

# Devon Preparatory School

*The Piarist Fathers*

## Student Handbook

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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 word piety means reverence for God; we respect God as our loving father and thus want to please him by obeying and living his teachings.

## Calasancian Values

Devon Prep is committed to embodying the Piarist mission and the principles of the exemplary life of St. Joseph Calasanz. Through the motto “Education for Life...Values for Life,” Devon Prep strives to instill in our students the values of charity, humility, patience, community, and honesty by designing experiences that foster reflection and growth year by year. Devon Prep aims not only to educate minds but also nurture hearts, preparing young men for the rigors of Twenty-First Century life by cultivating compassion, resilience, and moral integrity, thereby empowering them to live out these values in service to others throughout their lives.

**Charity** – Love of others that comes from God’s love of us.

**Humility** – Knowing oneself as one truly is, willing to submit to God and others.

**Patience** – Endurance through adversities or suffering without yielding to sadness or resentment.

**Community** – A group of persons with common goals or values in mind, giving proper honor and esteem to each person.

**Honesty** -- Showing one’s true self in both word and deed, helping us to understand God’s goodness

## School Goals

- A solid religious formation, centered in Jesus Christ, where faith partners with knowledge, following the Pietas et Litterae tradition.
- A strong academic foundation, preparing our students to succeed in a future of global engagement.
- A relevant athletic program built on personal development through effort, teamwork, and respectful competition.

- A focus on values, where our students may grow as people and members of society, while retaining their religious dignity and identity.
- Continuous attention to the needs of our students, who are at the center of our Ministry.
- An expansive curriculum whose graduation requirements include elements of personal development and vocation.
- An excellent faculty of accomplished professionals who motivate and inspire our students.
- A source of support for our families in the formation of their children, helping them to grow and flourish.
- A positive service presence in our community, providing caring support for its most needy members.
- A school environment created by a sense of personal responsibility for the care of God's Creation.

## Middle School Focus

Middle school grades 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. Everything Devon does with Middle School students, from classroom rules, through advising and counseling, to administration of discipline, 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 in the classroom approach, supplemented by extra-curricular activities. Discipline, when needed, is administered for correction and learning. While the principles of our Honor Code apply to all Devon students, the standards of enforcement are gauged by age-appropriate expectations that gradually increase as students get closer to entering high school.

## Administration and Phone Extensions

Administration members 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 regular business hours, dial 610-688- 7337, then extension 103. Some helpful extensions are the following:

President	Fr. Nelson Henao	103
School Principal	Mark Aquilante	127
Director of Institutional Advancement	Andrew Pack	179
Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs	Melanie Kingett	439
Chief Financial Officer	Robert Sack	
Director of Technology Services	Kate Frank	182
Director of Enrollment Management and Student Activities	Shane Roxberry	426
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Coordinators of Middle School	Alexa Stefaan (6th Grade)	161
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Dean of Students	James Brennan	405
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## The School Day

### 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. Parents may also report absences via email to **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 upon the student's return to school.

If a student is absent 15% of a semester, the school reserves the right to take action related to course credits and other related matters. Extraordinary circumstances such as protracted illness are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, considering their specific circumstances.

**Students may only leave campus during the school day with permission from an administrator.**

Students must be present and on time during the school day **at their scheduled location**. The consequence of "cutting" a period is an automatic Saturday detention.

### Lateness

The school day typically begins at 8:05, and students are required to be present, and seated, in their first class by this time for 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. After 5 latenesses, the lates are deemed excessive and the student will earn a Saturday detention. Continual lates after a Saturday detention is assigned will give rise to consideration for additional Saturday detentions or possibly suspension. **The Dean of Students will determine whether the lateness has been excused in all cases.**

### Security

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

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

**Student Photography and Recording**—Unless permitted explicitly by the teacher in writing, 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 expressed written permission. Sharing, transmitting, or posting 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 to access inappropriate websites. Students will be held accountable with serious disciplinary consequences for their online and social media conduct; they may not contact, add, follow, tag, friend, or attempt to communicate with staff through any social media platform. 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 for serious disciplinary consequences for accessing the school technology account of another student or staff member for any purpose.

