Saint Barnabas High School

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Roman Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New York base their educational purposes and all their activities on the Christian teaching that all people are children of a loving God, who calls each to a supernatural destiny. Saint Barnabas High School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the Administration of its educational policies.

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES
Saint Barnabas High School is a college preparatory, Catholic high school for girls.

Saint Barnabas High School seeks to engender in its students the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social, aesthetic, and physical values of the well-defined woman in society. Through the creation of an informed mind and healthy self-image, each student is encouraged to develop her critical thinking and individual abilities so that she may be of service to God, country, and society.

Saint Barnabas High School recognizes its basic responsibility to educate the total person, and attempts to fulfill its primary obligation by providing for the needs of the student body in a variety of ways.

HISTORY OF SAINT BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL
John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, established Saint Barnabas Parish in June, 1910. The elementary school was opened to 104 students by the first pastor, Monsignor Michael A. Reilly, in 1913. With the expansion of the school to nine grades in September, 1924, the history of Saint Barnabas High School began.

The fourteen boys and fifteen girls who comprised the first high school class attended class on the top floor of the elementary school. In four years, the high school roster totaled 113 students. In June, 1928, Saint Barnabas became a girls high school accredited by the University of the State of New York.

As the student population of the elementary school and high school increased, the need for more facilities became obvious. Monsignor George H. McWeeney broke ground for a new high school building on September 25, 1957. The new building was opened to the students in April, 1959. On May 15, 1960, Francis Cardinal Spellman formally blessed the school as part of the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the parish.

In the spring of 2015, the Archdiocese of New York announced a change in governance for Saint Barnabas High School from a parish-based high school to an independent high school managed by a Board of Trustees.
From the beginning, the school has been served by the Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent, New York. Today, the Sisters of Charity, religious from other congregations, and lay faculty provide for the educational needs of students who come from many parishes in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Westchester. Together, the faculty and students continue the educational and Christian traditions begun in 1924.

MISSION STATEMENT
Saint Barnabas High School provides quality Catholic education for young women. The Saint Barnabas family works in the spirit of charity to develop the whole person through enriching courses and activities, effective communication, mutual respect, and openness to new ideas.
ACADEMICS

ADMISSION TO SAINT BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Barnabas High School admits female students who meet the admissions criteria. Students admitted to Saint Barnabas High School must have successfully completed the eighth grade course of studies in an elementary, middle or junior high school. Students offered admittance to Saint Barnabas High School must have:

1. An eighth grade report card containing a "C" average or better. Academic achievement in grades six and seven is also considered.
2. Behavior and effort grades of "C" or better.
3. Standardized test scores indicating ability appropriate to the demands of the high school program at Saint Barnabas;
4. Records for attendance and lateness in compliance with the expectations of the high school.

In order for a student to continue at Saint Barnabas High School, her parent/guardian must meet the financial responsibilities for fees/tuition essential to the implementation of the school's educational program.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 718-325-8800.

ACCEPTANCE, ATTENDANCE and BEHAVIOR

Once students have met the necessary admission requirements and have been accepted to Saint Barnabas High School, the school warmly welcomes the students for the coming school year, and will strive to provide them with a solid, Catholic, spiritual and academic education in a supportive learning environment. Students and parents must always be mindful that attendance at Saint Barnabas is by invitation and is not a right, but a privilege because this is a private school.

Admission to and continued enrollment in this school include responsibilities regarding conduct, both inside and outside the classroom and school. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner as to credit themselves and their school. In order to protect its standards of scholarship, discipline and character, Saint Barnabas High School reserves the right (and the students and parents or guardians concede to the school) to require the withdrawal of any student at any time, for any reason deemed sufficient to the sole discretion of the school and its administrators.
By the student's attendance at the school, a student and her parent or guardian acknowledges the important obligations and restrictions contained in the handbook and agree to be bound by its terms.

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**
1. Be on time, in full uniform, and be prepared to work when the bell rings.
2. Abide by all the rules set forth in the student handbook.
3. Complete all homework assignments by their due dates.
4. Work diligently, honestly, and consistently, following the curriculum of the school, teacher and New York State.
5. Honest and honorable behavior is expected at all times.
6. Respect all teachers at all times for their efforts.
7. Any questions on academics are to be addressed with the Academic Dean.
8. The Principal has final authority on all academic and behavioral matters.

Our students represent Saint Barnabas High School at all times. The school's Code of Conduct and the rules and regulations outlined in this handbook apply to any student who is: on school property; in attendance at school; at any school sponsored activity; or whose conduct at any other time or place has an effect on maintaining school order and discipline. Any incident that may damage the reputation of the school or jeopardizes the health or safety of another person is unacceptable, whether it occurs in school, out of school or on the internet. All incidents are subject to disciplinary action and the school administrative team will make the final determination regarding all issues of student behavior.

All students are expected to exhibit courtesy, respect and good manners. Students are expected to treat each other and all staff members with respect and courtesy rooted in our gospel values. It is customary in that spirit of respect to use appropriate titles (Fr., Mr., Miss, Mrs., Sr.) when addressing members of the faculty and staff. It is expected that students will greet adults properly in the hallways or other areas of the school.

It is customary to knock before entering an office or classroom if the door is closed. Students should wait for an answer before entering. Students should never enter an office or a teacher's space in a classroom without an adult present.

An explanation that a particular violation of good conduct is not specifically mentioned in this handbook is not acceptable.
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Diplomas are issued to graduates who fulfill the requirements for receiving a diploma. The program of studies includes required academic courses and electives. There is individualized learning, based on individual needs. While it is anticipated that the majority of students will pursue opportunities for higher education after graduation, the Guidance Department works with individual students in the college and career selection process.

ACADEMIC EXAMINATION EXEMPTIONS
Students in Grades 11 and 12 who have achieved a grade of 90% or more on their report card in all four quarters in a particular subject area may be exempt from taking the final examination in that subject area.

ACADEMIC EXPULSION
Should a student fail two or more subjects in June and does not attend summer school, she will be required to either leave the school, or repeat the grade, since she lacks sufficient credits to progress academically. If a course is not given in an accredited summer school, an independent study course must be worked out with the School Administration. All course deadlines must be met and a fee will be charged. All decisions involving academic expulsion will involve a parent conference with the Guidance Counselor and School Administrators.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Providing test answers, homework assignments, term papers, etc. to a classmate is cheating. While it is difficult to say no to a friend, both the person who gives and the person who receives information that fraudulently represents the work of another will be subject to disciplinary action. A record of each offense will be kept on file with the School Administration.

Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, electronic devices or study aids in any academic assessment, which includes all forms of work submitted for a grade or credit. A student who cheats in any form will receive a grade of zero, which cannot be made up by extra credit work.

Duplicative work: Submitting the same or substantially the same work product to an assignment. Students may not submit a paper or project to more than one course unless given permission by the teacher.

