairness and justice in matching punishment to offense, (d) equality of treatment for all students, and (e) an added dimension of Christian values becoming the focal point of each offense, that is, the student learning that what he did was TRULY WRONG AND UNCHRISTIAN, as well as learning the more simple fact of punishment for the breaking of rules.

The Discipline Program also involves parental contact, the reliance of parental cooperation in all cases, support systems for each student through counseling and working with individual teachers, and adherence to policy and procedure by the student, the teacher, and the school alike. It is meant to be a system that teaches honesty, respect for authority, respect for fellow students and their property, a true valuing of doing what is right, and an overall commitment to maturing into Christian adulthood. Because of the hope of accomplishing these ideals, we all must work together

-- school, student and parent -- throughout each and every school year.

INTERPRETATION OF ANY OTHER SCHOOL RULE, NEEDED CLARIFICATION OF THESE RULES, WILL BE MADE BY THE DEAN OF MEN. IN EVERY CASE, THE DEAN OF MEN WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE SUCH CLARIFICATIONS KNOWN TO ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS INVOLVED THROUGH WRITTEN MEMOS AND/OR P.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DISMISSAL

The school authorities reserve the right to dismiss any student who, by misconduct on or off school property, or by repeated failures to perform required tasks, reflects discredit upon the school.

THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The center of all sports at St. Rita High School is the Office of the Athletic Director, whose office is located in the Athletic Wing.

In all matters the athletic program shall be guided by its desire to offer superior opportunities for St. Rita student-athletes to develop their talents, to compete in a sportsman-like manner, and to grow in their dedication to teamwork, honest effort, and ideals of St. Rita High School. Currently, St. Rita offers fifteen sports.

THE ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT COACHING STAFF

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	MICHAEL ZUNICA
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	ZACH BLASZAK
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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL	JACK QUINN, HEAD COACH
VARSITY BASKETBALL	GARY DECESARE, HEAD COACH
SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL	JUSTIN DOMINGO, HEAD COACH
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL	MIKE CONNOLLY, HEAD COACH
VARSITY BASEBALL	MIKE ZUNICA, HEAD COACH
SOPHOMORE BASEBALL	DAVE CONRATH, HEAD COACH
FRESHMAN BASEBALL	PAUL MARIK, HEAD COACH
TRACK & FIELD	ANTHONY SOSNOWSKI, HEAD COACH
CROSS COUNTRY	RORY HARAN, HEAD COACH
VARSITY HOCKEY	CRAIG FERGUSON, HEAD COACH
VARSITY SOCCER	MIKE CARLSON, HEAD COACH
SOPHOMORE SOCCER	AFEWORK ZELLELEW, HEAD COACH
GOLF	PETE GODFREY, HEAD COACH
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL	KATHLEEN MIXAN, HEAD COACH
SOPHOMORE VOLLEY BALL	TBA, HEAD COACH
FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL	RYAN BIROS, HEAD COACH
VARSITY WRESTLING	DAN MANZELLA, HEAD COACH
SWIMMING	CHUCK KNIBBS, HEAD COACH
WATER POLO	CHUCK KNIBBS, HEAD COACH
BOWLING	DAN CARROLL, HEAD COACH
LACROSSE	BRIAN GILBERT, HEAD COACH
RUGBY	MICHAEL FLEMING, HEAD COACH
TRAINER	ZACH BLASZAK

ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES AT ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

All athletics at St. Rita High School are divided into two categories: Interscholastic and Intramural. In all Interscholastic competition, St. Rita competes as a member of the Chicago Catholic League and of the Illinois High School Association.

Respecting our obligation to participate in Sunday mass, no activities are allowed before 12:00 noon on Sundays. If an activity must be held before noon on Sunday, contact the pastoral Director to arrange for Mass.

INTERSCHOLASTIC AWARD LETTERS

Varsity athletes who have earned a major letter will be given an eight inch scarlet letter trimmed in blue. Repeating varsity athletes in the same sport will receive an attachable gold bar to signify their repeated award. Freshmen athletes will receive a six inch letter. Repeated awards on the Junior Varsity and Sophomore levels will receive an attachable bar. Lost awards cannot be replaced.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

St. Rita consistently offers various levels of competition in each of the fifteen sports sponsored by the Athletic Department.

