



**SANTIAM CHRISTIAN
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**

Parent/Student HANDBOOK

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EAGLE PRIDE

Santiam Christian has achieved a proud tradition and we want you to share in that pride and positive spirit which exists here. We have established high academic and citizenship standards, so that you can reach your full potential. When you leave Santiam, we want you to feel that you have made an investment in a good, solid education, and that with God's help you can face the future.

SCHOOL SCRIPTURE

THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD WILL GAIN NEW STRENGTH; THEY WILL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GET TIRED, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BECOME WEARY. Isaiah 40:31 NASB

SCHOOL COLORS:

RED and WHITE (Black is used as an accent color)

SCHOOL MASCOT:

THE EAGLE

SCHOOL SONG

Santiam Christian - we're proud of you.
To red and white our hearts will be true.
 Vic-tor-y will be our aim,
Go mighty Eagles - WIN THIS GAME!

We've got the spirit, we've got the team.
Victory and honor, that is our theme.
 To S. C. we'll all be true,
Yes Eagles, we're proud of you!

SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Through the years ahead,
 we will remember.
 Learning, sharing,
 as Eagles we fly.
 Onward, upward,
 with Jesus we'll conquer.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
 Santiam Christian High.

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Welcome

Welcome to Santiam Christian School. It is our desire to provide you with information that will help you to understand the policies and procedures by which we function. Therefore, it is expected that parents and students read and understand the contents of this handbook. Referring to this handbook when you have a question will most often provide you with the answer. However, if you need clarification or further help, please contact the school office and they will be glad to assist you.

We expect good things from you. If you expect those same good things from yourself, you are bound to succeed personally and academically as well as help make Santiam Christian a better place for everyone.

OUR PURPOSE

Santiam Christian Junior and Senior High School is dedicated to the task of providing a distinctively Christian academic environment for its students. A Christian School is more than just adding Bible or religion classes to a regular school curriculum. It is a totally different concept of education. The emphasis is on the fact that all knowledge and truth is Divine in origin and must be taught within the context of continual recognition of that Divine origin. Therefore, it is our desire to help students grow personally in their relationship with the Lord, their peers and with those in authority. To this end, Santiam Christian has the following statement of mission:

MISSION STATEMENT: Santiam Christian School exists to assist parents in the Christian training of their children by providing a Christ-centered, academic environment that encourages the development of a Christian world-view emphasizing academic excellence, Christian character, responsible citizenship, and service to others.

Like any other institution having its own special purpose, Santiam Christian must maintain conditions conducive to the effective performance of its function. Therefore, the school does have special expectations regarding the conduct of its students and teachers. Conduct which distracts from or interferes with the purpose of the school is not acceptable.

Admission to Santiam Christian carries with it the assumption that students will conduct themselves as responsible members of the Christian community. Students affirm this when they sign the Santiam Christian application form and the yearly renewal form. In order to provide students a full understanding of the standards that will enable the school to maintain conditions conducive to the effective performance of its goal and functions, this student handbook is published and revised biannually.

All school rules apply on all field trips and on all school-sponsored events both on the school campus and away from the school campus.

The school reserves the right to modify and amplify the standards and dates set forth in the Student Handbook and to use its discretion in the interpretation and enforcement of all ideals and standards of conduct. *The School Administration also reserves the right to require any student to withdraw who is considered to be out of harmony with the goals and the spirit of Santiam*

Christian School.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Santiam Christian School was founded on the following Statement of Faith and is subscribed to by our School Board members, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21).

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).

We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace, through faith, are we saved (John 3:16-21, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of life, and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29).

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Santiam Christian School is operated by Santiam Christian Schools, Inc., an inter-denominational, nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon. The schools are parent-sponsored and governed by an elected Board of twelve members. They set policy and direct the schools according to the prescribed constitution.

ACCREDITATION

Santiam Christian High School is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and meets the requirements for graduation of the Oregon State Department of Education. Acceptance by the Oregon University System guarantees that Santiam Christian's graduates will have full access to the college and/or university of their choice.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Santiam Christian Schools admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL POSITION

Our Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and teach. We also recognize that there are specific doctrinal areas that are unique to the varied denominations making up our parent body. Since it is our desire to maintain a non-denominational position, it is necessary that we remind faculty, staff, parents, and students, that in the following areas there are differences of opinion among Christian believers:

- Styles of church government, authority, and discipline
- Time and mode of water baptism
- Security of the believer
- Timing of future events
- Second work of grace - baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Sinless perfection
- Gifts of the Spirit, i.e., tongues, interpretation of tongues, etc.

In honoring this desire concerning the purpose and outreach of the school, there shall be no attempt by student, teacher, or parent to promote a specific denominational position as the "correct" or "only" position a believer can have. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, thus avoiding the dissension which may be caused by denominational distinctives.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

It is important that in all areas, we strive to follow Biblical guidelines. Conflict resolution is one area where we are all tempted to circumvent Biblical guidelines and discuss an offense or conflict with others, rather than with the person with whom we are in conflict, or who has offended us.

In a school setting, you can be sure that conflict or offense will come. Teachers can be defensive about their classroom practice. Parents can be defensive about their children and their behavior. In every situation, it is critical for teachers, parents, and students to remember that, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." (I Cor. 13)

It may seem surprising, but it is possible to honor God and one another if we handle conflicts in a manner that honors God and one another. In fact, the way we handle conflicts or offenses will either be a great example to others, or a poor one, depending on how we respond.

The Amplified Bible, in Proverbs 19:11, addresses this topic, "Good sense makes a man restrain his anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression or an offense." The best choice, when offended or angry, is to forgive the offense and to overlook it. (To forgive is stop

being angry and, in a sense, to “put it away.”) Love believes the best. Perhaps there is information of which we are not aware.