## Mass and Prayer

All students attend Mass once a cycle. 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 beginning of each school day. Every class begins with a short prayer, moment of silence, or the prayer below:

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 with an open first period may arrive in time to attend class in the second period but must report to the office on arrival. The exemption from the first period does not apply on Mass or assembly days. Any junior or senior with an open period during the eighth period may sign out in the Main Office and leave for the day. Any student, not a junior or senior, with 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 at any time.** Payment for food purchased in the cafeteria is made using their 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 all colleges and universities value. 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. Athletic teams and clubs will also afford coordinated service opportunities.

## Student Drivers

Students with 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. There is a registration fee per licensed driver.

Students should register all vehicles they may drive, but only one fee will be charged. Student drivers may only park in spaces marked by white lines other than those reserved for Visitors and Seniors. No student may park in the faculty parking spaces. If a student parks in spaces reserved for others, he may lose his driving privileges. **Parking in the grass in front of any school building is prohibited. Students may park in the field behind St. Anthony's, beside the Creative Suite building, when the front lots are full.**

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 may include losing driving privileges and possible further discipline.

## Field Trips

Devon Preparatory values a holistic learning experience, offering many opportunities for students to expand their learning outside of the classroom through academic, civic, and community engagement opportunities. This experience cannot be at the expense though of learning within the classroom. Students are encouraged to attend these offerings throughout the school year.

Students are permitted to participate in up to **8** school-sanctioned field trips. Administrative approval is required for field trips beyond the allotted 8 trips.

## 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 school administration makes the decision. 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 judgment 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 for the use of crutches/devices.
- 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 student must inform the nurse 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.



- The 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's order. If a student requires a lifesaving medication, such as an inhaler, epinephrine pen, 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 school administrator can revoke these privileges at any time with permission from the parent.
- The nurse must be notified if the student uses the emergency medication.
- All unused, expired, or discontinued medications 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).

## Counseling

Counseling at Devon Prep has multiple components. The school's counseling program includes a discreet college counseling program under the Director of College Counseling. In addition, the Counseling Department consists of a team of certified school counselors who meet with students to assist with anxiety, stress, interpersonal conflict, academic challenges, 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 must be notified of changes.

## School Trips

A nurse will not attend school trips unless medically necessary and pre-arranged with the nurse and administration. The designated chaperone will hold all medication. Students will self-administer medication with physician and parent permission. Students may only carry emergency medications during the trip (such as Epipens, inhalers, and glucose tabs).

**Overnight Trips:** If parents have granted permission in PowerSchool for their child to take Tylenol, Advil, Tums, and Benadryl, students can receive these medications as needed on an overnight field trip without further documentation. The chaperone will make a phone call to the parent before giving the medication.

Parents must complete the Devon Preparatory Medication Authorization Form if a student needs to take any other medication not listed above on a day or overnight trip. This form requires a doctor's signature. This includes all over-the-counter medications, including vitamins, allergy medications, melatonin, etc. It can be found at <https://www.devonprep.com/parents/>

All doctors' orders must be given to the nurse **2 weeks before** the scheduled trip.

Students are not allowed to carry non-emergent medications on trips. The designated chaperone will hold all medications for the duration of the trip. Students will meet the designated chaperone to self-administer and sign the medication out daily. Parents/Guardian will be expected to complete the **Daily Medication Sign Out Sheet**. This form can be found at <https://www.devonprep.com/parents/>

**Medication(s) delivery:** Parents/guardians must deliver all medication to the lead chaperone in the original container/packaging. Prescriptions (prescribed for the child to whom it is to be given) must contain the child's name, prescriber's name, medication name, dose, and the directions for administration to be given on the trip. No loose pills will be accepted. If medications are found during bag checks, they will be confiscated.

## 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. The Coordinator of Student Activities will supply details for each activity. Participation also requires that the school have a current medication form on file with the Office of Student Health. This form needs to be filled out only once per academic year, unless medication changes, in which case a prompt update is required.

## Information Technology

Devon Prep uses multiple digital platforms: **Schoology, PowerSchool, Turnitin, Team Snap, IXL, X2vol, ProQuest, and Naviance**. Each student is provided with usernames and passwords.