Sport	Levels
Cross Country	Frosh/Soph, Varsity
Golf	Frosh, Soph, JV, Varsity
Soccer	Frosh/Soph, Varsity
Football	Frosh (A&B), Soph, Varsity
Basketball	Frosh (A&B), Soph, JV, Varsity
Bowling	JV, Varsity
Hockey	JV, Varsity
Lacrosse	Frosh, JV, Varsity
Swimming	Frosh/Soph, Varsity
Wrestling	Frosh/Soph, Varsity
Baseball	Frosh (A&B), Soph, JV, Varsity
Track	Frosh, Soph, Varsity
Water Polo	Frosh/Soph, Varsity
Volleyball	Frosh, Soph, Varsity
Rugby	JV, Varsity

ST. RITA ATHLETIC ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. A student must have passed and received credit towards graduation in four (4) classes (20 credit hours as referred to by the I.H.S.A.) for the entire previous semester to be eligible at all during the ensuing semester. Second semester classes made up during summer school will not regain athletic eligibility for the next school year's first semester.
2. A student athlete will have mandatory weekly grade checks throughout the season. Grade checks will be monitored by the Athletic Director and take place on Wednesday of each school week.
3. A student must be passing five (5) classes per week (if enrolled in 5 classes, he must be passing four (4) classes) to remain eligible during the current semester. Failing two or more classes will make a student ineligible.
4. A student athlete who fails to meet the weekly requirements will be suspended from interscholastic contests until the next grade check that meets St. Rita academic requirements of eligibility. The student will be required to practice during the suspension period.

Grade Check: St. Rita will conduct weekly grade checks as required by IHSA rules, but will adhere to its standards which are more rigorous than those of IHSA. Weekly grade checks will take place each Wednesday morning. If a student is failing two or more classes, he is ineligible to participate in contests for one full week, beginning that Wednesday. A student becoming scholastically ineligible

by the weekly grade check must remain ineligible for one full calendar week before possibly becoming eligible again.

PROCEDURE FOR INELIGIBILITY

1. 1st Ineligible offense

When a student-athlete is declared ineligible, he is required to meet with the Director of the Villanova Academic Resource Center. This meeting will point out any inadequacies in the student-athlete's grades, study habits and/or procedures.

2nd Ineligible offense

When a student-athlete is declared ineligible at any point in the season for a second time, he will be required to attend two mandatory study/tutoring sessions in the Villanova Center after school for one full half hour (30 min.)

3rd Ineligible offense

The student athlete who incurs a third offense or more, will be required to attend study/tutoring sessions daily. These sessions will be required until the next eligibility check occurs and the student-athlete becomes academically eligible to participate.

2. If a student is declared ineligible a 3rd time, he will not be able to participate in any practice or team event. The student may be present at the practices or event however, he will be unable to participate. The offenses do not need to be consecutive. It is the total number of ineligible offenses during a particular season that will decide the requirement.
3. If the student believes his failure (F grade) is an error, he is to meet first with the Assistant Athletic Director to discuss his grade. Then, together with the Assistant Athletic Director, they may speak to the teacher. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of his grades and class work. Conversations with the teacher may ONLY be conducted with the Assistant Athletic Director present.

ST. RITA ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

1. A student athlete who is missing from school in the morning and/or afternoon because of some physical illness may not participate in the practice or contest of any athletic activity. If a student is too sick to attend school, the school will not accept the consequences of letting a student endanger his health by allowing him to participate in strenuous physical or mental activity when the school day is over.
2. A student athlete who is missing from school in the morning and/or afternoon of a specific day because of an excused absence may return to active participation with permission from the Dean of Men.
3. A student athlete who is missing from school in the morning and/or afternoon of a specific day for visitation to a doctor, may return to active participation in the athletic activity provided he has a written permission from the doctor to return to that activity.

DISORDERED EATING AND ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

If a case of disordered eating is reported:

1. The student's counselor will make student aware that he/she will be calling home to discuss with parents.
2. Athletic director, athletic trainer and responsible in season coach(es) will be made aware.
3. Student will be withheld from physical participation of sport until a release indicating student's diagnosed condition, date and medical doctor's signature is received.
4. The coach may use his/her discretion as to the student's attendance at practice/competition.

A copy of the complete Policy on Disordered Eating and Athletic Participation is on file with the Athletic Director and in the Guidance Center.

THE IHSA AND ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

St. Rita High School complies in all regards to the rules of the Chicago Catholic League, Metro Chicago Catholic Boys Aquatic Conference for Swimming and Water Polo and Illinois High School Association including adherence to the rules governing student/athletic eligibility and recruitment. (Note: St. Rita enforces its own, more stringent eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities.

See Athlete Academic Eligibility above.)