Electronic/Internet Dishonesty: Any use of a computer, internet or other technological means to falsely present work or any assignment, test or quiz as her own. Examples include, but are not limited to, using
network access in a way that affects a class or another student’s academic work, breaking into someone else’s files or computer account, or using information from any electronic source dishonestly. Note that presenting work falsely as one’s own is always academic dishonesty, regardless of the electronic means employed.

**Facilitating academic dishonesty:** Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of academic integrity.

**Forgery or alteration:** Placing an unauthorized signature on any school related document, including, but not limited to communications between parent and school.

**Sourcing:** Students must follow the guidelines given by each department regarding giving credit to the source of the information.

**Theft or destruction of academic materials:** Removing or destroying examinations or similar materials or any work product before or after submission.

**Unauthorized Communication:** Any form of communication during an exam or knowingly informing another student of the content of an examination not officially released by the instructor.

**Unauthorized possession or use of academic materials:** Wrongfully obtaining, possessing, using or distributing to others, examinations or other materials that have not been officially released by the instructor.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM**

Cheating is morally wrong and will not be tolerated at any time. Before an exam begins, each student must place all books, papers, notes, cell phones and other electronic devices away from the test area. If any unauthorized material is found in a student's possession, she will be considered cheating.

If any unauthorized material is found in the student’s possession or in her desk when an examination begins, she will be considered cheating on the examination.

A student who cheats during an examination will receive an automatic zero on the examination. The student’s parents will be informed of the incident by means of a phone call, and a meeting will be held within five days of the incident. The student will receive a letter of probation from the School Administration.
A student who, in the judgment of the teacher or proctor, is found cheating, or attempting to cheat, will have her paper confiscated. The teacher, student, administrator and parents will meet to discuss the incident. The final decision regarding the student’s continuance at Saint Barnabas High School will be made by the School Administration after all the information has been appropriately reviewed.

**First offense:** A report is filed with the Dean of Students. The student receives a grade of zero, and a parent/guardian is notified by the teacher. The grade of zero may not be made up with extra credit work.

**Second offense:** A report is filed with the Dean of Students. The student receives a grade of zero, is suspended and a parent conference with the Dean of Academics is required.

**Third offense:** All of the above and a parent conference with the Principal are required.

**ACADEMIC PROBATION**

The School Administration carefully monitors the academic achievement of the students at Saint Barnabas. Students who fail **two or more courses** in a marking period will be placed on Academic Probation, and will be deemed ineligible by the School Administration to participate in any school-sponsored sport, club, activity or event.

Students should use their time wisely to address any academic deficits. A student will be placed on academic probation on the day of report card distribution. The academic probation period will last until the next report card distribution, unless the student continues to fail two or more subjects. In that case, the student will remain on academic probation during the next quarter.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

The passing grade for all courses is a minimum of 65%. This is a cumulative mark, based on class work plus an end-term and/or midterm exam. In addition, all students must pass a Regents assessment exam in five areas: US History/Government, Global History and Geography, Science (Physical or Life), Algebra and English.

Semester marks are computed as 20% the first report card mark, 20% the second report card mark, and 10% the semester examination. The final average is computed as 1/5 the first report card mark, 1/5 the second report card mark, 1/10 the first semester examination mark, 1/5 the third report card mark, 1/5 the fourth report card mark, and 1/10 the second semester examination mark.
Parents should regularly inquire about their daughter’s assignments, including homework, reports, and projects. Parents should contact their daughter’s teachers if their daughter is not doing work at home.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHT**

The Principal of Saint Barnabas High School has both the right and responsibility for final decisions in the area of discipline. The Principal reserves the right to dismiss any student whose behavior and/or actions are deemed inappropriate or potentially harmful by the School Administration. The right to modify stated penalties dependent on individual circumstances is also reserved to the School Administration.

**ATTENDANCE**

As an academic community, Saint Barnabas values consistent attendance and punctuality. We believe a student's attendance has a significant impact on her academic success. The school attendance policy, as mandated by the New York State Education Department, is to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, every student attends school every day for the entire day.

It is the parent’s legal responsibility to notify the school of any absence. If the parent fails to notify the school of an absence, the student will be issued a detention. When a student is ill, a parent/guardian must call the school office at (718) 325-8800 before 9:00 a.m. An answering machine will record calls before 7:30 a.m. A parental call, giving name, homeroom and reason for the absence is required along with a telephone number where the parent can be reached in order to verify the excuse for the absence. During examination periods, student absence must be reported by 8:00 a.m. A doctor’s note specifying the illness is required or a grade of zero will be given.

The day the student returns to school, she must give the Dean of Students or her homeroom teacher a signed parental note including date(s) of absence, and explaining the reason for her absence. If the student fails to submit an absence note to her homeroom teacher or the Dean of Students, the student will be issued a detention. A doctor’s note is required for all students absent five consecutive or more days.

New York State Education Law permits absence from school for the following reasons: illness; religious observances; sickness or death in the immediate family; court appearances and impossible travel conditions. All other reasons are considered illegal absences. The school administration makes the final determination as to whether an absence or tardiness is excused or unexcused which can affect the student's ability to make up missed work.
A student absent from class, including suspension, is required to make up all assignments. It is the responsibility of the student to see her teachers to obtain the assignments.

Medical, dental, or legal appointments should be made outside school hours.

Any unauthorized absence from school shall be considered truancy. Although this is commonly thought of as an absence of which the parent is unaware, certain absences of which the parent is aware will be treated in the same manner of truancies. Those include unauthorized activities such as cut days.

**ABSENCES & MAKE-UP WORK**
It is the responsibility of the student to meet with all of her subject teachers to obtain her class work and adhere to department guidelines after an absence in order to continue her academic progress. If a student is absent for a subject test, and fails to take a mandatory make-up exam, she will receive a zero for that examination.

Excessive absence or lateness in any given year may lead to a loss of credit and/or denial of registration the following year.

**EXTENDED ABSENCE**
If a student needs to be absent for more than a week, her parents/guardians must contact the school regarding the reason for the absence. The teachers will be notified and arrangements will be made by the Guidance Counselors for the parents to pick up assignments. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the assignments and return them to the respective teachers by the dates indicated. Failure to meet the established deadlines will result in a grade of zero for the assignments.

Students may fail a course due to excessive absences which results in insufficient knowledge of the subject area.

**GUIDANCE-RELATED ABSENCE**
Juniors and seniors may receive permission to be absent from school to attend college fairs, college open houses, and spring placement tests. To obtain this permission, the student must submit a note from her parent/guardian to the Guidance Counselor at least two days in advance. Permission will be granted through the Guidance Office and the School Administration. Upon returning to school, the student must submit a note from the college verifying her attendance. Seniors may request this permission twice during the year. Juniors may request it once.
NON-CONSECUTIVE ABSENCE
If a pattern of non-consecutive absence appears, the School Administration will meet with the student and make an appointment with the student’s parent or guardian.

ABSENCE/LATENESS DURING THE MIDTERM/FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD
If a student is absent during an examination period, she must bring a note from the doctor indicating the nature of her illness, and that it REQUIRED HER TO STAY AT HOME. When the student returns, she will be required to complete all examinations that were missed. If a student does not bring in a doctor’s note, she will receive a grade of zero. A student who arrives late will not have extra time to complete the exam.

