



# Student Handbook 2023-2024



**DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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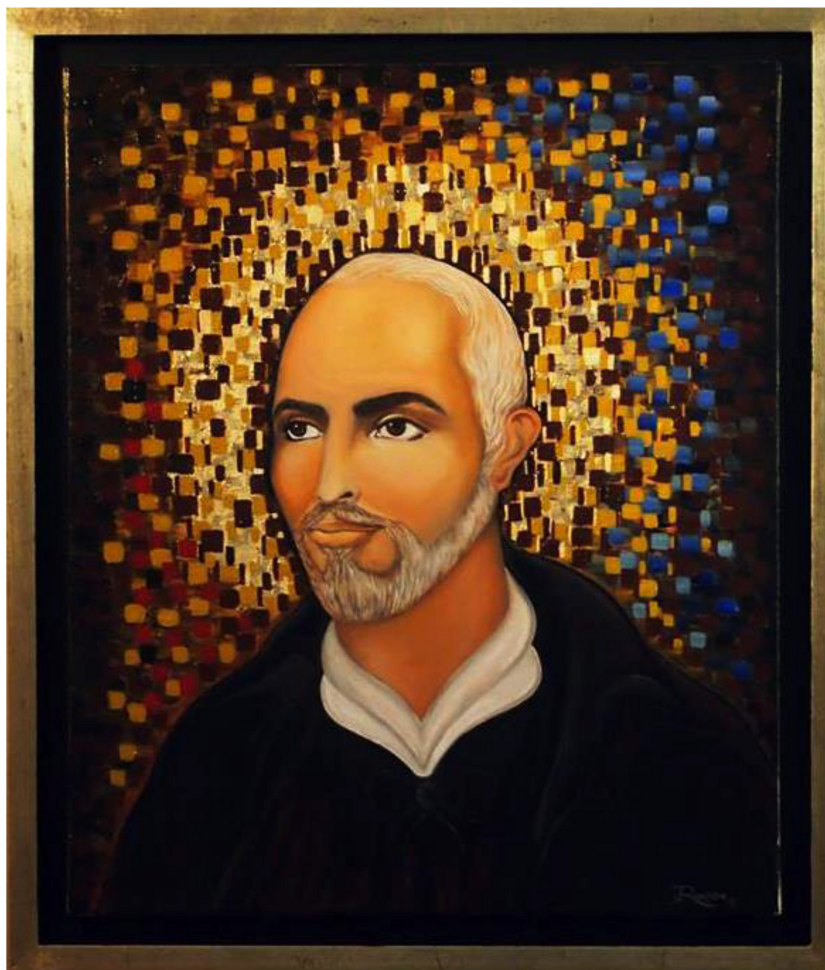
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# Devon Preparatory School Mission

DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL IS A PRIVATE, CATHOLIC, COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL, GRADES SIX TO TWELVE, FOCUSED ON THE HOLISTIC EDUCATION OF YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE.

## The Piarist Mission

The mission of the Piarist Order is the holistic education of youth. Founded with the motto “*Pietas et Litterae*”, meaning “Piety and Learning”, the Order continues to evolve at and with Devon Prep.

## Calasancian Values

Devon Prep serves as an important priority to enabling the Piarist mission of preparing young men for the rigors of Twenty-First Century life, by modeling in word and deed the Piarist values of charity, humility, patience, community and honesty.

## School Goals

1. A solid Religious Formation, centered in Jesus Christ, where faith partners with knowledge, following the *Pietas et Litterae* tradition, that is, Piety and Learning.
2. A strong academic foundation, preparing our students to succeed in a future of global engagement.
3. A relevant athletic program built on personal development through effort, teamwork, and respectful competition.
4. A focus on values, where our students may grow as people and members of society, while retaining their religious dignity and identity.
5. Continuous attention to the needs of our students, who are at the center of our Ministry.
6. An expansive curriculum whose graduation requirements include elements of personal development and personal vocation.
7. An excellent faculty of accomplished professionals who motivate and inspire our students.
8. A source of support for our families in the formation of their children, helping them to grow and flourish.
9. A positive service presence in our community, providing caring support for its most needy members.
10. A school environment created by a sense of personal responsibility for the care of God's Creation.