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

A complete athletic program, distinct from varsity athletics and extending over the entire scholastic year, has been organized for the entire student body. Practically every student participates in some phase of the intramural program. Enthusiastically contested games are played during the assigned time periods and after the regular school days.

Organized teams from each home room section compete for the numerous awards that are given at the close of the intramural program.

GENERAL RULES GOVERNING INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

In general, every student of St. Rita High School is eligible to compete in intramural games and individual contests.

EXCEPTIONS

1. Those ineligible are: football players for touch football; varsity, frosh, and soph, basketball players for intramural basketball contests of any type; and varsity or frosh-soph volleyball players for volleyball.
2. The student competing must be in good disciplinary and scholastic standing.
3. The student competing is classified and registered by the homeroom section to which he has been assigned for the school term.
4. A student competing on a sectional team other than his own will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
5. A team captain will be elected by each homeroom. His captaincy can be forfeited if the student is not in good disciplinary or scholastic standing.
6. All protests of any game or contests must be made immediately following the game or contest. The captain will file the protest.
7. If a student competing in a game is found to be ineligible, even though a protest is not made, automatic disqualification of the student and forfeiture of the contest will follow immediately.
8. Intramural awards, symbolic of champions or runners-up, will be awarded to the winners of the respective tournaments.
9. Ignorance or negligence of these rules or of other specific intramural tournament rules is inexcusable.

GYM REGULATIONS AND RULES

1. No one is to enter the gym from an outside door at any time -- enter only through the main entrances to the gym that are in the main corridor of the Athletic Wing. There is one exception to the rule and that is for assemblies. You may exit the same way. The purpose is to keep dirt and mud off of the floor.
2. At basketball games no one is to use the balcony. This rule also applies to dances.
4. All students except players and managers are forbidden to enter the locker rooms before, during, or after games.
5. No one for any purpose or at any time is permitted to use the gym with first clearing it with the Building Manager.
6. The coaches, managers, and faculty members are asked to cooperate in enforcing these rules.

HYMN TO ST. RITA

O BLESSED SAINT, TO WHOM GOD GRANTS
POWER TO OPEN HIS DEAR HEART,
FROM IT TO POUR FULL STREAMS OF GRACE,
OPEN TO US HIS HEART!

REFRAIN

PRAY, ST RITA! PRAY FOR US TODAY!
PRAY NOW AND ALWAYS, FOR US WHO LOVE YOU!
PRAY IN OUR SORROWS! PRAY IN OUR NEED!
WITH YOU, ST. RITA, WE, YOUR FRIENDS DO PLEAD!

THAT GOD MAY BLESS OUR HOMES AND SCHOOL,
AND FROM US TURN AWAY ALL HARM;
THAT HE MAY HEAR US FOR YOUR SAKE,
DEAR ST. RITA, WE PRAY!
(REFRAIN)

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, PRAY FOR US!

RING OUT THE CHEERS FOR ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL SONG

Come, let us cheer for old St. Rita
With her colors Red and Blue

And we'll sing just to her honor
For she's ever staunch and true

And we'll cheer her on to victory
and we'll fight until we're through

For here's to old St. Rita High School
We're all for you.

Hit 'em high, Hit 'em low, Go Rita Go!
(Repeat verse)

NOTICE: During all athletic contests, and at all school events, and at the end of any game, win or lose, the MEN of St. Rita High School are to stand and sing the SCHOOL FIGHT SONG, while it is played by the band. St. Rita MEN are also expected to ALWAYS refrain from any negative cheering or jeering of any opponent, a sign of the higher standards St. Rita High School stands for and holds all of its coaches, players, students and fans to.

MORNING PRAYER TIME

(To be prayed aloud by all)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE PEACEMAKER

Dear St. Rita, messenger of peace
and herald of reconciliation, despite hardship and suffering
you lived the Gospel message of compassion and forgiveness
and showed the power of love to conquer hatred
and to establish harmony.

Help us to follow your example
and to be instruments of Christ's peace.

Pray that our hearts may be always open
and our arms extended to pardon those who do wrong
and even to embrace with mercy those who inflict injury.
Pray that God may use our humble gestures
to touch hearts and to sow peace. Amen!

Prayer of St. Augustine:

V. You made us for yourself O Lord . . .

R. . . . and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

ST. RITA, PRAY FOR US.

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, PRAY FOR US.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Optional prayer for use before class:

Direct, we beseech You, O Lord, all our actions and carry them on by Your gracious assistance,
that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from You and by You be happily ended,
through Christ our Lord. Amen!

After the prayer, the pledge of allegiance to the flag is recited, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it
stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.