ABSENCE/LATENESS FOR REGENTS EXAMINATIONS
A student who arrives late will not have extra time to complete the exam. Students may not enter a Regents examination room if they are more than one hour late. Regents classes will not have exemptions, and Regents examinations cannot be retaken since Regents Exams are only administered on the date and time designated by the New York State Board of Regents. Students who are absent from a Regents examination must take the examination in summer school.

BOOKS
The student is financially liable for lost or damaged books. It is the student’s responsibility to care for textbooks. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary and financial action.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR
Students are expected to abide by class and course guidelines.

COURSE GUIDELINES
At the opening of school, each teacher of an academic course provides guidelines for class expectations and successful course completion specific to the content area. Parents and students will sign these Course Guidelines as a confirmation of understanding and compliance with the expectations and requirements outlined in the guidelines.

CURRICULUM/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
A student must satisfactorily complete a four-year course of study approved by the Board of Regents of the State of New York.
To qualify for graduation from Saint Barnabas High School, a student must meet the following state requirements in addition to the school’s requirement of four units of Religion, 60 hours of Christian Service and two units of Foreign Language.

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Minimum Regents Examination Requirements:
- RE Comprehensive English: YES* YES
- RE Integrated Algebra: YES* YES
- RE Geometry: NO YES
- RE Trigonometry: NO YES
- RE Global History: YES* YES
- RE U.S. History: YES* YES
- RE Science: YES* YES
- RE in 2nd Science: NO YES

Regents Diploma requirements, New York State Board of Regents:
Students must pass all five Regents with 65% or greater. Students who wish to acquire an Advanced Regents diploma must score 65% or greater on all eight Regents exams taken.

- **NYS Regents Diploma**, with a minimum passing grade of 65% in all of the following: Comprehensive English, Integrated Algebra, Global History/ Geography, US History and Government, Physical or Life Science.

- **Regents Diploma with Honors Designation** requires an average of 90% in all five state exams referred to above.

- **Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**: In addition to the above requirements, the advanced designation requires passing the following Regents exams: Geometry and Trigonometry and an additional science (Physical or Life...
depending on completion of previous science Regents exam), plus three years of a foreign language.

- **Regents Diploma with Advanced Honors Designation** requires an average of 90% in all eight state exams referred to above.

A senior who fails two subjects or whose tuition and/or fees are not paid in full may not participate in the graduation ceremony.

**DISCIPLINE**
Students at Saint Barnabas High School are expected to observe a code of behavior rooted in the school's philosophy and objectives. Students are expected to treat each other, their environment, and their teachers with respect, compassion, and awareness of the needs of others. In becoming a student at Saint Barnabas High School, you have entered into a contract with the school in which you agree to cooperate with all school regulations and to be the best representative of the values and beliefs of your school on all occasions in school and out of school.

**FAILURE OF A REGENTS COURSE**
Students who fail a Regents course or a required Regents examination must attend summer school and pass the Regents in order to qualify for a Regents Diploma.

**FAILURE OF A NON-REGENTS COURSE**
Students who fail a non-Regents course are required to attend an approved summer school to make up the work.

**GRADES**
The passing grade is 65%. The actual grade for New York State Regents examinations must be recorded on the report card.

**FIRST HONORS**
First honors are awarded to students who have achieved an average of 89.5% or more, and do not have any grade lower than 75%.

**SECOND HONORS**
Second honors are awarded to students who have achieved an average of 84.5% or more, and do not have any grade lower than 70%.

**INTERNET ACCESS – ACCEPTABLE USE**
Freedom of inquiry and access to information is fundamental to the development of our society, and the right of all students and staff. Online electronic resources provide an exceptional opportunity for the promotion of intellectual inquiry, comprehensive information
gathering, and awareness of global diversity through world-wide communication and exploration.

Online resources such as the Internet can be used to educate, to inform, to communicate and to entertain. As a learning resource they are similar to books, magazines, videos, CD-ROMs, and other information sources.

Students and staff have access to other individuals, government documents, social and scientific data, library indexes, and many other types of information.

Internet users at this school are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. Students may only use computers and the internet for educational purposes during the school day.

- Students are required to sign Saint Barnabas High School's Contract for Acceptable Use indicating they understand and accept the school guidelines for computer/tablet use and the use of the internet. That contract will be given to students in September.

INTERNET USE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL
Use of the Saint Barnabas High School name or logo on the internet or on outside web sites is strictly prohibited. Students may not represent themselves as Saint Barnabas High School students on web sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Instagram, etc. unless authorized by the School Administration. This includes posting of any type, including pictures that may damage the reputation of the school. Social media will be monitored and any inappropriate postings will result in disciplinary action by the school. Any student in violation of this policy is subject to suspension and possible expulsion. Parents are urged to closely monitor their daughter’s internet use in order to ensure her safety.

The School Administration has the right to request and review any social media brought to its attention by a student, parent, faculty member or a law enforcement agency.

LIBRARY
The library will be open during the school day according to the schedule of posted hours. Students may use the library and its resources for independent reading, reference, and research, and quiet work is an expectation. Circulation books may be borrowed for two weeks and may be renewed if no one has reserved them. Periodicals, pamphlets and articles may be borrowed for a shorter time. It is essential that all materials be returned on time since others may need them. Fines will be
charged for lateness. Any lost or damaged materials must be replaced at the expense of the borrower.

**PARENT CONFERENCES**
Parents are required to pick up report cards at the end of the first quarter. Teachers will be available for conferences at this time. Parents of students at risk of failing in the third quarter will be required to pick up their daughter’s report card and conference with her teachers.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**
Progress Reports are distributed four times per year, approximately four weeks before the end of each academic quarter. These reports are given to students by subject teachers who believe some deficiency exists in the student’s grasp of the subject matter or some other problem, which may exist in the classroom. Additional progress reports may be distributed if the teacher feels it is necessary.

Parents/guardians are required to sign progress reports, and students must return them to the respective teachers by the stipulated date or a detention will be issued.

**REPORT CARDS**
Report cards are issued four times per year at the conclusion of each marking period. All parents/guardians are required to come to school for the first report card in November. In April, parents of students in danger of failing must pick up their Report Card. All other report cards will be emailed to parents/guardians at the end of each quarter.

Parents/guardians are required to sign the report card for the second and third marking periods. Students must return the signed report card to their homeroom teachers by the stipulated date. Failure to return a signed report card will result in a detention.

Fourth Quarter - All grades on the fourth quarter report card will reflect the actual number average, e.g., if your average is a 25%, a 25 will appear on the report card.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID**
Scholarships are renewable each year, based upon academic standing, behavior, attendance, and punctuality. Students who do not meet those guidelines may forfeit their scholarship award for the following school year. Families who require financial aid must apply/reapply every year.