If we are unable to overlook the offense because it is simply bothering us too much, then, as a school community, we will make every effort to live in peace with all men (Rom. 12:18) by following the guidelines below, as outlined in Matthew 18:15-20:

- Matters of concern should first be handled directly with the individual(s) involved in the offense or conflict. Please do not involve other parties. Speak directly to the party involved, believing the best. In the majority of cases, this resolves the issue and peace is restored.
- If you do not feel the issue has been resolved after talking directly with the other party, please take a trusted friend or school staff member with you to discuss the matter with the other party. Hopefully, this will bring the necessary resolution.
- Discuss the issue with the building principal, or the other party’s direct supervisor, if the above steps have not brought resolution, and ask for their help in resolving the issue.
- Please contact the Superintendent for assistance in resolving the matter, if, **after following all three steps above**, the issue has still not been resolved.
- If, after following all steps above, the issue is still not resolved, please contact the board chairman for assistance with the resolution of the issue.
- When all the options above have been exhausted, and the conflict remains, external mediation maybe sought through steps suggested by the Christian Legal Society.

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

Santiam Christian School’s educational mission involves working with the home in the overall Christian education of students. On occasion this cooperation between the school and home may become difficult. To avoid such situations, the school requires parents enrolling their children, or to maintain enrollment, to affirmatively support and cooperate with the school. As a parent:

I agree to support the school with my prayers and with a positive attitude. Complaints or negative comments will be shared only with the teacher, administrator, or person involved and not with my child or other people, following the Matthew 18 principle.

I understand that enrollment of children in Santiam Christian School is a privilege, not a right. Parents must understand that continued enrollment and re-enrollment of their children is dependent on their support of the school, it’s staff, and it’s policies.

ATTITUDES AND LANGUAGE

ATTITUDE

The Bible has much to say about the believer's mental attitude and its effect upon speech and actions. All observant Christians are well aware of the prevalence of non-Christian attitudes and resulting actions displayed throughout our society. These attitudes and actions often have a very powerful influence in the lives of Christian people.

Scornful and scoffing attitudes and behavior should never characterize one of God's people (Ps. 1:1). Such behavior is generally manifested by expressions of contempt, disobedience, pride, haughtiness, a disregard for those in authority and, the most serious, a disregard for the counsel of God's Word.

Scorners and scoffers generally agitate one person against another and stir dissension and cause trouble wherever they go. God tells us that when such ones continue to exhibit these attitudes and behavior with no evidence of a repentant spirit, these ones are to be excluded from the rest of the Body of Christ (Proverbs 13:1, 22:10, 29:8).

LANGUAGE

In a society where cruel and profane language has become the norm, it is imperative that the Christian school, home, and church unite in promoting Christ-like character and attitudes toward appropriate speech.

Speech is the main way ideas are communicated.. Christian's speech should be kind, gentle, considerate and coherent. Profanity, swearing, vulgar language, gossip, filthy words, and unkind words proceed from an unclean heart and grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Students, staff, and parents are to use wholesome language that is *edifying and encouraging* (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4

School Operations

SCHOOL HOURS

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The school buildings are open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Since the buildings will be closed at 3:30 p.m., students in extracurricular activities will need to make arrangements accordingly.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Santiam Christian uses an eight (8) period day with a class time of 46 minutes per class. Passing time between classes is four (4) minutes in length. A modified schedule is used for chapel days.

Adjustments in regular schedule times will be communicated to the students through the *Daily Announcements*.

Period	Regular Schedule	Period	Chapel Schedule
1st	8:05 8:51	1st	8:05 8:45
2nd	8:55 9:41	2nd	8:49 9:29
3rd	9:45 10:31	Chapel	9:33 10:42
4th	10:35 11:21	3rd	10:46 11:26
5A HS Class	11:25 12:11	4A HS Class	11:30 12:10
JH Lunch	11:21 12:01	JH Lunch	11:26 12:10
5B, JH Class	12:05 12:51	4B, JH Class	12:14 12:54
HS Lunch	12:11 12:51	HS Lunch	12:10 12:54
6th	12:55 1:41	5th	12:58 1:38
7th	1:45 2:31	6th	1:42 2:22

8th	2:35	3:06	7th	2:26	3:06
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CLOSED CAMPUS

Lunch off campus is only permissible when accompanied by a parent, teacher or other adult with parental and building principal approval. Parents may NOT give permission for a group of students to leave campus to have lunch together.

Santiam Christian is a closed campus. Students who need to leave the school grounds for any reason, including illness, must check out in the school office. Leaving campus for any reason requires parent permission *in advance of leaving*. Any exceptions to this policy require administrative approval. Those who fail to check out may be considered skipping class or truant.

PHONES

TELEPHONES: The copy room/office phone may be used by students if needed to call a parent or guardian because of illness or other school related business. If the school is responsible for an inconvenience (such as athletic schedule changes, etc.), the students will be permitted to call parents or car-pool people via the office phones.

Students will be given phone messages from parents. **Students will not be called out of class except in cases of EXTREME emergencies.**

CELL PHONES: *Cell phones or pagers are to be turned off while a student is in class.* Disruption of the class through failure to comply with this guideline will result in loss of the phone and/or the privilege of using cell phones or pagers on campus. See Cell Phones, page 32.

LUNCH

Students may either bring lunches from home or purchase hot food items through the Eagle's Nest. Other special items are occasionally sold by classes or clubs to raise money for activities. Beverages, such as milk, soft drinks, fruit juices, etc., are also available through the Eagle's Nest and Student Store. Purchases in the Eagle's Nest will be with a pre-purchased lunch ticket instead of cash. Tickets will be available in the business office before school and during lunch.

In addition to the cafeteria, junior high and high school students are permitted to eat outside as long as the grounds remain litter free. No eating is allowed in the hallways or lobby during lunch. Eating may be permitted in the classroom when teacher supervision is available.

TRANSPORTATION

Automobiles: Students are permitted to drive motor vehicles onto the campus and to use the

parking spaces designated for students. Students who drive motor vehicles on campus have the following responsibilities:

Students driving students: In order for students to leave campus together **during school time** and ride with another student (non-sibling), the SC office must have prior written parent permission from **BOTH** the student DRIVER's parents and the student RIDER'S parents expressing clear understanding who the driver and rider are. **No exceptions.**

1. Students **MUST** register vehicles and obtain a free permit from the school office. Registration makes it possible to locate an owner in an emergency situation.

