

## **St. Cloud Christian School Secondary Student and Parent Pledge**

St. Cloud Christian School exists to provide an educational environment that maintains excellence in all areas. This means that SCCS strives to uphold unquestionable Christian standards and to present a positive Christian testimony to the community. Every student in grades 7-12, and their parents or guardians, are required to sign the following pledge on an annual basis. The student's signature implies their intent and best effort in keeping this pledge, both on and off campus. The parent's signature implies their support of the school's standards.

### **God's Word and Authority**

We recognize and accept the Bible as God's Word and we willingly submit to its authority in all areas of our lives.

### **Partnership with the School**

We understand that the mission of SCCS is to partner with Christian families to help educate students. We understand that this means that continued enrollment and re-enrollment at SCCS is dependent upon parental and student support of the school, its staff and its policies.

### **Attendance, Tardies, Make-up Work, and Academic Eligibility**

School attendance is expected unless a child is ill or a family crisis warrants missing school. In the event that a student misses any school, the parent/guardian is responsible for calling in the absence to the secondary secretary before 9:00 a.m.

After an absence, each student is responsible for going to all teachers to make sure that missed work has been accounted for. Students who miss school for illness or emergencies will be given two calendar days to make up work for each school day missed.

When a student is going to miss a class, and knows in advance, s/he is responsible for going to the teacher(s) in advance and obtaining the work that will be missed. The work is due according to the original due date for the rest of the class. This rule applies for students who must miss school for a co-curricular activity.

Students are expected to be on time to each class. At the secondary level, students will have one "grace" tardy for each class, each quarter. Upon receiving two tardies in any one class, lunch detention will be given for three days and parents will be notified.

A student who receives a “D” or less in any class, or who earns a GPA below 2.5 at the conclusion of a grading period (mid-quarter or end of quarter) will be placed on academic probation for one grading period. S/he will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for the following grading period, until grades have improved. Activity refunds will not be made in the event a student becomes academically ineligible.

### **Attitude, Respect and Language**

We accept the Biblical mandate to honor those who are in authority over us. This means that students are expected to act in an orderly and respectful manner (no arguing, mumbling discontent, gossiping or complaining) and maintain Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, and respect for authority.

In the event that an issue arises, we acknowledge that the Bible commands that we go first to the person(s) involved and attempt to resolve the concern before others are brought into the matter.

We understand that SCCS maintains a belief that all speech should be God-honoring. As such, any swearing, use of derogatory language or words with “double meanings” is unacceptable. Gossiping or speaking poorly of anyone is not acceptable.

### **Honesty**

We understand that any kind of cheating or deceitful behavior or speech is unacceptable. Students who are caught cheating, including plagiarizing written material, will be disciplined according to policy.

### **Dress and Appearance**

We accept the school’s standards for dress and appearance. SCCS believes that outward modesty is a reflection of an inward desire to show respect both to self as well as to others.

We understand that all attire worn to school or school events should be clean, neat, modest, and void of any words or pictures that promote unbiblical thoughts or actions.

In the event that dress standards are violated, parents agree to bring a change of clothing to school. We agree that a mindset of modesty does not “push the limits” of what is acceptable.

### **Harassment and Intimidation**

Harassment and intimidation of any kind is strictly forbidden. We believe that God’s standard of biblical behavior requires Christians to kindly, consistently and graciously accept traits and qualities in all people that are God-given. These include, but are not limited to physical appearance, nationality, gender, family, academic capacity, and age.

We understand that harassment and intimidation includes unwelcome speech, writing, physical or emotional stress or violations. Direct or indirect attempts to exclude or ridicule any individual will be considered harassment.

We understand that using technology to harass, intimidate or ridicule any individual, whether on campus or not, will result in discipline.

### **Public Conduct and Sexual Purity**

We agree that the Bible sets clear standards for sexual purity. We acknowledge that the Bible sets a standard of reserving sexual relations for marriage.

We understand that SCCS desires to promote a campus environment that is above reproach and is a role model to all who would enter our building. For this reason, students agree that displays of affection (hugging, kissing, hand-holding, etc.) should be reserved for appropriate non-school related settings.

### **Technology**

We understand that the use of technology has an appropriate place in the educational environment. We understand that students at SCCS must sign an acceptable use document each year, prior to being allowed computer access. We understand that each student will be issued an individual password to allow them access to the school's network. We understand that each student will be held responsible for any use of their account, using their password. For this reason students should not share their password with anyone.

We understand that the school has the ability to, and frequently scans, the history of each computer user to determine the appropriateness of usage.

We understand that if a student violates the acceptable use policy, s/he will lose the privilege to access technology at the school.

We understand that students should refrain from bringing/using electronic equipment during the school day, unless express permission is granted by a teacher.

### **Cell Phones**

We understand that possessing a cell phone during the school day is a privilege that will be revoked if misused. Student cell phones must be turned OFF (manner mode/vibrate is not acceptable) during the school day. In the event that a parent needs to reach their student, they should call the school office and appropriate action will be taken to convey a message or if needed, directly connect parent and child.

We understand that violations of cell phone usage will result in the phone being taken away until the end of the day (first violation), the phone being taken away until the end of the week (second violation), the phone being taken away until the end of the year (third violation).

We understand that in the event that a student needs to make a call during the day, s/he should go to the secondary office to ask permission to use the school phone, or ask permission to use a cell phone in the presence of an adult.

**Weapons, Drugs and Alcohol and Illegal Items**

We understand that SCCS desires to maintain an environment that is free of weapons, tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or any prescription drugs not prescribed for the individual, or any illegal item. We understand that this includes items that have been altered or fashioned to be harmful or used in a manner that suggests illegal activity.

We understand that we are specifically consenting that the school administration and faculty may search a student’s person, and personal items that are brought to school, including purses, backpacks and electronic equipment for weapons, alcohol, illegal or prescription drugs not prescribed for the student, other illegal items, prohibited electronic equipment, or any item of question. We understand that this permission to search includes a student driven vehicle, whether or not it is parked on school property.

We understand that in the event that any illegal items are found, the student(s) involved will be referred to legal authorities or to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Conduct Off Campus**

We agree that the Bible sets a standard of living a truthful, transparent life. This means that student conduct off campus should reflect Christ-like attitudes, speech and actions. We understand that choosing to be a student at SCCS means that a student will do their best to exemplify a lifestyle that is honoring to Christ at all times.

**Student Handbook**

We have read the current edition of the SCCS Parent/Student Handbook, and are familiar with its contents, and agree to adhere to its policies, and procedures.

We acknowledge that violation of this pledge or other school policies will result in discipline up to an including expulsion from the school.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve of what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

“Finally, brother, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9

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Student’s Signature

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Parent’s Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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