Schoology is the primary means of digital communication among students, parents, and staff. **Parents are required to register their contact information on Schoology to enable communication.** Class assignments and resources are posted to Schoology by teachers at the end of the school day, and **students must consult Schoology daily.** PowerSchool is the platform where students and parents can access the students' schedules and grades. Turnitin is an anti-plagiarism platform for which students will have access codes assigned in each class. Athletic teams use Team Snap. X2vol is used to track service hours. Proquest is a research database. Naviance is a program for college applications. Tutorials for the use of some 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 communicate with a teacher via email, 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 to be submitted for credit must be done from the student's Devon Prep domain and not on a student's personal account. Work may be stored on the Devon Prep domain, so auxiliary memory devices are unnecessary and prohibited.

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 expectations for classroom behavior and the use of technology. Student violation of the teacher's technology policy will result in a Dean's after-school detention for the first offense. A second offense will result in a Saturday detention. A third offense will give rise to consideration of suspension.

### Classroom Cell Phone Use

Student use of cellphones in class is prohibited. By the ringing of the bell to start class, students must power off and place their cell phones in the designated location for that classroom for the duration of the period. The first offense to this policy will result in a Saturday detention. Multiple offenses will give rise to consideration for suspension.

### 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

Formal conference dates are scheduled during the first and third quarters. Specific dates and sign-up procedures are communicated through Schoology. However, parents and teachers are expected to meet whenever they believe it is appropriate to review a student's progress.

### 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.

### 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 submission.

### Honor Roll

The Honor Roll will be published four times yearly 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.

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## Eligibility for Athletic Participation

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

Satisfy all eligibility requirements of the P.I.A.A. and The Philadelphia Catholic League.

- Have a properly updated physical form on file.
- Have a parent present for a preseason meeting with the athletic staff.
- Abide by the rules and regulations of the Athletic Director.
- Have a properly signed Parent Permission Form if the student will drive or be driven by a student to or from an event.

## Academic Ineligibility Policy

**The purpose of this policy is, first and foremost, to help our student-athletes successfully participate in interscholastic athletics while also reaching their full potential in the classroom.**

### High School

- Every Friday, the athletic director will pull the grades of all student-athletes.
- If a student is failing two or more classes (for Middle School, the threshold is three classes) or has a GPA under 2.0, they will be placed on probation for one week starting on Sunday of the next week and continuing to Saturday of the following week.
  - The athletic director will notify parents and students.
  - During this week, the student must attend mandatory study halls but can still participate in activities.
- If the student still fails two or more classes the following Friday, he will be ineligible for all athletic activities for one week.
  - During this time, he is not to attend any athletic events, including practice, team meetings, and games; he will attend mandatory study halls during this week.
  - The week will run from Sunday to Saturday.
- If at any point a student is not passing **4 core classes**, they will automatically be academically ineligible for one week.
- This procedure will start after the second week of each marking period.

## Spectator Rules of Conduct

An essential 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.

## Code of Conduct

The PCL is our identity. We are a league - a unity - guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and principles consistent with his teachings. Therefore, if our league does not produce a better person, there is no reason, adequate to its financial investment, to exist. The directives below are intended to guide all concerned with making our competition a healthy experience for individual and social growth.

## PCL/PIAA Spectator Guidelines

### Student-Specific Spectator Guidelines

This Code of Ethics is to be regarded not simply as a compilation of recommendations, but as a set of rules governing the conduct of student spectators, student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Directors.

SECTION I: Student-spectators must adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Student-spectators must realize that they represent their school just as athletes do.
2. Student-spectators must appreciate and give suitable recognition to the good in Others.
3. Only positive cheering is permitted by spectators for a PCL event. Spectators must avoid "booing", abusive language, or vulgarity as they are clearly a lack of charity that breeds the same in opponents.
4. All signs and posters must be pre-approved by the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs of the local school.
5. Inappropriate dress or conduct will not be permitted during a PCL event.
6. Student-spectators must refrain from using musical instruments and noisemakers as these are annoying to some and inflammatory to others.
7. Student-spectators must regard officials and opponents as honest; officials' decisions should be abided by, even when they seem unfair.
8. Student-spectators must be aware that if they continually evidence poor sportsmanship, they will be requested not to attend future contests.
9. If any of the violations mentioned above are encountered during a PCL event, the officials have the authority to penalize the individual team and the school's administration has the authority to stop the game and remove all spectators from the event if the spectators do not comply with the administration's request.
10. Student-spectators must realize that a contest ends with the final whistle or other signal; post-game injury to others or property damage is un-Christian behavior.