2. The student parking lot has been provided for your convenience. **You may park ONLY in the WEST parking lot. NO STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO LOITER IN THE PARKING LOT OR SIT IN CARS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY!** Students **MUST** check-in at the office before going to the parking lot.

3. Parking Enforcement. Failure to abide by the directives, **or secure a permit**, will result in the following:

- A. First offenseVerbal warning
- B. Second offense\$5.00 fine
- C. Third offense\$10.00 fine
- D. Fourth offenseVehicle towed at drivers expense, plus administrative action

4. While driving to and from campus, student drivers are a representative of Santiam Christian. Safety concerns, speeding, and other driving violations which are reported to the office shall be discussed with the student and may be reported to the parents.

Bus Transportation: The school buses are owned by Santiam Christian and provide transportation on a fee basis. Complete cooperation is required of all riders. Bus rules are posted on each bus.

Carpool Transportation: Students/Parents who use a private car pool are responsible to make all travel arrangements to and from school. The cost of each carpool ride is to be determined by the individual drivers.

ACADEMIC POLICY

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

1. Santiam Christian students are *expected to pursue academic excellence*. Any student admitted into the regular academic program of Santiam Christian should be able to maintain at least a "C" average (2.0 GPA).
2. A student whose grades fall below 1.67 for a quarterly GPA will be placed on academic probation. See section on Probation, page 28.

GRADES AND GRADING

Each nine (9) weeks grades are posted to RenWeb. Parents can expect a report card to be posted approx. 10 days after the end of each grading period. If you have a question concerning a grade, you and your parents should *contact the teacher who assigned the grade*. If you are not satisfied at this point, you can then discuss the matter with the principal. The following grading system is used at Santiam Christian:

ACADEMICS - Mastery-based	CITIZENSHIP
A (90-100)Exceeds mastery of concepts	EExemplary
B (80-89)Mastery of concepts	SSatisfactory
C (70-79)Familiarity with concepts	NNeeds
Improvement	
D (60-69)Lacking familiarity with many concepts	UUnacceptable

F (0-59).....Insufficient familiarity with concepts
I.....Incomplete
WWithdrawal

*NOTE: Excessive absences may
alter this grade.*

No credit is given for a "Failure" or "Withdraw" grade. An "Incomplete" will be given when course work is not finished because of illness or other unusual circumstances. An "Incomplete" will be replaced IF the work is finished within two weeks of the end of the quarter. If work is not made up within this time, the incomplete work will be scored a “zero” and the grades calculated accordingly.

The only grades permanently recorded on the high school transcript are the semester grades.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Through RenWeb access, parents can monitor the weekly progress of their students via the internet. Between the 4th - 5th week of each grading period, "Progress Reports" consisting of either written notice, an email, or a phone call from the teacher will be given out for all students whose work is below minimum standards or failing. These notices will inform the parents of the deficiency and secure their help in improving the academic standing of the pupil.

HONOR ROLL

An Honor Roll will be completed at the end of each grading period. To be on the Honor Roll, a following basis:

A.....4 points
B3 points
C2 points
D.....1 point
F0 points

To figure your GPA, add up the total points and then divide by the number of classes you have. (Do not include citizenship.)

HOMEWORK

Homework varies between courses and between students. Students who use in-class time in the most productive manner will have less work at home. The **average** amount of homework time will probably be in the following range:

7th-8th Grades45-60 min. per day. About 10-15 min. of outside homework per class.

9th-12th Grades1½ - 2 hours per day based on 20 - 30 min. per academic class.

PLEASE NOTE: By their nature, AP/Honors/College Now homework requirements are more rigorous than regular classes.

It should be realized that a student with poor study habits, or one who wastes time in school, may

take a proportionately longer time with his assignments. Wednesday assignments should be light as we try to work in a cooperative way with local churches.

We feel that academic work is the primary task of students enrolled in Santiam Christian School. After school/evening/weekend jobs and activities should not leave the student too weary to study or give an excuse to be tardy. If a parent feels his/her student has too much homework, or is aware of a problem, please arrange for a parent-teacher conference.

MAKE-UP WORK

If a student is ill (or for some other reason is away from school due to an unplanned absence), the general guideline is to allow a student twice the number of absent days to do the make-up work while simultaneously keeping up with the current daily work. Specific arrangements are made with the teacher and building principal if needed. This time line does not usually apply to long-term, pre-set assignments such as term papers. (For Pre-arranged Absences, see p. 16)

LATE WORK

Policies among teachers can vary from not accepting late work to serious grade point penalties. A student needs to make sure he/she knows what the policies are for late work from each of his/her teachers. The best solution is to turn in work on time!

ASSIGNMENTS WHEN ABSENT

Students who are absent should access RenWeb information, or contact fellow students for class and homework assignments.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

For Junior High students, the first quarter will involve a Parent/Teacher Conference (November) as well as a report card. The third quarter involves an optional Parent/Teacher Conference (April).

Outside the normal conference schedule, parent conferences with school personnel can easily be arranged. Please email the teacher directly to make arrangements. It is wise and Scriptural (Matthew 18:15) to solve conflicts with the people most closely associated with the problem. See *Conflict Resolution* on page 3.

REPEATING A CLASS

Any student at Santiam Christian High School who fails a required course for a semester will be required to repeat that semester of the course. Students with a grade below a "C" will be permitted to repeat a course in an effort to improve their course knowledge. Credit will be issued for repeating the class to the extent of replacing a grade, however, only one credit will be granted.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

- Students will have 10 school days at the beginning of the semester in which the class begins to change their schedules.
- Any change of schedule after the first day of class must be approved by the parent, principal, and registrar *before* a course is officially changed.
- A student may not change his/her schedule after the first two weeks of the semester.
- A schedule change may be made after the deadline for withdrawal if the change is initiated by the teacher with approval from the principal/registrar.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A diploma will be awarded to a student who has satisfactorily completed attendance and unit credit requirements for graduation. *The minimum requirement for graduation is 24 units.* Listed below are the requirements for a high school diploma. One unit of credit is earned for the satisfactory completion of a full year course. **Graduation from SCHS with Honors requires a 3.5 AGPA**

COURSE	Class of 2012/2013	Class of 2014
Bible - every year in attendance	4	4
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	3
Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
Physical Education	1	1
Computer	1	1
Fine Arts and/or Foreign Language*	1.5* minimum	1.5* minimum
Health Education	1	1
Career Education	.5	.5
Electives	“X”	“X”
Credits required to Graduate (minimum)	24**	24**

College Prep. Requirements -

1. *2 years of the same Foreign Language are required for admission to any of the four year schools in the Oregon

University System.

2. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in core classes in order for a course to be counted as meeting part of the subject area requirement for college admittance.

3. **As requirements are changed by The State Board of Education, these changes will be reflected in the Santiam Christian graduation requirements. Beginning with the class of 2012, 2 of the years of Science must be in lab science classes. Beginning with the class of 2014, the three (3) years of Math required for graduation will have to be taken at the Algebra 1 level and above.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INFORMATION

- To be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must meet the criteria established for high school and be a student in good standing. A student otherwise qualified may be excluded from recognition for disciplinary reasons. Determination of disciplinary exclusion shall be made by the student's principal.
- No student shall graduate in less than four years without special action from the Board.
- No student shall be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony until all accounts have been paid in full, or satisfactory arrangements made with the Board Finance Committee.
- No student shall be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony who has not been in attendance at the graduation practice or baccalaureate unless acceptable prior arrangements have been made.
- Students who are up to two credits short of graduation will be permitted to go through their ceremony with their class, and a diploma will be awarded upon completion of credits.
- Senior students who have maintained a "C" grade or higher will be excused from taking the final test in that class.

OFF-CAMPUS COURSES

Students may take off-campus courses (community college, distance learning, summer school, etc.) to either make up a course the student has failed or to complete a course not

accommodated by the student's schedule. The course must be approved in advance by the principal. The student's parents will bear all costs of the off campus course.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

1. A high school program which may meet minimum college entrance requirements may not necessarily prepare you well for college success. Plan a high school program which will be challenging and give you the best possible chance for success in college.
2. You should be aware that entrance requirements for colleges vary from one college to another. Make sure you are meeting the requirements for the school you want to attend by checking with that school's website or an admissions counselor.
3. Since most students do not know what specific college they will attend, some general advice is offered by college admissions counselors:
 - A. The skills most needed by entering freshmen are reading and writing. You are advised to prepare yourself as well as possible in these areas.
 - B. Most colleges recommend four years of math for students planning a scientific, math, or technical major.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from an accredited high school provides eligibility for admission.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

For admission to an Oregon state college or university, high school graduates must have completed fourteen units of college preparatory work*, and have a minimum GPA (This varies according to college or university). Students must earn a grade of C- or better in order for a course to be counted as meeting part of the Oregon University System (OUS) subject area requirement.

1. **English (4 units)** - Shall include the study of the English language, literature, speaking, listening, and writing, with emphasis on, and frequent practice in writing expository prose during all 4 years.
2. **Mathematics (3 units)** - Shall include algebra I and two additional years of college preparatory mathematics. One unit is highly recommended in the senior year. Beginning with the class of 2010, three (3) years of Math will be required for graduation. Beginning with the class of 2014, the three (3) years of Math required for graduation will have to be taken at the Algebra 1 level and above.
3. **Science (3 units)** - Shall include one year each in two laboratory classes, such as biology, chemistry, physics, or earth and physical science, and one additional credit of lab or elective Science.
4. **Social Studies (3 units)** - Shall include one year of U.S. History, one year of global studies, and one semester of both Government AND Economics.
5. **Second Language (2 units)** - Two (2) years of the same second language are required for admission into the state colleges or universities of Oregon. Demonstrated proficiency in a second language on a nationally recognized test is also acceptable.

JUNIOR HIGH COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Completion will be awarded at the end of 8th grade to those 8th grade students who have successfully completed all Junior High classes with passing semester grades. A certificate of completion allows the student to proceed to 9th grade at Santiam Christian High School.

Students who earn failing semester grades in Junior High classes during any semester of their 7th or 8th grade years may be required to complete additional projects, class assignments, attend summer school, or enroll in credit recovery classes in order to receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of their 8th grade year. A fee may be assessed to cover the costs of teacher time required for additional instruction, oversight of class projects, or summer school.

TEXTBOOKS

1. All textbooks (unless purchased by the student) are the property of the school; however, they are the responsibility of the student during the period of issuance.
2. All students can prevent lost books by inking their name *in the proper place* in every book issued to them. Lost books will be replaced at the student's expense.
3. A textbook should have a life-span of at least five years, and should proceed in condition from new to excellent, to fair, to poor. Damage or extraordinary wear to textbooks will result in a damage assessment to the student.
4. **Book covers are required.** No labels, stickers, pictures, etc., which conflict with Santiam Christian standards are permitted. Book covers are available in the office. Stretchy book covers are not acceptable. They can be used only when placed over an "acceptable" book cover.
5. Rental Fee - Textbooks issued to parents, tutors or students which are to be used for summer tutoring purposes will be assessed a rental fee in line with the cost of the book of which will be refunded to the borrower when the text is returned in good condition.

COMPUTER USAGE

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on campus. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with SC standards and the specific rules set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, or send anything that is in violation of Biblical principles or standards.

What are the rules?

Privacy. Network storage areas are treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity will insure that students are using the system responsibly.

Storage Capacity. Users are expected to remain within allocated disk space and delete email or other material which take up excessive storage space.

Illegal Copying. Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the network administrator. Students should not copy other people's work or intrude into other peoples' files.

Inappropriate Materials or Language. No profane, abusive, or impolite language should be used to communicate, nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with school policies.

AWARDS

To be eligible for any award, a student must meet the criteria listed below and be a student in good standing. A student otherwise qualified may be excluded from recognition for any award for disciplinary reasons. A disciplinary exclusion shall be made by the student's principal.

Sports

At the end of each sports season awards are given at a parent/student gathering. These awards are outlined in the SC Athletic Handbook.

Junior High and High School Academic Awards

At the annual awards assembly held each spring, students are given department academic, attendance, citizenship, leadership, college scholarship recognition, and special over-all athletic awards. Local, state, and national organization awards are also given at this time.