**SEMESTER COURSE POLICY**
If a student fails a semester course, she must go to summer school.
STUDENT LIFE

ACCIDENT INSURANCE
The school is responsible only for immediate first aid. The school does not pay any medical or hospital bill incurred as a result of an accident to the pupil at school. The parent/guardian is responsible for the payment of such bills.

Each student is covered by school insurance. Information regarding this insurance plan will be provided during the first week of school. In the case of an accident, no matter how minor, the student should report that accident immediately to the teacher and the School Administration. The student will fill out an Injury Report. In the case of severe accidents or acute illness, emergency medical assistance will be contacted and the parents will be notified immediately.

Legally, the school is not allowed to dispense medication. Students who wear contact lenses should have the necessary solution in their locker. Students who have asthma should carry their inhaler with them at all times.

ASSEMBLIES/CONVOCATIONS
When attending assemblies/convocations, students will show respect and follow the guidelines outlined below.

- Move in a quiet and orderly manner through the halls and into the auditorium/chapel.
- Sit with their assigned class.
- Follow the instructions of the assembly moderators.
- Remain courteous and attentive.
- Cooperate with instructions given for dismissal.
- Dress uniform (skirt or pants and school sweater) are required.

CAFETERIA
Since so many students relax and eat in this area, students are expected to cooperate and follow regulations. Students should stand in a single-file line and wait their turn to be served.

Every student is expected to:

- Be in the cafeteria at the beginning of her assigned lunch period.
- Enter the cafeteria for lunch by the 241st street door (with the exception of students in Grade 12 using the senior staircase).
- Pay for her food – no credit.
- Be polite and courteous to the cafeteria staff.
• Eat in the cafeteria. **No food or drink may be brought to or eaten anywhere outside the cafeteria, in exception for the seniors, who may eat in the senior patio when the weather permits.**
• Keep the table and area around the table clean.
• Place trash in the designated containers.
• Use good table manners.
• Put chairs back in place and clean off the table after eating.
• Recycle bottles and cans.
• Go quietly to class when leaving the cafeteria.

Students may **not:**
• Have lighted candles on birthday cakes.
• Make loud noises or run in the cafeteria area, on the stairs or in the corridor.
• Leave the cafeteria before the bell rings ending the lunch period.
• Bring food or drinks outside the cafeteria.
• Congregate in the stairways or halls.
• Have speakers on phones or IPods or play their video, phones or music on speakers in school.

**CARS**
Student parking is not available on school grounds; therefore, those who drive to school must abide by the city’s parking regulations. Saint Barnabas High School is not responsible for damage to vehicles parked in the school’s parking lot or in the neighborhood.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/HOSPITALIZATION**
Students returning to school after a hospitalization or recovering from a communicable disease must be readmitted by the School Administration. Communicable diseases include German measles, measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever, conjunctivitis (pink eye), and mononucleosis. A copy of the medical release will be attached to the student’s health file.

**COMMUNICATION – KEY TO SUCCESS**
Respect is the basis for all interactions, and communication is valued. It is the policy of the school that the members of the faculty, staff and administration will only meet with the parents and legal guardians of a student. The members of the faculty all have school email addresses, which should be used to communicate with parents and students.
Students, faculty and staff are asked to show respect for each other by using appropriate language and behavior. Obscene or abusive language will not be tolerated. Threatening language or behavior is harassment/bullying and will be grounds for disciplinary action and possible expulsion.

CONDUCT AT EVENTS
A Saint Barnabas student is expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times in and outside of school.

Students are expected to exhibit the proper behavior the school requires at all school events, including athletic competitions, home and at away games. This includes no fighting, no booing or heckling, no throwing or dropping of refuse, and no loitering in the immediate area before or after a game.

Failure to abide by the rules will result in disciplinary action.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
When conflicts, disagreements, etc. arise, students are encouraged to seek help from their teachers, Guidance Counselors, and School Administrators.

CUTTING CLASS/CLASS SUSPENSIONS
Students are expected to be in their classes at all times. If a student cuts a class, the student’s parents will be informed of the incident, a conference will be held with the School Administration, and a disciplinary referral will be issued. Students who cut class receive a zero on any test, project or work due on that day.

If a student is asked to leave a classroom because of inappropriate behavior or lack of class preparation, parents will be contacted by the teacher. Students will receive three days of detention. The teacher, student and Dean of Students will meet to discuss the incident if a student is sent out of class. Should the situation continue, a conference with the School Administration will take place.

DETENTION
Detention takes place from 2:35 to 3:15 p.m. on days assigned by the School Administration. An intercom announcement will be made, and a list posted of those students expected to serve detention. Students will be given an assignment to complete during this time and will be dismissed from detention by the Dean of Students.

A record of student detentions will be compiled by the School Administration and will become a part of the student’s permanent record. Students with excessive detentions will come to school on days
off to serve detention. Students who have two or more hours of detention may not participate in after school sports or activities until they have zero hours of detention. Students must clear all detention hours by the end of each semester. Students may not carry detention hours from first to second semester. Final report cards will not be released if detention hours are not served by June.

**DETENTION PROCEDURES**

**Reporting to Detention:**

- When a teacher gives a student a detention, the white part of the Detention Form will be given to the School Administration and the student will receive the pink copy. Teachers may also take a student’s ID card or order a student to detention.

- The student must submit their copy of the detention slip to the School Administration upon entering the detention room.

**Attendance:**

- Students will be required to serve detention on the day assigned or with special permission from the Dean of Students for a make-up date. If an emergency situation exists, the School Administration will make a determination when the detention will be served.

- Students will receive an additional two days of detention if they fail to serve detention. Should the situation continue, a conference with the School Administration will take place.

**Rules of Detention:**

- Students are expected to report on time to the detention room.

- No phones or electronic devices can be used.

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

To guarantee a good social and educational climate, it is important that students understand that acceptable standards of behavior will be expected at all times. Disciplinary action will be taken when any individual’s actions interfere with the right of teachers to teach and students to learn.

Students are reminded that any teacher or staff member in the school has the right to correct individuals for school violations at any place and at any time. The only real discipline is self-discipline.

Referral of a student to the School Administration is used as a last resort after teachers have exhausted all other appropriate preventive and corrective measures. If a student reaches the level of School Administration, the seriousness of the case will speak for itself. The
case will be dealt with as rapidly, firmly and as fairly as possible. In
many instances, parents/guardians will be contacted.

**DISCIPLINARY PROBATION**
Disciplinary probation will be issued at the discretion of the School
Administration. Students who are placed on probation for excessive
violations of school regulations will not be permitted to participate in
any school-related activities until removal from probation.

**DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS**
Disciplinary Referrals are not used lightly. They are used to document
continued unacceptable behavior. If a student is disruptive or follows a
behavior pattern that is unacceptable, a Disciplinary Referral will be
issued by the School Administration. Copies will be sent to the
parent/guardian, given to the teacher and Guidance Counselor, and filed
in the office. This Disciplinary Referral may include detention,
suspension, loss of privileges, probation or expulsion.