## Middle School Focus

The Middle School grades of 6 through 8 are profoundly formative of student character. Our Middle School program has been developed to place character building at the center of all we do, following the Catholic educational mission of the school and our Piarist identity. From classroom rules, to advising and counseling, through administration of

discipline, everything we do with Middle School students is focused on strengthening good character habits and reforming bad ones. Each grade has a Coordinator charged with creating and supervising the implementation of a character-building spirit and classroom approach, supplemented by extra-curricular activities. Discipline,

when needed, is administered for the purpose of correction and learning. While the principles of our Honor Code apply to all Devon students, the standards of enforcement are gauged in accordance with age-appropriate expectations, that gradually increase as students get closer to entering high school.

## Administration and Phone Extensions

Members of the administration can be reached by dialing the main number for the school, 610-688-7337. In the event of an emergency or a need to contact the school after normal business hours, dial 610-688- 7337, then extension 103.

Some helpful extensions are the following:

Headmaster	Fr. Nelson Henao	103
Director of Student Affairs	Mark Aquilante	127
Director of External Affairs	Patrick Kane	179
Coordinator of Professional Development and 7th Grade	Christopher Irving	113
Coordinator of Academic Programming and 6th Grade	Melanie Kingett	439
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Dean of Students	George Sheehan	419
Director of Athletics	Jason Fisher	117
Director of Counseling	Kelly Brightwell	180
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Student Health Office	Catherine Ciocca and Tracy Przybylowski	112



### Attendance

If a student will be absent, parents are asked to call the office at 610-688- 7337 before 8:00 A.M. Students may not call themselves out. Absences may also be reported by parents via email to: [attendance@devonprep.com](mailto:attendance@devonprep.com), stating the student's name and reason for the absence. The school calendar is provided before the start of school to prevent the scheduling of family vacations during school time. Notice of any planned absence for college visits should be provided to the Dean of Students. Any missed work during such absence must be made up immediately upon the student's return to school.

In the event of excessive absence, the school may consider withholding academic credit. Extraordinary circumstances such as protracted illness are dealt with on a case- by- case basis, considering their specific circumstances.

Absences which are unexcused will merit detention on the day of return. Three unexcused absences will earn the student a Saturday detention.

**The Dean of Students will determine whether an absence is excused.**

Students may not leave campus during the school day without administrative approval.

### Lateness

Students are required to be present in their first period class by the time of the start of the morning prayer. If a parent knows that a student will be late to school, the parent should call or email the office before the start of school. Any unexcused lateness, after the second instance, will earn a detention, regardless of the student's after school commitments such as clubs or sports. After three detentions for lateness, the student will earn a Saturday detention. In all cases the Dean of Students will determine whether the lateness is excused.

### Security

ID—Students are issued a photo ID, which they must wear daily. This ID is keyed to the school security system, the attendance system, and the cafeteria accounting system. It is necessary to gain admission to school through locked doors, to purchase food from the cafeteria, and to log in in the front office if the student arrives after the start of school.



## Electronic Surveillance

For the security of all members of the school community, many areas of the school grounds are under continual video and audio surveillance by the school administration.

## Student Photography and Recording

Unless specifically permitted by the teacher, students may not photograph or record in any manner any portion of a class session. Photographs or recordings of any kind of faculty, staff, or other students while on campus may not be taken or made without the subject's permission. Sharing, transmitting, or posting of such prohibited photos or recordings, online or otherwise, is a serious disciplinary matter.

## Information Technology Security

The school provides Wi-Fi access for educational purposes only. Students will be held accountable with serious disciplinary consequences for inappropriate use of Devon's Wi-Fi, including using it for accessing inappropriate websites. Students will be held accountable with serious disciplinary consequences for their conduct online and on social media; students may not contact, add, follow, tag, friend, or attempt to communicate with staff through any platform of social media. Students will be held accountable with serious disciplinary consequences for exhibiting or sharing inappropriate images or text, including derogatory statements regarding the school or school staff. Students will be held accountable with serious disciplinary consequences for accessing the school technology account of another student or staff member, for any purpose.

## Mass and Prayer

All students periodically attend Mass. In addition, daily Mass is offered in the Oratory before the start of the school day. The school chaplain leads the school in morning prayer at the start of the school day.