High School Students with 4.0 GPA

Students who have earned all "A's" for seven semesters of high school work will constitute the pool of candidates for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors. Those students with a 4.0 GPA not selected as Valedictorian or Salutatorian will be honored at the graduation ceremony.

High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Annually, the title of class valedictorian will be awarded to the student with outstanding character and the highest academic scholarship record for all classes during their high school studies. The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest academic scholarship record. Ranking shall be done at the end of the first semester of the students' senior year. Criteria for determining scholarship ranking will include:

1. The initial pool of candidates will include all students with an accumulated GPA of 4.0 for their entire high school course work at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
2. This initial pool of candidates will be ranked by computing an accumulated percentage average for high school courses taken during these first seven semesters. Courses taken, but not given a numeric grade (i.e. athletic participation, LBCC classes, transfer courses, etc.), or numerically graded courses taken outside Santiam Christian, will be counted towards the GPA determination, but not accumulative average.
3. The student with the highest accumulated percentage average will be declared the valedictorian, and the second highest student will be declared the salutatorian. Where multiple students have 4.0 GPA's and very high accumulative averages, school administrators may name multiple award winners.

4. All eligible students must have completed a rigorous course of study at Santiam Christian defined as follows:

- Four (4) years of English including Senior English at Santiam Christian
- Three (3) years of Social Science including Government & Economics at Santiam Christian
- Mathematics through the Pre-Calculus level
- Science through the Chemistry level
- Foreign Language through the third year

5. In addition to completing the rigorous course of study as outlined above, each student would need to complete the end of sequence course in at least three of the five (5) academic strands. Those strands, including their end-courses would be as follows:

* **English:** Grammar & Literature, World Literature, Honors American Literature, and AP Language & Comp.

* **Social Studies:** Global Studies, AP U.S. History, and AP Government and Economics (if an Honors/AP course is offered, it becomes the end-of-sequence course for that year)

* **Math:** Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Honors Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus

* **Science:** (*Students may choose from one of the Science strands listed below. They may not double count science courses in an attempt to count both Life and Earth Science strand requirements.*)

Life Science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and *either* Physics *or* Anatomy and Physiology

Earth Science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

(*For students who opt not to take Physical Science as a freshman, they will be required to take an additional science course in order to have completed a total of four (4) years of science. Other courses include: Agriculture, Horticulture, Advanced Agriculture, Marine Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology.*)

* **Foreign Language:** Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 (when available) of any one foreign language

Each of these requirements will be in effect beginning with the class of 2013. Candidates from the classes of 2012 will be evaluated based on their academic scholarship record and guidelines previously listed in the handbook.

6. Eligible students must maintain a full schedule of classes, and drop classes only with special approval of the principal.

7. Transfer students must have attended Santiam Christian for their entire sophomore, junior, and senior years.

8. If there are no 4.0 GPA students who meet the requirements, the valedictorian will be the student with the highest accumulated GPA who does meet all eligibility standards. Ties will be broken using the percentage ranking method described above.

High School Honor Graduates

Seniors who have maintained an accumulated GPA of 3.5 or higher **at the completion of seven semesters** (grades cannot be rounded up), will be listed as “honor graduates” and are entitled to wear the honor cord during the graduation ceremony. Students not eligible after seven (7) semesters, but who may be eligible to become honor graduates after the eighth semester may petition for the honor. Petitions must be picked up from the high school principal and returned no later than fourteen calendar days before graduation.

High School Timothian Award

This award is based on the spiritual discipleship model of the Apostle Paul and his spiritual disciple Timothy (II Tim. 2:2, I Tim. 4:12). This award is given annually at graduation to a male and female student who represent the highest standards in spiritual discipleship, citizenship, academic achievement, and extra-curricular involvement. Recipients are selected by the faculty and students.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

GENERAL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for success as a student. Absences interrupt the process of learning and therefore require an excuse from the parents. To be excused, an absence must be because of an unavoidable emergency, sickness, or be prearranged. Other reasons may be accepted at administrative discretion.

Attendance information is available to parents via RenWeb.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

1. If your student is ill or prevented from attending by some other emergency, it is recommended that parents call and notify the school (541-745-5524) of their student's absence. If the school is not called, parents will receive a call from the Attendance Secretary.
2. Students will be allowed a maximum of ten (10) excused absences per quarter, per class. Absences beyond 10 per quarter require an appeal process.
3. Student action required after an excused absence:

A. The student is expected to bring a written excuse or have the parents call after each absence. The excuse must name the date of the absence, the specific reason for the absence, and the signature of the parent or guardian. This excuse must be brought to the school office the next school day.

B. If the student does not bring a note from home, he is considered temporarily unexcused. **If the student does not clear the absence within two (2) days, it will permanently remain unexcused.**

C. It is the student's responsibility to make up missed work.

(See section on Make-Up Work, p. 8).

- 1) The student must make arrangements to do all work missed. He/She is responsible for getting **ALL** make-up assignments.
- 2) Teachers will assist students in making up work. **HOWEVER, IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT IT IS MADE UP.** When a student has obviously delayed or put off the work, the teacher is no longer obligated to assist the student in making up the work.

4. The school will report absences in the following manner.

Step 1 After a student accumulates EIGHT (8) absences in any class in a QUARTER, a letter will be mailed by the school to the student's home.

Step 2 After a student accumulates TEN (10) absences in any class in a QUARTER, a letter, phone call, or parent conference shall be held with the principal or his designee.

Step 3 A grade penalty will apply if a student is absent MORE than ten days from any class in any one quarter. **This grade penalty is a reduction of 2% of the quarter grade for each day absent beyond the 10 day maximum allowed.**

APPEAL FOR EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

If credit is denied or a grade lowered for a course because of excessive absences, the student and their parents shall have the right to appeal the action taken to the Faculty Review Committee if, and only if, the student was passing the class at the time of the absences. Prolonged illness and other extenuating circumstances may necessitate a student missing more than 10 days in a quarter. In such cases, the parent has the right to ask for an extension of the 10-day limit. Appeals will be handled on an individual basis. Requests for an extension will not be considered favorably if the student has had unexcused absences or excessive tardies. **School sponsored events, activities, field trips, etc. are NOT included in the 10-day limit.**

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are those absences which were not prearranged and do not meet the definition provided under General Attendance Procedures on the previous page. All absences are considered temporarily unexcused *until an excuse is filed on the day of return.*

TRUANCY

Truancy is often referred to as skipping school. The type and severity of discipline will depend on the past record of the student. *Student will receive an unexcused absence for all classes missed during that day.*

IN-SCHOOL TRUANCY

In-school truancy (cutting classes) may occur if a student fails to report to an assigned area or class but remains on campus. In-school truancy is processed as an unexcused absence violation according to discipline procedures. Students will not be allowed out of class to see other students or out of school visitors unless it is an emergency.