The course of action that will be followed by the School
Administration:

- A meeting will be held with the student.
- A phone call will be made by the School Administration to the
  parent/guardian of the student.
- The School Administration will meet with the parents and
  student after the second Disciplinary Referral is issued.
- The student may be asked to leave the school at the end of the
  semester after the student has received the third disciplinary
  referral.

A student who is involved in truancy, harassment/bullying, physical
fighting, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages or using drugs will be
suspended from classes and her parents will be required to come to
school to meet with the School Administration. A letter recording the
incident and signed by the parents and the student, will be kept on file
and the disciplinary action will be decided at this time. All of these
offenses are also grounds for expulsion, at the discretion of the
Principal.

**DISMISSAL PROCEDURE**
Due to certain situations, a student occasionally may have to leave
school before dismissal. We request that the parent/guardian try to
make medical, dental and business appointments for hours after the
school day or for weekends. When the need arises, the procedure is as
follows:
• A note from the parent/guardian must be brought to the school secretary in the main office before homeroom, the day the student is to leave early. This note should include the reason for leaving, the time and date of dismissal, and the telephone number where the parent/guardian can be reached for verification.

• The student will be issued a Permit to Leave School Form to be approved by all her subject teachers, and return it to the School Secretary. The student will see her teacher(s) and obtain the assignments for the classes she will miss and/or take the scheduled exam.

• Before leaving the school building, the student must sign out in the daily office book. Proof of an appointment will be required upon return to school for an excused absence.

In every instance of leaving early, the student is responsible for completing any exam, missed class assignment or homework. If the reason for leaving early is approved, the teacher will allow a reasonable period of time to complete the work. No student may leave the school without the permission of the School Administration. All students must exit from the main office. Any student who does leave without permission will receive a disciplinary referral and her parents will be notified.

**DRESS CODE**
All students must be in compliance with the proper dress code at all times. Students must be in complete uniform before leaving the cafeteria in the morning. When entering homeroom in the morning, students must already be in full uniform. They may not change in homeroom. For complete and proper Saint Barnabas dress code, see the section on Uniforms.

**DRESS DOWN DAYS**
Occasionally students have an opportunity to dress down. Students must dress appropriately if they would like to participate in this privilege.

Appropriate attire includes the following:
1. jeans (no rips)  
2. Shirts  
3. Sneakers  
4. Skirts  
5. Sweatshirts  
6. Warm-up suits
The following **may not** be worn on dress down days:

1. Shorts  
2. Bare midriffs  
3. Halters  
4. Tank tops  
5. Head coverings  
6. Plunging necklines  
7. Flip-flops/beach shoes  
8. Yoga pants  
9. Short/tight fitting skirts/dresses  
10. Tight blouses/shirts/sweaters  
11. Tight pants including spandex  
12. High-heeled shoes  
13. Off the shoulder blouses  
14. Offensive/obscene language on clothes  
15. Cut or ripped jeans  
16. Leggings

If a student wears inappropriate attire, disciplinary action will be taken. Students may be required to dress in a school uniform that is available in the Dean of Students Office. All decisions regarding the appropriateness of attire are left to the discretion of the School Administration. Students may be sent home if the School Administration deems that they are in violation of the school's dress code.

**DRUGS/ALCOHOL**

A student who is involved in drinking alcoholic beverages or using drugs will be suspended from classes and her parents/guardians will be required to come to school to meet with the School Administration. A letter recording the incident and signed by the parents/guardians and the student will be kept on file and the disciplinary action will be decided at this time. A condition for the student’s return to school will be enrollment in a rehabilitation program. Any student involved in the selling of drugs will be expelled.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The use of cellular phones, iPods/iPads, digital cameras or recorders, laser pointers, radios, and boom boxes is prohibited during school hours, with the exception of those occasions where teachers instruct students to utilize electronic devices for instructional purposes. If an electronic device is seen or heard during school hours it will be confiscated. After the first offense, the item will only be released to a parent/guardian. Under no circumstances will a confiscated device be released to a sibling, other relative, etc. Before or after school hours and during lunch, electronic devices may be used only in the cafeteria. Electronic devices may never be used at any time in the restrooms or school corridors.

Students may not charge their cell phones in the classrooms, cafeterias or hallways.
EXPULSION
At the discretion of the Principal, a student may be dismissed from Saint Barnabas High School for:

- Repeated violations of school directives
- Excessive absence and/or lateness
- Unacceptable behavior of a serious nature
- Using and/or selling drugs or alcohol
- Failing three or more subjects in June

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Many extracurricular activities are available to Saint Barnabas students. The Student Council permits leadership skills to be fostered, while numerous clubs provide an avenue for the students to explore their ethnic heritage. The National Honor Society recognizes academic achievements. Those with athletic interests enjoy seasonal sports teams. Students are encouraged to become active members of clubs.

### Clubs and Activities
- Italian Club
- Choir
- Ambassadors
- Immaculata Yearbook
- Computer Club
- Chess
- Math Club
- Student Council
- Nubian Pride
- Environmental Club
- Dance
- The Chronicle
- Newspaper
- La Casa Latina
- Film/Drama
- Diversity Alliance
- Literary Magazine
- Christian Leaders
- English/Spanish/ National Honor Societies

### Athletics
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Softball

FINANCES
- All tuition inquiries will be handled at the School Office by the Business Secretary.
- All tuition and fees must be up to date or the student may not attend classes. Transcripts, diplomas and report cards are withheld for non-payment of financial responsibilities.
- Students may not participate in graduation and other senior activities if financial obligations have not been addressed.
- The Registration and General Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Only cash or money orders will be accepted after June 1 for the current year’s tuition.
Students requesting financial aid must file the appropriate materials with Smart Aid by the due date. Failure to reapply by the appropriate time each year can result in the loss of aid for the following school year. Students who receive financial aid must maintain good academic, behavior and attendance requirements as determined by the school administration. Students with financial aid must also participate in a work study program at the school. Failure to maintain the above criteria can result in the loss of aid for the current school year and future years.

**FIGHTING**
A student who causes or participates in a physical fight either in school or on her way to or from school is subject to immediate suspension and possible expulsion. Both parents/guardians and the student involved must attend a conference with the School Administration to determine the final action. Students may be required to attend anger management sessions in order to continue at Saint Barnabas.

**HARASSMENT/BULLYING**
Harassment/Bullying is a serious issue and is not tolerated at Saint Barnabas High School. Any student who uses physical and/or verbal methods or technology to annoy, tease, embarrass or intimidate another student on a regular basis is guilty of harassment/bullying. Any student guilty of harassment/bullying will meet with the School Administration who will determine the next course of action. If the situation warrants, the parents/guardians will be required to attend a meeting with the School Administration. The student could be subject to suspension and possible expulsion.

Harassment/bullying that takes place between students outside of school affects behavior in school. This includes internet bullying. Any student who causes another student to feel unsafe in school or on the way to/from school will be dealt with in the same manner outlined above.