At the beginning of each class, the teacher says:

*"Laudetur Jesus Christus (Praised be Jesus Christ)."*

The students respond:

*"In Aeternum. Amen (Forever. Amen)."*

## Open Periods

Most upper school students will have one or more open periods. Any junior or senior who has an open first period may arrive in time to attend class in second period, but must report to the office on arrival. The exemption from the first period does not apply on Mass days. Any junior or senior who has an open period during eighth period may sign

out in the Main Office and leave for the day. Any student not a junior or senior who has an open first period must report to the Attendance Office by morning prayer.

### **Food**

Food and drink may not be consumed in classrooms or computer labs. Payment for food purchased in the cafeteria is by use of the student ID only. Neither cash nor credit is accepted. The ID accesses the student's account, which must be maintained with a positive balance in order for the student to purchase food in the cafeteria. Students may not order food to be delivered to campus during the school day.

### **Community Service Experiences**

Being of service to the community is a core value of Devon Prep, and one that is valued by all colleges and universities. Students will be afforded multiple opportunities during the school year to be of service, in addition to some mandatory whole class service activities in which participation is subject to a Pass/Fail grade. Coordinated service opportunities will also be afforded by athletic teams and clubs.

### **Student Drivers**

Students who have permission to drive to school must register their vehicles each year with the Director of Transportation, who will provide the students with the required identification to be displayed on the windshield, and the location where the student may park. There is a registration fee per licensed driver. If a Devon Prep school decal is attached to the window of the vehicle, a discount is available. Devon Prep decals are available in the Business Office.

Students should register all vehicles which they may drive, but only one fee will be charged.

Student drivers may park in spaces marked by white lines only, other than the areas reserved for Visitors and Seniors. No student may park in the faculty parking spaces (marked by yellow lines). If a student parks in spaces reserved for others, he may lose his driving privileges.

Student behavior in the parking areas must be in keeping with the standards expected anywhere on campus. Students must follow the directions of a staff proctor, if present. Changing clothes in the parking lot at any time is not permitted. Consequences for misbehavior, driving recklessly, driving at an excessive speed, or parking where prohibited, include loss of driving privileges, and further discipline.



## School Closure Procedures

Should it be necessary to close the school and cancel classes, as in the case of snow or ice, notification will be sent by phone, text and Schoology as soon as the decision is made by school administration

Notice of specific times to report in the event of shortened days will be provided on Schoology and through the school emergency notification system.



## Student Health Policies and Procedures

A School Nurse is on duty during the school day to provide for the basic medical needs of students who become ill or injured during the school day.

### Illness

Parents are asked to use their best judgement when deciding if their son is well enough to attend school, except in the following circumstances, when the student MUST NOT be in school:

- Fever in the last 24 hours (100 degrees or above)
- Vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Unidentified rash

- Drainage from the eyes/eye
- Persistent cough

### Physician Notes

Parents must deliver a physician's note to the nurse in the following circumstances:

- The student is required to use crutches or any device for ambulation. The physician's note must be sent on the first day the crutches/device is to be used. The note must include directions on use of crutches/device.
- The student is excused from physical education or sports by a physician. Another note will be needed when he is cleared to return to physical

education or sports.

- The student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days due to illness/injury.

### Dismissal from School

The nurse must approve dismissal from school due to illness or injury. The nurse must be informed by the student of the illness and be evaluated. The nurse will then contact the parent. Parents who are picking up their son must report to the main office. The receptionist will notify the nurse of your arrival. Parents are asked not to go unescorted to the health room for reasons of comfort and confidentiality of the other students who may be there.