SKIP DAY

The school does **not** recognize any type of skip day, (not to be confused with a school sponsored senior activity) and parents should be advised that such an absence will be considered an unexcused absence.

PENALTY PHASE: Unexcused Absences

Each unexcused absence, beginning with the first, will carry both a grade penalty and a detention penalty.

1. **GRADES:** Students whose absences are unexcused will be expected to make up work for the days missed. Beginning with the first unexcused absence there will be a lowering of the overall composite grade at the end of the quarter at the rate of 2% points per unexcused absence. For example, if the overall average for the quarter computed to 92 and there were two (2) unexcused class periods missed, the grade would be an 88.

2. **DETENTION/SUSPENSION**

- 1st Offense Per Quarter60 minutes detention per day missed
- 2nd Offense Per Quarter1 day in-house suspension
- 3rd Offense Per Quarter3 day out of school suspension
- 4th Offense Per QuarterRecommended for expulsion

MISCELLANEOUS

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

If a parent knows in advance his/her student will be absent, the procedure to be followed in order for the absence to be excused is as follows:

1. A Pre-arranged Absence Request Form (or a note to be attached to the form) must be turned into the office giving the dates of, and reasons for, the absence.
2. This procedure is to be followed to excuse all absences other than illness, family emergencies, or scheduled school activities.
3. Participants in scheduled school-sponsored activities, i.e., athletic games, ACSI events, choir performances, senior college fair, etc., will use a list of excused students provided by the teacher and do not require a parent note.
4. **Class work missed due to a prearranged absence must be made up within three school days of the student's return to school.**

10-DAY ABSENCE POLICY

Classroom experiences (lecture, discussion, interaction) are important to the learning process. Therefore, credit may be denied or a grade penalty will apply if a student is absent MORE than ten (10) days from any class in any one quarter. This grade penalty is a reduction of 2% of the quarter grade for each day absent beyond the ten (10) day maximum allowed. *Exception to this policy may be made through the Appeals Process.* (See Page 15)

PARTIAL DAY ABSENCE & STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities that afternoon or evening (i.e. sports, drama, music, etc.) ***the student must be in attendance four (4) periods during that day.*** If a student is absent more than half a day, he/she will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities that day without special permission from the Principal or Athletic Director.

DETRIMENTAL ATTENDANCE PATTERN

If a consistent absence pattern is established, such as the first or last day of each week, always before a game, activity, during the day of an assignment due or a test is given, appropriate action will be taken by the principal.

FORGED NOTES

Forging someone else's signature is an illegal activity and as such, is a Category 3 (Major Offense) under our current policy. See page 26 for further description and consequences for this violation.

TARDIES

DEFINITION OF TARDY AND ABSENCE

1. It is a tardy when a student is not seated in the classroom and ready to work with the appropriate materials when the tardy bell rings.
2. A student who comes late to school (1st period of the day), and is more than fifteen (15) minutes late, will be marked absent for that class. Attendance will be posted approximately fifteen (15) minutes after the bell rings. Each student must check in at the office. For example, a

student who arrives at school at 10:00 a.m. may be late from a parent's perspective but from the school's perspective the student has been absent from two class periods.

3. Being late *between class sessions* more than ten (10) minutes is an unexcused absence for that period, unless detained by a teacher who provides a written excuse.

TARDY LIMIT

Five (5) tardies shall be allowed in one class, per quarter.

Eight (8) tardies for a combination of all classes per quarter

No distinction is made between *excused* and *unexcused tardies*. If a student carelessly wastes a tardy when unnecessary, he/she may at some point receive a penalty for a legitimate tardy. The grace period of five is to allow for legitimate emergencies. **DON'T WASTE YOUR TARDIES!**

1. The only exception to the AM tardy rule are those students riding *Santiam Christian transportation*. All other car pools, ride sharing, etc. comes under the above guidelines.
2. Students late to other periods (between classes), report directly to the teacher who will decide whether or not to excuse the tardiness.
3. Those students who are returning from an off-campus appointment, i.e., doctor, dentist, etc., must report to the office to sign in upon their return.
4. If a student is detained by a teacher, a written excuse or email must be received from that teacher before reporting to the next class.
5. Students tardy ten minutes or more to a class are considered absent and will receive an unexcused absence in that class unless the student receives an excuse from a teacher, or administrator.

PENALTY PHASE

4 Tardies Notice to office and warning issued to the student

5 Tardies Parents will be notified that the limit has been reached.

6 Tardies (1 Class) or 9 Tardies (total in all classes).....30 minute detention

7 Tardies (1 Class) or 10 Tardies (total in all classes)....1 hour detention

8 Tardies (1 Class) or 11 Tardies (total in all classes)....Parent Conference plus 1 hour detention

9 Tardies (1 Class) or 12 Tardies (total in all classes)....Saturday School/Work Day

Students demonstrating repeated patterns related to tardies, or detentions earned from tardies, will earn additional behavioral consequences which may include Saturday School with a minimum charge of \$75.

WITHDRAWALS FROM SCHOOL

1. Any student wishing to withdraw from school shall contact the Principal, and/or Registrar, and present a **written note from the parent or guardian stating reason for withdrawal.**
2. The student shall be given a form signed from the business office which must be taken to each of the student's teachers (including study hall and the librarian).
3. Each teacher will sign the form indicating a withdrawal grade in the class and see that the student has turned in all textbooks and is properly checked out of labs, PE lockers, etc.
4. The librarian's signature indicates the student has returned all library books and has no fines.
5. A coach's signature verifies return of all athletic uniforms and equipment.
6. Before returning the check-out form to the school office, the form must be signed by the business office for proper clearance of accounts.
7. If a student withdraws from Santiam Christian with no evidence of transfer to another school, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles must be notified of a possible student drop-out, this will result in a loss of a driver's license.