### All Other Spectator Guidelines

Any spectator who engages in any of the behaviors identified below may be removed from a Contest:

1. A spectator uses profanity, obscene gestures, and/or obscene language while attending Contests.
2. A spectator attempts to provoke, intimidate, and/or berate Coaches, Contest Officials, student-athletes, and/or other spectators.
3. A spectator interferes with, or attempts to interfere with, any Contest.
4. A spectator uses race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability to bait, intimidate, or

denigrate a student, school, Contest Official, or other spectators.

5. Any spectator who engages in any of the behaviors identified herein may be removed from a Contest

## 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 reflects the necessary balance between school identity and individual identity by requiring certain standardization while allowing broad opportunities for personal expression. Student compliance with the dress code demonstrates 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 sports 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, shorts, or jeans, and sneakers. Pajama pants, slippers, sandals, hats or hoods may not be worn. At the start of the 4th quarter, Seniors may wear the sweatshirts of their chosen college in addition to the required dress code for that day.

**The warm weather dress code** permits the student to wear a golf or polo shirt with a collar instead of a 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 on October 1 and continues through April 30 unless altered by the administration.

On the first day of the 4th quarter, **Seniors** may wear the sweatshirt of the college/university they will be attending in the following fall. Only the school they committed to is acceptable. Violations will result in a Saturday detention.

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 they fail to keep their hair well-managed, well-groomed, and no longer than shoulder length. 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 the severity of the 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.

## Academic Honesty

**Devon Prep takes personal and academic honesty very seriously.** Cheating is using any unfair method to attempt to improve one's performance on an assignment or assessment, or to knowingly participate in another student's effort to do the same. Plagiarism, a form of cheating, is using another's unique ideas, facts, words, or images from books, magazines, notes, media, or internet sources as one's own. Under circumstances where the use of another's work is appropriate, such as a research project, such use is permitted only if proper credit is given to the person who was the originator of the work. In addition, any student who uses Chat GPT, or a similar artificial intelligence resource, on an assignment or assessment without the teacher's written permission on that specific assignment or assessment will be considered to have plagiarized in violation of the academic honesty policy. Students found to have cheated or intentionally plagiarized on any assignment or assessment will receive a 0% on the assignment or assessment and will be referred to the administration for appropriate disciplinary action. **The effect of receiving a 0% on an assessment almost always results in a failing grade for the marking period.**

## Scope

This Honor Code applies 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 is done in consultation with the appropriate Grade Coordinator. No prior consultation with the Dean of Students is required in the High School. Notice to the Dean after the fact is sufficient. In the event of any detention, parents are notified.

## Dean's Detention

A Dean's Detention can be administered for severe 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, driven unsafely on campus, or 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. It deprives the student of the possibility of induction into Honor Societies in the academic year of the offense for any offense that does not involve academic integrity. Reconsideration for academic honors in future years will be pending on the nature of the infraction. A suspension for an offense based on a violation of academic integrity will permanently deprive the student of the opportunity for academic honors at Devon Prep. A suspended student is not permitted to attend classes or any extracurricular activity, on or off campus, for a designated period of time. Additional measures may be taken depending on the circumstances that precipitated the suspension.

## Expulsion

If an expulsion is issued, the student is no longer considered a student body member. An expulsion is determined by the President. If issued, the student must transfer to another school immediately upon written notification from the President, 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 other than what is contained here to appropriately address a specific situation.**

## 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. In 1617 came 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 school's current site. One year later, on September 8th, 1956, Devon Preparatory School opened its doors for the first time. Since its founding, the school has seen many changes, with new buildings, facilities, administrations, and personnel. The core mission of the school, however, has not changed. Devon Prep remains committed today, as it was when founded in 1956, and in keeping with the vision of St. Joseph Calasanz, to the holistic intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development of young men. The following is a list of Headmasters/Presidents 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-present

## Roll Tide!