**HEALTH FORMS**
All new students must have a completed Medical Report Form before admission to class. New York State and City laws require that a TB test and an immunization record be included on this medical form. Disciplinary action will be taken if the form is not returned by the scheduled due date to the school’s Health Coordinator.
**HOMEROOM**
Each student is assigned to a homeroom class. It is expected that all students will:

- Report to homeroom on time and in full uniform.
- Go to their locker and get their books.
- Stand for prayers and be respectful during Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Be seated and quiet while attendance is taken and attentive to announcements made over the public address system.

Students are not allowed to leave homeroom except with special permission from the homeroom teacher.

**ID CARDS**
An identification card is issued to each student at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to carry their ID card with them at all times. Failure to present the card when asked will be considered a serious offense and will result in detention. ID cards are never to be loaned to anyone for any reason. These cards are school identification and must be surrendered upon termination of the student’s enrollment. If the ID card is lost, the student will be charged for the replacement.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS**
Fire drills are necessary for the safety of the students and faculty. Everyone should be familiar with the specific directions for reaching a point of safety from every area of the building. For emergency drills, the information is posted near the door in each room. At times special instructions may be announced over the loud speaker (PA system).

Lockdown drills are practiced in the event an intruder should enter the school building. Via a pre-arranged code, students and faculty are alerted to seek positions of safety throughout the building.

**FIELD TRIPS**
Educational field trips are planned in advance and approved by the School Administration. Students are required to take home a Field Trip Permission Form that must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the teacher.

**IMPORTANT**: Parental permission forms are required for each school field trip. If a student forgets to bring the form home, a parent/guardian must copy the proper form and fill in the appropriate date and place. No other form or note will be acceptable.
Students who fail to submit a proper form will not be allowed to participate in the field trip. Telephone calls will not be accepted in place of the proper form.

The trip registration and payment are handled through the subject teacher or in the homeroom. The type of trip determines the dress code. Students must always be dressed and behave appropriately- no ripped jeans are allowed. Proper attire and behavior are expected of all.

Field trips are privileges afforded to students. No student has an absolute right to a field trip. Students can be denied participation, if they fail to meet academic or discipline requirements. Students who receive financial aid are ineligible to participate in long-term school trips over school vacation periods.

FLOWERS, GIFTS, ETC.
The school does not accept flowers, gifts, etc. for students.

GENERAL RULES FOR EMERGENCY DRILLS

- Students will close windows. The last student out of the room will turn off all the lights and close the classroom door.

- In silence, students will follow designated exit instructions, keep in single file, walk not run, and proceed to a distance approximately 100 feet from the point of exit, turn and await the signal to return to class.

- Each teacher will accompany the class to the designated area to wait for the signal to return. The teacher will take attendance once the group has reached its proper distance from the building.

- When the all-clear is sounded, everyone will return to their classrooms in the same orderly fashion, maintaining silence, until an intercom announcement signals the end of the drill.

NOTE: Emergency drills are important, and are serious exercises, which may save lives. All students are expected to act accordingly. The entire building must be evacuated during an emergency drill.

ILLNESS DURING THE DAY
Any student who becomes ill during the school day must:

- Report to her subject class teacher, who may send her to the Main Office.
• The student’s condition will be evaluated, and a phone call placed to the parent/guardian who will determine if the student returns to class or should be sent home.

• The student will be given a form for each of her teachers to sign indicating work missed during her time of illness.

If a student is too ill to return to class:

• The office will notify the parent/guardian.

• Parent/guardian will arrange for their daughter’s transportation home.

• The student will sign-out in the Main Office.

• The student will call school and the parent/guardian when she arrives home if not picked up by the parent at the school office.

If it is necessary for a student to take any form of medication at school, a signed note from a parent must be submitted to the School Administration. Medications will be kept in the Main Office.

**INJURIES (See Medical Information)**

**LATENESS**
Any student who is late for school must obtain a late pass from the Main Office immediately upon entering school, and then present it to the class teacher. A detention for lateness to school will be issued to the student after the third lateness. After six lateness events, the parent will be notified by a letter from the Dean of Students. Additional incidents of being late to school may result in loss of credit, suspension or disciplinary probation. Seniors with a pattern of lateness may forfeit their right to early dismissal.

**LATE TO CLASS**
Any student late for class will be issued a detention from the classroom teacher.

**LATE TO SCHOOL**
Any student leaving before E period or arriving after D period will be considered absent for the day. If a student will be late, the parent must call the Main Office to report her lateness before 7:30 a.m. A detention for lateness to school will be issued to the student after the third lateness. Students with excessive lateness and/or absences will be placed on probation and suspended.
LITURGIES
Special Masses and Prayer Services are planned throughout the year for the total student body. A reverent atmosphere is expected. The goal of religious education and these prayer experiences is to help the student appreciate her Catholic faith, personally and as a member of the church community. Non-Catholic students are expected to attend these liturgies, behave respectfully at all times, and participate as appropriate.

LOCKERS/LOCKS
Students are assigned a classroom locker for books and personal belongings. Only the combination lock provided by the school may be used to secure this locker. Lockers must always be locked when not in use. Students cannot give the combination to anyone else. The school is not responsible for personal belongings that are not properly cared for by the student if the locker is left unlocked.

LOST AND FOUND
Any student who finds a lost or misplaced article should take it to the Main Office immediately. Students looking for lost possessions should check in Lost and Found in Room 102.

Each student should have her name written in all her belongings: gym clothes, textbooks, etc.

Students may go to their lockers before homeroom, before lunch, and at dismissal. The lockers and locks are the property of the school. There should be no expectation of privacy in school lockers.

MEDICAL INFORMATION
Good health is a prerequisite to learning. As a matter of fact, good health is essential to most successful activities. All students must have updated medical information on file at the school. All students must provide the necessary proof of immunizations required by New York in order to attend classes. Students may be kept from attending classes, sports and physical education if they do not have the appropriate medical information on file.

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
It is the responsibility of the parents to provide transportation and further care of the student if the student becomes ill or injured on school property. A student may not be sent home without parental approval and no student may drive when excused for medical reasons unless parental consent has been given. If an ambulance is called for a student, the parent/guardian is responsible for any costs associated with the ambulance and emergency care.
**RECORDING DEVICES**
It is illegal to record a speaker without permission. No student is to have in her possession any type of recording device while in school without the permission of the School Administration. Any unapproved item will be confiscated and held by the Administrators. These items will be returned to the parent/guardian only.

**SCHOOL BUILDING/PROPERTY**
Each student is expected to cooperate in maintaining cleanliness in all areas inside and outside the school building. Chewing gum is not permitted in the building. Graffiti and other damage to any part of the school premises are serious violations, subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion. Students are financially liable for all accidental or deliberate damage they may cause.

Asbestos is a fireproofing material found in floor tiles, and is used as an acoustical material to deaden sound. Saint Barnabas High School is inspected annually by an environmental engineer to ensure that all building materials are safe and in good condition for students and staff.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**
Prior to participating in any sports programs, including tryouts and practices, students are required to have a physical. Medical approval of participation must be submitted to the Athletic Director.