## Medication

- All medications (prescription and over the counter) to be given in school and on field trips (day or overnight) require a physician's order AND parent/guardian consent.
- Parent/guardian must bring medication to school. The nurse receiving the medication will document the quantity of the medication delivered. This documentation will include the date, time, amount of medication, and the signatures of both the parent/guardian and the nurse receiving the medication.
- All medications must be brought in their original packaging/pharmacy packaging. No loose medication will be accepted.
- All medication orders must be renewed at the beginning of each academic year.
- The nurse will not give the first dose of any new medication.
- No student may carry any medication in his backpack or on his person unless it is a life-saving medication with a physician order. If a student requires a lifesaving medication, such as an inhaler, epinephrine pen and/or insulin, etc., he may self-carry with parent permission AND physician order. The parent and physician will assess and determine if the child is responsible enough to carry AND administer in an emergency. The nurse and/or school administrator can revoke these privileges at any time with permission from the parent.
- Nurse must be notified if the student uses the emergency medication.
- All medications not used, expired or discontinued will be returned to the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian does not retrieve the medication by the end of the school year, the nurse and one witness will dispose of the medication and document the disposal.
- Benadryl, Epinephrine Auto-injectors, Narcan, inhalers and aspirin (for an adult) may be given by teachers/chaperones as part of emergency treatment. 911 must be called after giving emergency treatment (see Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Standing Orders located in the health office).

## Student Assistance Program

Young people in today's rapidly changing world are faced with more pressures than ever before. For this reason, Devon Prep has implemented the Student Assistance Program, designed to identify students who are having



problems in school because of drugs, alcohol, or mental health stressors, and to assist them in finding help. The program is led by the Student Assistance Team, a group of school personnel who have been specially trained to work with these students. We hope that any student needing help regarding unhealthy behaviors or attitudes will be able to find assistance and treatment through the referral process of the Student Assistance Program. Individual students can refer themselves to the team, or refer someone else about whom they are concerned. Referrals may be made by any student, teacher, staff member or concerned family member to the Student Assistance Team.

## Counseling

The school's counseling includes a discreet college counseling program under the Director of College Counseling, and a Counseling Department of certified school counselors, who meet with students to assist with issues of anxiety, stress, interpersonal conflict, and course selection.

Separate counselors are assigned to the Middle School, grades 9 and 10, and grades 11 and 12.

## Forms and Permission

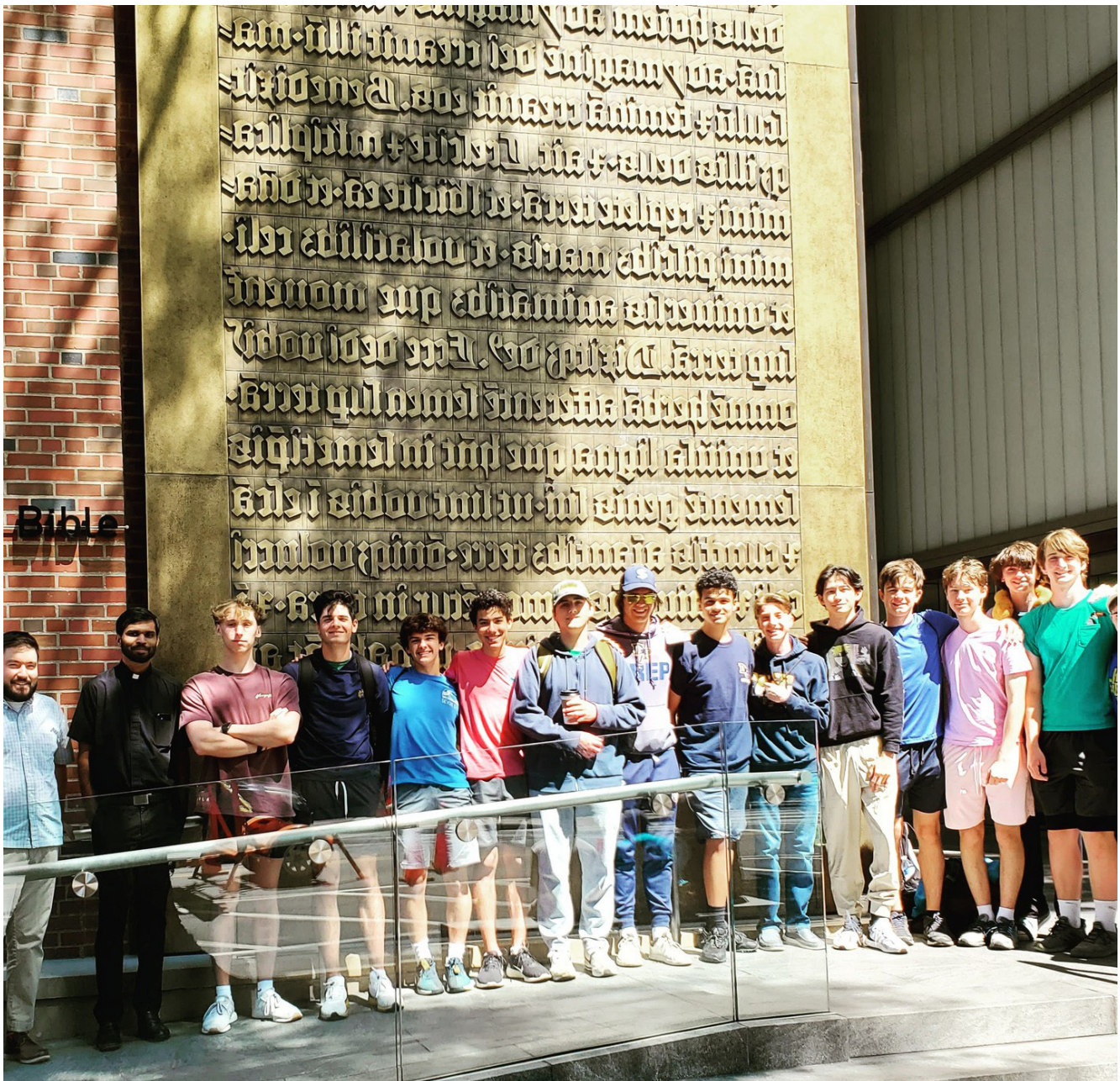
All medication and health forms can be found on the Devon Prep website [www.devonprep.com](http://www.devonprep.com) under CURRENT PARENT.

