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Dear Saint Croix Catholic School Parents and Students:

Every parent as well as each member of the administration, faculty, staff, and volunteer group at St. Croix Catholic School are entrusted with the God-given gift and responsibility to care for and teach our children. Not only are we called to teach academics, but also life skills, such as how to handle and resolve conflict and in general how to get along with each other. St. Croix Catholic School is very committed to teaching children to respect one another and to creating a loving and productive learning environment for every child at the school.

Creating such an environment does not happen by chance. Instead it requires every person at the school to be a good role model and it also requires a clear and concise policy to provide guidance when situations arise. It also requires parent input, support, and cooperation.

This past summer, teachers, administration, clergy, the Board of Directors, and parent representatives spent time reviewing the SCCS Behavior Expectations and Discipline Policy, policies of other schools, as well as listening to parent concerns.

The goal of this review process was to gain a shared understanding of expectations and policy, and strengthen where necessary. The general school Behavior Expectations, as outlined in the *2009-2010 Parent and Student Handbook remain as is. Parents and students should review these general school behavior expectations, as well as individual classroom expectations that were communicated at the start of this school year. Both the all-school and classroom guidelines are not intended to be complete listings, but rather general guidelines for acceptable behavior. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Epperly, Principal or your classroom teacher.

SCCS teaching staff, administration, and the Board of Directors developed and approved a revised Discipline Policy, which covers offenses of both general school behavior expectations and classroom expectations. The policy is effective immediately, and is an official addendum to the 2009-2010 Parent and Student Handbook. All teachers and volunteers in supervisory roles are being trained in specific procedures to consistently carry out this updated policy.

Please take this time to review the enclosed **St. Croix Catholic School Discipline Policy** with your children and secure all necessary signatures on the enclosed form.

We ask every parent to discuss with their children the type of behavior that is asked of them while at school. Specifically, students are expected to practice self-control and good order at all times for the common good of everyone at school. Additionally, St. Croix Catholic School looks to parents for support and cooperation throughout the school year.

May God bless our community with a fruitful year of faithfulness and learning.

Cressy Epperly, Principal

Father Michael Miller, Canonical Administrator

***The 2009-2010 Parent and Student Handbook is available online at www.stcroixcatholic.com.**

**St. Croix Catholic School
2009 – 2010 School Year
Discipline Policy and Behavior Acknowledgement and Agreement**

I understand and am willing to comply with the school's behavior expectations as outlined in the sccs parent/student handbook and classroom guidelines, and am willing to comply with the new discipline policy as stated in this addendum.

Family Name

Parent/Guardian Signature (date)

Parent/Guardian Signature (date)

Student Signature (date)

Student Signature (date)

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This form must be signed by legal parents/guardians and all students enrolled at SCCS for school year 2009-2010. Forms should be returned to the family's youngest child's classroom teacher no later than Friday, September 25, 2009.