**SCHOOL CLOSING**
If school is not in session or is delayed because of severe weather conditions or another emergency, this information will be communicated to school families through the IRIS alert telephone/e-mail system and on the school website.

**SENIOR PRIVILEGES**
Senior privileges are given to the graduating class by the School Administration in recognition of their Senior class status. Misuse will result in forfeiting Senior privileges.

**SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE**
The school building is officially open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. most days. Classes are in session from 8:05 a.m. until 2:29 p.m. No student may leave the building without permission during the school day. Students may only remain in the school building or on school property when they are participating in a supervised after school activity. All other students are required to leave the building at dismissal time.
SECURITY
Students, faculty and staff do not open the school doors to anyone. Visitors should enter the school by the main doors on 240th Street and go directly to the Main Office.

If a stranger is sighted in the building, report this to a teacher immediately. The stranger should be directed/escorted to the Main Office.

In any emergency, contact the Main Office.

No student may remain in a classroom or any area of the building unless supervised by a faculty member or an adult.

SERVICE PROGRAM
Service builds character, fosters a heightened awareness of the need for charity in our world, and establishes in the soul of a teenager the resolution to help build up the kingdom of God. The Saint Barnabas High School Service program is an integral part of each student’s education and faith formation. It is also a requirement for graduation.

For these reasons, each student at Saint Barnabas High School will perform at least fifteen hours of community service during each school year. In order to graduate from Saint Barnabas High School, a student must complete a total of 60 hours of community service.

A student cannot be paid or compensated for service hours and must provide service to a non-profit organization. A non-profit organization (NPO) is an organization or charity that operates for the good of the community, not to generate a profit. Examples of this are parishes, churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, libraries, community gardens, soup or pantry kitchens, community centers, after school programs, etc.

Service does not include babysitting for family, helping out at home or at a parent’s place of business – even if there is no monetary compensation. In addition to participation with a non-profit organization, participation in various walks for charitable organizations will be considered acceptable service.

A list of some NPO organizations will be given to each student at the beginning of the school year. This list will offer some suggestions as to where students can serve. A log sheet will also be given to each student. The student must keep a record of where she serves, and what she does. This paper must be handed in to the Service Director on the date designated in the school calendar.
Please note that each student is responsible for seeking the approval of the Community Service Director before she begins a service project. If a student serves at an unapproved organization or at home, the hours will not count.

Students who fail to complete all their hours for a given year should be aware of the following consequences:

- They will have their religion grade for the fourth quarter substantially reduced by five points for that marking period.
- Service hours missing from one year will be carried over into the following year. In other words, students will be responsible for making up the hours missing from the previous year.

It is our hope that each student will realize that service is a lifelong commitment, and that she will want to continue to be of service to others in order to make the world a better place.

**SMOKING**

Students represent Saint Barnabas High School when in school uniform.

Saint Barnabas High School is a smoke-free school in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of New York. In the interest of the good health of the entire student body, of fire prevention, and in compliance with New York City code, smoking is prohibited in the school building and anywhere visible in the community. Violations will result in disciplinary action.

The following procedure will be adhered to if a student is found smoking in school or on school grounds.

- The student will call her parent/guardian immediately and inform them of the incident.
- The student will be suspended from classes and her parent/guardian will be required to come to school to meet with the School Administration.
- The student will receive a disciplinary referral and serve detention.
- A letter of probation will be placed in the student’s file.

**SUSPENSION**

Students who are asked to leave a classroom because of inappropriate behavior or lack of class preparation will report to the Main Office,
complete the Suspension from Class Form, and receive three detentions. Parents will be contacted by the teacher if a student has been removed from a class. Should the situation continue, parents will be contacted by the School Administration.

Students may be suspended from school only by the School Administration for failure to meet tuition payments, harassment, fighting, and other serious violations of school policy.

If a student is suspended from school, she is required to complete her school work and return it to school according to the directives given.

**TELEPHONE MESSAGES**

Telephone messages and students calling home are not permitted unless there is an emergency. If necessary, students must ask for permission to use the school telephone in the Main Office.

**THEFT**

Stealing is regarded as a serious offense. Any student found involved in theft is subject to expulsion.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Students using transportation provided by the public school district, as well as students using public transportation in general, are representing Saint Barnabas High School at all times. It is expected that students comply with the rules and regulations of transportation vehicles, and conduct themselves in an orderly and ladylike fashion at all times. There should be **no smoking, pushing, loud discussions, yelling or foul language**. If trouble is encountered on public transportation, report the incident to the office immediately.

Metro Cards (bus and train passes) are distributed to eligible students who reside in the Bronx through the Main Office. Students must live 1½ miles from the school to qualify. The parents of students who reside in Yonkers must make an appointment with the Yonkers Board of Education Transportation Department, and must file all applications yearly. Yonkers residents are given the option of choosing either a bus pass or a yellow school bus.

Discount Student Beeline Bus passes may be available from the school office. Students must sign up for this program and must pay the appropriate fee for the pass.

Discount Metro North student passes are available from mta.com.
TRIPS
Students may participate in school trips/activities if they have the approval of the School Administration, are not on academic or behavioral probation, and permission slip information has been received. Students who receive financial aid from the school are ineligible to participate in school sponsored overnight trips during school vacation periods.

TRUANCY
Truancy is defined as being absent from school without a parent’s/guardian’s knowledge. Any student who is found to be truant will be suspended for two days. The student may not return to school unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. Disciplinary action will follow such conduct. A disciplinary referral will be placed in the student’s file. The student will also serve one week of detention.

UNIFORMS
Students are required to be in proper and full uniform every day that they report to school for any reason. Uniforms may be purchased through Lu-Dels at (914) 969-2664.

The school uniform is a gray skirt with green polo shirt and school sweater. All students must own a school uniform cardigan for dress uniform. Students may wear black uniform pants in place of the gray skirt. The uniform skort must fit correctly or will need to be replaced. Students are no longer allowed to purchase the skort as part of the uniform. If it needs to be replaced you must purchase a uniform skirt or uniform slacks.

Headbands must be solid in color, gray, black, white or green and no more than three inches wide. No other color or print headbands may be worn. No head coverings, hats or crowns may be worn.

Hair should be one natural color. Streaking, shaved heads, mohawks, or weaves of a different color are not permitted. Any student who violates this rule will be suspended until an appropriate hair color is restored. All decisions regarding acceptability of hair coloring and style rest with the School Administration.

Tights, pantyhose or knee high socks in solid black, white, flesh color, green or gray may be worn. Pantyhose or socks must be worn at all times. Leggings and two tone socks are not permitted.

School shoes must be solid black leather or suede with low heels (no sneakers, canvas shoes, Toms, boots, moccasins, slippers or flip flops are allowed in the building at anytime, even before homeroom). They must be kept clean and shined at all times. Laced shoes must be tied at
all times. The options for black shoes are ballet flats, Mary Janes, Hush Puppies, slip-ons below the ankle.

Only a plain, black belt may be worn with uniform pants, no large buckles are allowed.