The Emergency Card must be filled out by a parent/guardian at the beginning of the school year. If there are changes in the student's medical status, then the Emergency Card must be filled out again by the parent, and the nurse notified of changes.

## Field Trips

Students who do not have their **Emergency Card** completed will NOT be able to attend a field trip. Students bringing non-life saving medication on a field trip/school activity may not carry the medication. The teacher/chaperone will hold the medication, but the student will self-administer the medication. The chaperone may NOT give standing orders (Tylenol,





Ibuprofen, Tums) without calling parent/guardian and getting permission (see Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Standing Orders located in the health office). All doctors' orders and medication must be given to the nurse 2 weeks before the scheduled field trip. Parents must send only medication that is necessary and only the amount needed while on the field trip. Please see above Student Health

Policies and Procedures. All rules also apply during field trips.

### Activities Off-Campus

Student participation in off-campus school activities is at the discretion of the administration. In addition, to attend any such activity, the student must provide the Agreement and Release Form, signed by a parent or guardian, and any required fee, by the

deadline established for that activity. Details for each activity will be supplied by the Coordinator of Student Activities. Participation also requires that the school have on file with the office of Student Health a current medication form.

This form need be filled out only once per academic year, unless medication changes, in which case a prompt update is required.

# Information Technology

## Information Technology

Devon Prep uses multiple digital platforms: Schoology, PowerSchool, Turnitin, Team Snap, IXL, ProQuest and Naviance.. Each student is provided usernames and passwords. Schoology is the primary means of digital communication among students, parents, and staff. Parents are required to register contact information on Schoology to enable that communication. Class assignments and resources are posted to Schoology by teachers at the end of the school day and students are required to consult Schoology every day. PowerSchool is the platform where students and parents may access the student's schedule, and grades. Turnitin is an anti-plagiarism platform for which students will have access codes assigned in each class. Team Snap is used by athletic teams. X2vol is used to track service hours. Tutorials for the use of these platforms are accessible at the following links:

[PowerSchool Registration Video Schoology: Creating an Account](#)

[Schoology: Navigating courses, grades, work, etc. Schoology: News Feed and Calendar](#)

[Schoology: How to message and reach teacher directory](#)

[Schoology: Controlling your settings](#)

Students are issued an email address in the devonprepstudents.org domain. Staff are issued an email address in the devonprep.com domain. Should a student need to have email communication with a teacher, it must take place from the student's Devon Prep email account, to the teacher's Devon Prep email account. The student's email account gives the student access to Google Docs tied to that domain. All school work intended to be submitted for credit must be done on the student's Devon Prep domain, and not on the student's personal account. Work may be stored on the Devon Prep domain, so auxiliary memory devices —USB memory sticks, thumb drives, or supplemental drives— are unnecessary, and may not be



used. The student's Devon email is deactivated when the student is no longer a Devon student.