SIGN-OUT POLICY

1. **LEAVING CAMPUS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**
Santiam Christian is a closed campus and students are expected to remain on the Santiam Christian campus from their time of arrival until the end of the day. Students leaving during the school day for any reason need parent permission, i.e., letter, note, phone call, etc., *in advance of leaving* AND must sign out in the office. Any exceptions to this policy require administrative approval. Failure to sign out when leaving constitutes **an unexcused absence no matter how valid the reason.** Any student leaving and then returning to school during the school day must sign back in at the office upon returning to school.
 - A. **MEDICAL/PROFESSIONAL**
Appointments can be confirmed via note from the parents or a phone call to the school office for the release of the student. **Every effort should be made to schedule medical appointments so they will not interfere with school hours. This is particularly important during semester exams and achievement test week.**
 - B. **ILLNESS/HEALTH ROOM**
If the student becomes ill while at school, the student should call home or the listed emergency phone to arrange transportation home and to receive permission to leave the campus.

2. **CLASS FIELD TRIP, SPORTS TRIP, MUSIC TRIP, ETC.**

Release from school for a school sponsored activity is covered by the Parent Permission Slip signed at the start of the year. These group activities *do not* require an individual sign out.

SIGN-IN POLICY

**ALL CAMPUS VISITORS, *both parents and students*,
MUST REGISTER IN THE MAIN OFFICE.**

DRESS AND APPEARANCE POLICY

KEY WORDS: APPROPRIATE, NEAT/CLEAN, AND MODEST

Christians are admonished in Scripture to observe the principles of modesty and the glorification of God (I Peter 3:3-4; I Corinthians 10:31).

Certain dress standards reflect modesty, Christian values, and attitudes. It is our desire to honor the Lord Jesus Christ and see Him reflected in the lives of our students. In keeping with the goal of Santiam Christian School to "provide a truly Christian atmosphere," the following dress code is presented. (Exceptions may be made for special days at the discretion of the administration.)

All clothing must be:

- **Appropriate.** This generally means clothing is to be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. Clothing which is appropriate in one setting may not be appropriate for the school environment. Clothing and grooming should not attract undue attention or be disruptive to school procedures.
- **Neat/Clean.** This means clothing that is clean and in good repair, without holes or fraying.
- **Modest.** This generally means moderation. Girls should appear feminine; boys should be masculine. For all types of dress, the fabric, style, cut, figure of the wearer, occasion, etc. are to be taken into consideration so that the final result is that of modest dress for both the young men and women.

The Biblical norms discussed herein are the school's basis for asking each student and parent to pledge his/her support for the dress code policy. Modest and tasteful dress is the guideline for the school's dress standard.

Because styles change, the administration reserves the right to define more specifically what is in good taste. Final interpretation as to the appropriateness of a student's attire and grooming rests in the hands of the school.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

1. Rationale

In line with our basic school philosophy, the area of dress and social grace for young people is defined as primarily a function of the home (parents). There are, however, five major factors with regard to this area which must be taken into account by the school:

1. Cultural standards may vary
2. Individual and family standards and their enforcement may vary widely
3. Some families leave this area of education up to the school or church
4. The community, including those with children in school, judges the school by the dress of the staff and students
5. Varieties in dress and/or dress standards are not sin in and of themselves, although individuals may vary in their conviction (I Sam. 16:7, Romans 14).

For these reasons, it becomes essential that Santiam Christian School must have a clear, stipulated, enforceable dress code.

Objectives

1. We dress in such a way that our living testimony will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17).
2. We dress in such a way that we build the habits of cleanliness, modesty, neatness, and good grooming. This helps implement the development of social graces.
3. We build self-acceptance because of knowing "I look nice" (modest attractiveness).
4. We are to maintain the obvious differentiation between the sexes (Deut. 22:5).
5. We dress so that our clothing is functional, and suited for the activity of the wearer.
6. We demonstrate our respect for others in that it does not give occasion for stumbling (I Thes. 5:22); thus we avoid extreme or immodest dress (Phil. 4:5).

3. General Guidelines

1. The Dress Code shall apply to all students during classroom hours and after hours at school events.
2. Keep the responsibilities for clothing standards in the home as much as possible
3. Avoid identifying some particular dress style as the only Christian one
4. Keep clothing problems from looming so large that students can't see or hear what the school is really trying to say to them (Eph. 6:4).
5. The principal, staff, and teachers will ensure compliance with the guidelines.
6. When classes, teams, or musical groups travel as representatives of Santiam Christian School, the principal, coach, and/or advisor shall be responsible for maintaining a standard of dress appropriate for the occasion.
7. Dress or grooming, which is immodest or disruptive to the educational process, will not be permitted at school.

4. Application

Applying the general guidelines listed above in meeting the objectives will additionally result in:

1. Contributing toward building obedience and self-discipline

Standards for appearance are a means of building character and distinction in the lives of our students. The guidelines are not intended to measure spirituality, but rather to serve as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in the business of education.

2. Building a respect for the school and its standards

3. Positive public relations

Scripture also states that, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7). However, since man can only see our "outward appearance," our attire should reflect a heart which is sensitive and obedient toward God. The way we dress is a testimony before the community of what a Christian student is like, as well as a reflection of our school.

5. **Summary**

A student's dress and grooming shall be within reasonable standards of health, safety, and sanitation. Clothing or materials which represent or advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, or which contain inappropriate racial or sexual messages or inappropriate language, will not be allowed at school.

For all types of dress, the fabric, style, cut, figure or the wearer, etc., are to be taken into consideration so that the final results is that of that modest dress for both young men and young women (sitting, standing, walking, etc.)

SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

1. **DRESS-UP OCCASIONS:**

Homecoming Court, Court of Hearts, Christmas Banquet, Junior/Senior Banquet
Dress for these occasions is formal, semi-formal, or related to the theme of the event. Dress for both men and women should still follow the policy of appropriate, neat, clean, and modest. In all cases, modesty is the goal.