Jewelry should be worn in moderation. No large hoop earrings are allowed. No tattooing or body piercing of any type is permitted. This includes nose, eyebrow and lip piercings. All decisions regarding acceptable appearance rest with the School Administration and are final.

All students are required to wear the school uniform correctly. Each student is requested to put her name on labels in the clothing for identification purposes. All parts of the uniform must be clean and well pressed at all times. Skirts may not be more than two inches above the knee. They may not be too short, too tight or rolled up.

Students may wear uniform pants in place of the skirt provided the pants have the school emblem and are purchased from the uniform company. Final determination of appropriate uniform is determined by the School Administration.

During inclement weather, leggings may be worn to school. Students will change immediately upon arrival at school since leggings are not permitted in class or homeroom.

If for any valid reason the uniform cannot be worn, the student is expected to wear appropriate attire and obtain a uniform pass from the Dean of Students before reporting to homeroom. A note from a parent or guardian explaining why the uniform was not worn is required. Under no circumstances may jeans be substituted for a skirt or slacks.

Students are required to have a gym uniform; however, the gym uniform may not be worn to school. Students must bring their uniforms for physical education and change before and after physical education class.

Uniform violations include, but are not limited to:

- Colored shirts under the school blouse
- Wearing sneakers outside Physical Education class
- Sandals - especially flip-flops or beach shoes, boots, platform or backless shoes
- High heels, leisure wear shoes, moccasins or canvas shoes
• Jeans with rips
• Yoga pants
• Leggings, long johns, multi-colored socks
• Hats, scarves, or head coverings
• Large/thick neck chains of any type and large, dangling earrings
• Shorts hanging below the skirt
• Socks or stockings with designs
• Netted stockings
• Excessive jewelry and/or make-up

Leather coats and jackets should not be worn to school. The school is not liable for lost personal or stolen items.

Due to fads and changes in style, any attire that is unacceptable will be announced to the students. All decisions regarding appropriateness of attire are left to the discretion of the School Administration.

**USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS**
In the morning, students are expected to remain in the cafeteria until 8:10 a.m., and are expected to leave the school at dismissal in a timely manner unless they are engaged in a supervised after-school activity. All students remaining after school are required to be in a supervised area. Students not participating in a supervised after school activity are required to report to the office to wait for a parent or guardian pickup. Students are not allowed to remain in the building or on the grounds without appropriate staff supervision. Students are not permitted in the park on 241st and McLean Ave. Students may not have guests on school grounds or in the school building.

**VALEDICTORIAN**
Valedictorian and salutatorian are the highest honors bestowed at graduation. To be eligible for consideration for these honors, a student must have been in attendance at Saint Barnabas High School for 4.5 semesters, be an active member of the National Honor Society, be in “good standing” with the Dean of Student’s Office and have a record of active participation in the school’s extra-curricular activities. A point system including grades, extra-curricular activities and community service will be utilized in the student selection process.
**VANDALISM**
Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or damages. If students willfully destroy school property, suspension and subsequent expulsion may be necessary. If something is damaged by accident, report it to a teacher or the office immediately.

**VISITORS**
School policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business to attend to at the school. Visitors and guests must register in the Main Office immediately upon entering the building. All visitors must use the 240th Street Main Office entrance of the school. Students may not have visitors on school grounds or in the school.

Parents must call the office to schedule an appointment with the School Administrators, teachers, or counselors. All parents must register in the Main Office when they enter the school.

**THE PRINCIPAL RETAINS THE RIGHT TO AMEND THIS AGENDA BOOK FOR JUST CAUSE. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE GIVEN PROMPT NOTIFICATION IF CHANGES ARE MADE.**
ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT

Once students have met the necessary admission requirements and have been accepted into Saint Barnabas High School, the school warmly welcomes these students for the coming school year and will strive to provide them with a solid Catholic spiritual and academic education in a supportive learning environment. Students and parents must always be mindful that attendance at Saint Barnabas High School is by invitation. It is not a “right” because this is a private school. Admission to and continued enrollment in this school include responsibilities regarding conduct, both inside and outside the classroom and school, and students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to be a credit both to themselves and to their school.

In order to protect its standards of scholarship, discipline and character, Saint Barnabas High School reserves the right, and students and parents or guardians concede to the school the right to require the withdrawal of any student at any time, for any reason deemed sufficient at the sole discretion of the school and its administrators. By the student’s attendance at the school, a student and his or her parents or guardians acknowledge the important obligations and restrictions contained in this handbook and agree to be bound by the terms of this handbook. Students attending Saint Barnabas High School relinquish certain rights they might otherwise be entitled to if they were attending a public school. For example, a student’s freedom of speech is limited in many important respects here at our school. Speech, either written or oral, contrary to the Roman Catholic faith, the teachings of the Church or the directives of the local Bishop or Ordinary is prohibited, as is any other speech which is contrary or disruptive to the philosophy and purposes of our school.

Another important right all students at Saint Barnabas High School surrender involves searches and seizures. School Administrators may search a student’s person and belongings if there is a reasonable belief, in the sole opinion of the School Administrator, that contraband, illegal substances or inappropriate objects are being concealed. Any unauthorized items found may be seized. Additionally, student desks and lockers, which are at all times under the joint control of the school and the student to whom the desk or locker has been assigned, may be searched by School Administrators at any time. Students should have absolutely no expectation of privacy with regard to any item in their desks or lockers.
Another important right that a student and her parents or guardians relinquish when they decide to have a student attend this school is the right to sue the school, the parish or the Archdiocese of New York, and/or any individuals acting on behalf of the school, such as the school administrators, teachers, staff or any of their agents for any matter relating to academic or disciplinary decisions or other matters covered within this handbook. Each student and her parents or guardians, by their acceptance at Saint Barnabas High School agree to and accept the school’s rule and policy that students, parents and guardians may not bring any civil action in any local, state or federal court or in any administrative agency or body to challenge any school decision on academic or disciplinary matters, including any decision relating to the rules, regulations, procedures or programs covered within this handbook. Students and parents or guardians agree that any challenge to any school academic or disciplinary action or relating to the rules, regulations, procedures or programs covered in this handbook may only be challenged or appealed within the hierarchy of the school, subject to the limitations contained in this handbook. This includes any decision relating to a student’s enrollment at the school or termination of that enrollment.

While any student and her parents or guardians are of course free to consult with legal counsel regarding any school decision taken with respect to a student, the school emphasizes that students and parents or guardians are not permitted to have legal counsel present during any meetings with School Administrators. School Administrators are not obligated to meet with legal counsel at any time.

There are several grounds for disciplinary action or expulsion set forth in the “Discipline” section of this handbook. It should be noted, however, that any listing of prohibited conduct is set forth by way of example only and to provide guidance to the student and her parents or guardians. It is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of improper conduct or resultant disciplinary action.

In the exercise of their educational responsibilities, the Administration and staff of Saint Barnabas High School function in loco parentis in their contact with students. Should a situation arise where parental attitude or actions interfere with or compromise the ability of the school to perform its educational mission effectively, the parent will be asked to remove the student from the school.