Technology equipment such as Chromebooks are available for student use, subject to the rules of the IT Department.

## Academic Policies

### Classroom Policies

In their classrooms teachers follow and enforce school policies, as well as their individual expectations of classroom behavior and student use of technology including cell phones.

### Grades

Digital report cards are issued quarterly. Students may monitor their progress on Schoology. Grades on specific assignments should be posted within two weeks of the submission of the assignment.

### Honor Roll

The Honor Roll will be published four times each year based on the cumulative G.P.A. of the first

quarter, first semester, third quarter, and second semester. A student must have a minimum G.P.A. of 4.00 to qualify for Distinguished Honors, a minimum G.P.A of 3.80 to qualify for First Honors and a minimum of 3.00 to qualify for Second Honors, and be free of major academic and disciplinary infractions.

### Faculty Advising System

#### Middle School

The Advising System for the Middle School grades includes meetings as a group by grade with the Grade Coordinator. Middle School teachers serve as club moderators and subject area mentors, and implement the program designed by the Grade Coordinators and the Middle School Counselor.

#### High School

Students in 9th and 10th grades are all assigned a faculty advisor, who will meet with them in small groups periodically throughout the year. During these meetings, advisors review with students their grades, their participation in activities, their social interactions with peers, their stress if any, and any other student concerns or pertinent topics. Advisors are also involved in the students' course selection process for the following year. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, students may of course request a meeting with their advisor anytime they believe it would be helpful. Students in 11th and 12th grades may seek counsel from any staff member of their choosing.





### **Eligibility for Athletic Participation**

At Devon Prep, athletics is conducted so that it contributes to the development of student health and physical fitness, and to a positive attitude toward maintaining health and fitness throughout life. It is designed to help students to develop a variety of useful and wholesome recreational skills, to learn methods to relieve anxiety and tension, and to foster social growth and adjustment. In order for a student to participate in the interscholastic athletic program, he must satisfy the School's academic and conduct requirements. (See below.)

1. Satisfy all eligibility requirements of the P.I.A.A. and The Philadelphia Catholic League.
2. Have a properly updated physical form on file.

3. Have a parent present for a preseason meeting with the athletic staff.
4. Abide by the rules and regulations of the Athletic Director.
5. Have a properly signed Parent Permission Form if the student will drive, or be driven by a student, to or from an event.

If a High School student is failing two or more classes, he will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activity, including practice, for the next week. For Middle School students, the threshold is three classes. A determination of a student's eligibility status will be made based on the grades entered in PowerSchool on 8:30 A.M. each Friday. By 2:40 P.M. that same day the School will notify all ineligible students. In the event that an ineligible student is absent from school at the time notice is given, he still remains ineligible. Parents

will be required to sign a form acknowledging the ineligibility. Ineligibility begins at 12:01 A.M. the following Sunday morning and lasts for one week until 12:01 A.M. Sunday morning. Eligibility will be evaluated each week. In order for an ineligible student to become eligible again, he must be failing no more than one subject and he must turn in the ineligibility form to the Director of Athletics by Friday at 2:40 P.M. He then becomes eligible again at 12:01 A.M. the following Sunday morning. Special note should be given to School holidays and/or vacations.

Eligibility will be checked the last school day prior to the holiday or vacation. That evaluation will be in effect until the next regularly scheduled evaluation date after the holiday or vacation. Any high school student who receives two or more failing grades on the quarterly report card is ineligible for fifteen school days after the report cards are issued. For Middle School students, the threshold is three. Once the fifteen school days have elapsed, the student becomes eligible again only if he is failing no more than one subject at that time.

### **Spectator Rules of Conduct**

An important part of student life at Devon Prep is participation in after school activities, including attending athletic events. As a member of the Philadelphia Catholic League, Devon Prep is bound by the PCL Spectator Code of Expectations for Sporting Events below. Violation of this code by a Devon student will result in school disciplinary consequences.



### **SPECTATOR CODE OF EXPECTATIONS FOR SPORTING EVENTS**

All spectators (students, parents/guardians, spectators) must remain off the court/field and will remain in the stands during the contest. During all contests, NO spectators are permitted to stand on the floor or field. Spectators must sit or stand at least one row off the court.

