



ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at SAS! My name is Janell Bannon, and I will be your child's teacher this year. You and I will be spending more time with your child in the upcoming school year than any other adults. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I grew up on a farm near White Castle, Louisiana. I have been married for forty-four years. My husband, Paul, is a retired architect. I have two children. Brian is thirty-three and has been married to Jessica since January 2012. Cashel is thirty-seven. She and her husband, Adolfo, have five beautiful little girls named Jillian Marie, Madeline Katherine, Genevieve Elisabeth, Aurelia Grace, and Gwendolyn Claire. I graduated from L.S.U. in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. This is my fortieth year in teaching, my thirty-sixth year at St. Aloysius, and I so enjoy my ministry. I have the most wonderful job in the world!

Throughout my years of teaching, I have become committed to the importance of parental involvement in a student's education. I firmly believe that your child receives the best education possible when you and I work as a team. I certainly enjoy this partnership! In order for this partnership to work well, I have included for you my classroom management plan and homework policy.

- 1. Pay attention and follow directions the first time.*
- 2. Stay in your seat unless you have permission.*
- 3. Raise your hand to be called to speak.*
- 4. Bring all supplies to class.*
- 5. Keep hands, feet and objects to self.*
- 6. No disrespect, cursing or teasing is allowed.*

Students who make appropriate choices will receive positive consequences. This will come in the form of compliments, notes, awards, privileges, rewards, and items of that nature.

A child who chooses inappropriately may receive the following consequences.

- First consequence: name on chart (warning)*
- Second consequence: name ✓ (miss one recess)*
- Third consequence: name ✓✓ (miss two recesses)*
- Fourth consequence: name ✓✓✓ (miss two recesses and isolation)*
- Fifth consequence: name ✓✓✓✓ (all of the above and call parents)*

Severe Clause: If your child severely disrupts and prevents the class from functioning, your child will see the principal.

Each time a name or check is put on the chart, your child will lose one of the 100 conduct points given each child for each grading period. If 25 conduct points have been lost, your child will be issued a disciplinary referral to show that your child must begin to make better personal behavioral choices.

Homework reinforces what has been learned in class, teaches responsibility, and helps students develop positive study habits. Students copy their assignments in their special assignment notebooks. Since most written assignments will be completed in class, **the emphasis for third grade homework is primarily studying.** Most days your child will complete written assignments in class; therefore, on those days, encourage your child to read a book or review math facts. Since study guides will be provided for science and social studies, your child will study from these. Assignments should take a student no more than 30 minutes, except when studying for tests or working on projects. I expect students to do work on their own, and only ask for help after they have given it their best effort. Their work should be as neat as possible, not sloppy. I expect all assignments to be completed on time. Work deficiency slips will be issued for incomplete homework, test papers not signed and returned, or incomplete class work. Please check that your child returns written homework. **All test papers are required to be corrected in red ink.** Typically, homework is not assigned for the weekend or holidays.

The children will have a chance to tell about themselves in a very special way using the STAR OF THE WEEK display. Each child will be highlighted within the school year. Your help is needed in collecting various items such as a picture of your child, possibly a snapshot of the family, magazine pictures that pertain to your child such as a picture of his/her favorite food, vacation spot, etc. Children may bring cookies and such to share during their special week. Please remember that goodies **cannot** contain nuts of any kind.

If you need to contact me for any reason, you may call the school and leave a message, or you can send me an email at jbannon@alloysius.org.

This school year is going to be an exciting one. Parents are the most important people in a child's life, and we need to work together for the benefit of your child. I need you to support my academic, homework, and discipline efforts here at St. Aloysius. In return, I will keep you informed about all aspects of your child's experiences at school. With school and home working together, I know that each and every student can have his or her most successful school year yet. I'm looking forward to meeting you at Open House. It will be an interesting afternoon that I am sure you do not want to miss.

God bless,

Janell Bannon
Teacher, *Third Grade*
St. Aloysius School

Please: Detach the form below and return it with your signature tomorrow.

I have read this letter and discussed it with my child. We understand Mrs. Bannon's policy concerning discipline and assignments.

Child's name: _____

Parent's signature (printed) _____

Parent's signature _____

Preferred email address (printed) _____

(If there is another email address by which I can communicate with you, please write this one, too.)