



RICH in CORE Values Pledge

At All Saints Catholic Academy, we hold our **Culture Of Respect** values dear because they define us and enable us to create a "Christ-centered" environment for all. Whether we are students, parents or teachers, we show respect to everyone because every person is created in the image of God and is deeply loved by Him. Jesus commanded us to treat others with respect and love. *"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12).* The word **RICH** spells out our values - **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **C**ompassion and **H**umility. A pledge is a solemn oath...this is our pledge to always uphold those values.

Respect is thinking and acting in a way that shows others you care about their feelings and their well-being. Children who understand the principle of respect will be better members of society, better friends and better leaders. *"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10)*

Integrity is the quality of being an honest person, having strong moral principle as commanded by God and it is centered in faith. Having integrity means striving to do the right thing at all times. *"So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it ..." (Proverbs 2:20-21)*

Compassion is a feeling of understanding another person's unhappiness and wanting to help them in some way. Compassion is putting yourself in another person's shoes. Jesus modeled compassion in his care for the hungry, sick and helpless. His ultimate act of compassion was in dying for our sins. He also gave us **the Golden Rule:** *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13: 34-35)*

Humility, or being humble, is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. Rather than, "Me first," humility allows us to say, "No, you first, my friend." With humility, we see the dignity and worth in all God's people...putting others before ourselves. We value humility because it is a key trait of a servant leader. Jesus said, *"But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)*

Student and Parent Pledges

- 1. Student:** I will have respect for myself, for others, and for all life. I will treat the school, staff, teachers, volunteers and parents with the same respect with which I expect to be treated.

Parent(s): I/we accept our role as a parent, coach, and/or chaperone as important members of the school community and I/we will always be supportive of the school and the teachers in front of our child.
- 2. Student:** I will be respectful of my classmates by avoiding any behavior that belittles, degrades or humiliates them. There is no joy in making fun of another person's mistakes.

Parent(s): I/we will stress the importance of the **Golden Rule** to our child and developing positive relationships with all of their classmates. I/we will treat the school, staff, teachers, volunteers and parents with the same respect with which I/we expect to be treated.
- 3. Student:** I will do my best to always represent my family and school in a Christ-like manner that will make them proud, whether it is during the school day or at an extracurricular or school-sponsored activity.

Parent(s): I/we will stress the importance of displaying positive Christ-like behavior at all times to our child.
- 4. Student:** I promise to respect my teachers by arriving to class on time. I will further respect my teachers and peers by focusing in class at all times and not being disruptive. Disruptive behavior is distracting and it hurts the overall learning environment.

Parent(s): I/we promise to encourage our child on the importance of timeliness. I/we will support our child's teacher in upholding a distraction-free classroom enabling our child and all their peers to enjoy an optimal learning environment
- 5. Student:** I will respect my property by keeping my desk and locker clean; I will respect also respect ALL school property and grounds as well as those items that belong to teachers or other students. I will not handle or take the property of another person without that person's permission.

Parent(s): I/we will foster responsibility in our child in regards to school property and the property of others.
- 6. Student:** I realize that my actions and words have an influence on younger children and I recognize my responsibility as a servant leader to model the right behavior.

Parent(s): I/we will work together to help our child accept responsibility for their actions because their actions have an impact on the behavior of younger students.

7. **Student:** I will strive to be considerate and put others before myself when at ASCA including in class, in the lunch room, at recess or during after-school activities.
Parent(s): I/we will help advocate for ASCA's **Culture Of Respect** by teaching our child the importance of putting others before oneself...just as Jesus taught and did.
8. **Student:** I will not talk badly about others or gossip with my friends either in conversation or through social media because gossip hurts the feelings of others.
Parent(s): I/we will think carefully before we mistakenly speak negatively at home in front of our child about teachers, other parents or other students at ASCA.
9. **Student:** I promise to always be honest in my classwork and accept the rules of the classroom because I know they are fair. I will take responsibility for all my actions.
Parent(s): I/we recognize that teachers see children in a school setting, and therefore may witness different behaviors than parents do at home. Therefore, I will listen to the teacher and give proper weight to their appraisal of my child's behavior/performance before rushing to judgment. If I disagree, I will do so respectfully and reasonably in all communications.
10. **Student:** While my classmates may be different from me, they are individuals equally loved by God, with their own feelings and challenges. I will consider their feelings and experiences before I act or speak in a way that may be un-Christ-like.
Parent: I/we will reinforce with our child the **Golden Rule** and always stress the importance of developing positive relationships with all of his/her classmates.

Student Signature

 Date

Parent Signature

 Date

Teacher Pledge

- I will foster a loving and nurturing classroom designed to create a comfort zone for each child to participate without fear of failure or ridicule. I will strive to be positive in offering constructive criticism.
- I will establish rapport with parents and respond to their concerns, keeping them informed of their children's successes, classroom progress, and challenges in a reasonable period of time.
- I will treat students, parents, and other staff with the same respect I wish to receive. If I disagree, I will do so respectfully and reasonably.

Teacher Signature

 Date