Provide positive support, care and encouragement to EVERY student-athlete and to his or her team, coaches and school. Students-spectators must realize they represent their school just as athletes do.

Do not disparage or otherwise mistreat the visiting team, their coaches, parents and/or school.

Respect the position and professionalism of the game officials.

Maintain a positive attitude and exhibit positive behavior at all athletic contests. Refrain from making derogatory, offensive and/or racist comments to players, other parents, game officials, coaches, or school administrators.

No calling out opposing players names or jersey numbers, or making threatening comments. No touching or taunting any players, coaches, officials or other spectators before, during or after the event.

Encourage good sportsmanship by personally demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and game officials.

Treat all players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, age or ability.

Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol before, during or after any athletic event.

Cheerleaders are permitted on the floor/court before the start of the game, during timeouts and at halftime.

Cheerleaders must remain in the stands and are not permitted to cheer from the baseline/sideline area of the court during basketball games. They are permitted to cheer from the sidelines during football games.

Respect and follow all rules or guidelines of the Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL) and/or the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

**In the event any spectator fails to adhere to and uphold any of these objectives, the school administration and PCL Board of Directors reserve the right to impose disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, temporary and/or permanent removal from the activity and expulsion from all future events.**

### **Club Participation**

Devon strongly believes in the importance of extracurricular activities in a student's development, and strongly encourages student participation and leadership. Most clubs meet on a rotating schedule during the Advising Period. Students who would like to start a club that is not currently available should submit a proposal to the Coordinator of Student Activities.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences can be scheduled with individual teachers during the teachers' "Office Hours". Teachers will post their Office Hours to Schoology for each quarter, and parents should arrange conferences directly with the teacher.

### **Academic Probation**

Academic probation is a status conferred due to a student's failure to meet established academic standards in multiple classes. If a student is placed on academic probation, a plan will be put in place in consultation with the student's teachers, counselor, and the administration, to provide additional academic help, and if necessary, to curtail after school activities, until the required academic improvement is accomplished.

## Dress Code and Student Appearance

Devon Prep is a community with a unique identity that also respects the individuality of its students. The dress code is a reflection of the necessary balance between school identity and individual identity, by requiring certain standardization, while allowing broad opportunity for individual expression. Student compliance with the dress code is a demonstration of the student's commitment to membership in the Devon Prep brotherhood.

The standard dress code requires

a dress shirt (tucked), tie, belt, dress pants (khakis acceptable), socks, leather dress shoes or solid color canvas top shoes without logos., and a traditional blazer or sport coat. The blazer must be worn in the school buildings but may be removed in class and at lunch. Outerwear such as coats, sweatshirts, jackets, or sweaters without the blazer may not be worn or carried in the building. The dress code applies to all students with the sole exception that Middle School students may wear sneakers.

Every Friday is a Casual Friday. On Fridays students are permitted to wear their Devon Prep sweaters and sweatshirts, sweatpants or jeans, and sneakers. Sleep pants, shorts, slippers, sandals, hats or hoods, or non-Devon sweatshirts may not be worn. Seniors may wear the sweatshirts of their chosen college only on Casual Fridays.

The warm weather dress code permits the student to wear a golf or polo shirt with a collar instead of the dress shirt, tie and blazer. Shirts with the Devon Prep insignia are acceptable, but not required. The warm weather dress code makes no other change. Sneakers may not be worn. The warm weather dress code is in effect In August, September, May and June. The standard dress code goes into effect October 1 and remains in effect through April 30.

Students must be clean shaven and well groomed. Hair must not be artificially colored. The school reserves the right to require students to cut their hair if the students fail to keep their hair well managed and well groomed. Earrings, piercings, or visible tattoos may not be worn.

Casual, but appropriate, dress is required at all school events outside regular school hours.

The Dean of Students will ultimately determine compliance with this dress code. Enforcement of the dress code is by detention.



# The Honor Code

## Guiding Principles

Devon Preparatory School is a Roman Catholic school conducted by the Piarist Fathers. Our students are required to behave as Christian gentlemen at all times, and to reflect the ideals and moral standards of our school and the Church in every aspect of their lives. Student actions and speech should exemplify the Christian ideals of kindness, tolerance, and respect toward everyone. Students are expected to perform their responsibilities with honesty and integrity, and to act in accordance with these

principles at all times in their daily lives, whether at school or elsewhere. Students should expect the same from their classmates. Academic integrity is an inherent component of the moral life of the Devon student. Serious consequences will result from a student's submitting work that is not his own.

Disciplinary actions for infractions of school rules are intended as corrective measures and should be accepted as such. A student who engages in actions or activities contrary to the teachings of the Church or whose

behavior otherwise fails to reflect these high standards and ideals should anticipate disciplinary consequences, depending upon severity of conduct, up to and including being required to leave the school. Students' actions are judged individually and measured against the principles of positive Christian behavior of this Code.

## Scope

This Honor Code is applicable to student conduct on and off campus.



# Disciplinary Consequences

## Teacher's Detention

Any teacher may impose a detention, for classroom or academic misconduct. In the Middle School, this should be done in consultation with the appropriate Grade Coordinator. In the High School, no prior consultation with the Dean of Students is required. Notice to the Dean after the fact is sufficient. In the event of any detention, parents are notified.

## Dean's Detention

This is the result of serious infractions of school rules, repeated offenses, or a pattern of misbehavior. The Dean of Students will hold detention on a designated day, including Saturday. Notice of detention is provided to parents. A Dean's Detention may be postponed only if a student requests a change at least one day prior to the scheduled detention.

## School Service/Saturday Detention

Students may be required to perform service at school functions, or to work on school grounds on non-school days.

## Suspension of Driving Privileges

A student driver found to have violated parking regulations, or to have driven unsafely on campus, or to have been repeatedly late for school, may have driving privileges suspended or revoked.

## Suspension

Suspension is an extremely serious consequence. A suspension is placed on the student's permanent record and deprives the student of the possibility of any academic honor. A suspended student is not permitted to attend classes or any extracurricular activity, on or off campus, for the time period designated.

## Expulsion

If an expulsion is issued, the student is no longer considered a member of the student body. An expulsion is determined by the Headmaster. If issued, the student must transfer to another school immediately upon written notification from the Headmaster, and may not return, for any purpose, to the Devon Prep campus.

The school reserves the right, in an appropriate circumstance, to craft a specific consequence that is other than is contained in this list of consequences, in order to appropriately address a specific situation.

## DEVON PREP STUDENT PLEDGE

### As a Devon Prep student, I will

- Act and speak with kindness, tolerance, and respect toward everyone.
- Perform my responsibilities with honesty and integrity.
- Follow these principles in school and out.
- Expect my schoolmates to do the same.

## School History

Joseph Calasanz was a Spanish priest who found his life's great purpose in fighting for the right to an education for the poor children of Rome. The History of the Order of the Pious Schools began in 1597 with the opening of the first school, later in 1617 is the formation of the Religious Congregation, followed in 1622 with the recognition of the Piarists as a Religious Order. In 1767, Joseph Calasanz was canonized a saint of the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Clement XIII. For over four centuries since the Order's founding, the Piarists have been dedicated to educating youth, first in Europe, and now in 35 countries around the world.

In the late 1940s the first Piarist Fathers emigrated to the United

States from countries in Eastern Europe that had come under Communist domination. In 1955, Archbishop O'Hara permitted the Order to seek a permanent residence in Philadelphia. On September 7th of that year, Fr. Stephen Senye signed a contract to buy the Lerner property in Devon, PA, the current site of the school. One year later, on September 8th, 1956, Devon Preparatory School opened its doors for the first time. The school has seen many changes since its founding, with new buildings, new facilities, new administrations and new personnel. The core mission of the school, however, has not changed. Devon Prep remains committed today, as it was founded in 1956, and in keeping

with the vision of St. Joseph Calasanz, to the intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development of young men. The following is a list of Headmasters of Devon Prep since its founding:

Fr. Stephen Senye 1956-1969

Fr. Stephen Mustos 1969-1987

Fr. Richard Wyzykiewicz 1987-1992

Fr. John Callan 1992-1994

Fr. James Shea 1994-2015

Fr. Francisco Aisa 2015-2023

Fr. Nelson Henao 2023 -

**Roll Tide!**