2. **CHAPEL DRESS**

Chapel Day is a special day, one in which we set aside time at school to gather for celebration and worship. Dress should be appropriate, neat, clean, and modest.

Shorts, although acceptable on other days, are not appropriate for chapel dress.

3. **NON-CHAPEL DRESS:**

Appropriate, neat, clean, and modest is the requirement.

5. **EXCEPTIONS FOR TEAMS**

On games days, the coaches of the various sports may exercise their option to have their team dress in a certain manner signifying team unity.

MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

1. **Shoes:** Footwear is mandatory.

2. **Hair:** Hair is to be neatly groomed and out of the eyes. The style should reflect the sex of the student and not be extreme. Boys' hair length can be mid-collar in length with ear lobes showing at all times. No ponytails for boys. Hair coloring, if used, should be natural in appearance. Hairstyles should not attract undue attention or be disruptive to the school process.

3. **Facial Hair:** Facial hair must be neatly groomed.

4. **Jewelry / Cosmetics:** Jewelry and cosmetics should be neat, clean, and modest. Ear jewelry on boys is not allowed. Nose rings/piercings, or other body piercings are not appropriate in the school environment.

5. **Hats / Sunglasses:** Sunglasses, hats, caps, visors, or headbands are not to be worn in the buildings. The hoods on hooded sweatshirts are considered hats and hoods are not to be worn in the buildings.
6. **Decals:** Any patch, decal, statement or comical phrase that may be suggestive or create a negative attitude or offense has no place in a Christian school. Clothing shall not be worn which endorses a product which is inconsistent with a Christian commitment.
7. **Shirts/Tops:** *For ladies*, sleeveless shirts or tops must be fitted under the arms. Tight-fitting, low-cut, see-through tops, or bare midriffs are not appropriate. Spaghetti straps must be covered by a jacket, or worn with a tank-top or t-shirt underneath. No backless or razorback shirts are acceptable. No under garments should be visible. *For men*, muscle shirts, half shirts, and tank tops are not appropriate.
8. **Skirts/Dresses:** Girls' skirt and dress hemlines shall be modest in length (no shorter than approximately 3 inches from the top of the knee, whether or not leggings or tights are part of the outfit). Sleeveless dresses are acceptable. Sun dresses must be worn with a top underneath or jacket over the top during the school day.
9. **Shorts:** Shorts may be worn all year long (except on chapel day). Shorts must be hemmed (not frayed) and have at least a 5" in-seam. They should be loose fitting with no slits up the side. **Undergarments are not to be visible.**
10. **Pants:** **The size of pants is to correspond with the size of the wearer. (No holes or fraying.) Cotton sweat pants are inappropriate, outside of P.E. or athletic activities. Undergarments are not to be visible.**
11. **Fads:** Extreme fad styles that draw undue attention to the wearer are not acceptable.
12. **Tattoos:** Tattoos, permanent or temporary, are viewed as inappropriate for the school environment. Therefore, if a student has already obtained a tattoo, it will need to be covered at all times.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the dress code will be in accordance with the SPIRIT of the rules as well as the wording. If in doubt as to the acceptability of an article of clothing, ask the appropriate administrator prior to wearing. The school administrator or his/her designated representative, reserves the right to judge any article of clothing on an individual basis for appropriateness, neatness, and modesty.

If attire is not appropriate, the student may be sent to the office and remain there until acceptable clothing is available or the student may be given an appropriate consequence and allowed to finish the day. This will be a counselor/administrator decision.

PENALTIES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATION

Borderline Offenses

Students with borderline or questionable offense shall be issued a verbal warning with citation date and clothing articles in question recorded. A second offense will result in a 30 minute detention.

Clear Violation

Dress Code violators will appear before a counselor.

1st Offense..... Violation will be documented and student may be asked to change the article of clothing by having clothes brought from home.

2nd Offense½ hour detention and parents notified.

3rd Offense1 hour detention and parents notified.

4th OffenseDetention, plus a parent conference will be required.

5th Offense3 hour Saturday School will be required.

6th Offense.....A parent conference will again be required to discuss dismissal.

Summary

The Santiam Christian School dress code is presented in detail so that our school families will have a clear understanding of the standards agreed to when students are enrolled in Santiam Christian School. The intent of the standards is to present a “school business” atmosphere. The standards are not meant to be divisive or to dictate a pseudo-righteousness. The school does not impose dress code rules for its students outside of school at non-school events, rather the school recognizes parental authority and depends on parents to assist their student in making the appropriate choices. However, at school events held off campus, the dress code is still in effect.

CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Good conduct is expected of all students at Santiam Christian. Each student is expected to adhere to the rules and regulations which are in keeping with the purpose of an educational institution. Each student is a representative of our school wherever he may be. Our student body prides itself on good sportsmanship, good scholarship, and good manners. Students are also expected to display proper conduct going to and from school, on the school grounds and on the school buses.

Although we at Santiam Christian School recognize that we have no direct control over the students when they are away from school, any major violation of accepted behavior for Santiam Christian students may still be considered grounds for disciplinary action. The testimony of your conduct when out in the public is a testimony which reflects upon Christians in general and students at Santiam Christian in particular.

BASIC EXPECTATIONS

Santiam Christian Students are expected to:

1. Perform to the best of their ability in all areas.
2. Willingly abide by attendance policies, the dress code, and any classroom or athletic team rules.
3. Respect others and their property.
4. Conduct themselves in a manner which will promote their own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others.

DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY

While discipline is basically positive training in the right direction (Proverbs 22:6), there must be consequences for failure to follow the rules. Students must realize that the "law code isn't primarily for people who live responsibly, but for the irresponsible..." I Tim. 1:9.

Teachers and school administrators will use a number of disciplinary methods. Each case of misconduct will be handled on an individual basis. If a student causes a problem, he will be held responsible for his behavior. It will be up to the student to take steps to work it out. A student will always be given the opportunity to explain his version of the problem. The corrective measures to be employed to help the student work out his problem and correct his misconduct will be determined by the teacher or administrator involved.

The discipline process is to provide intervention, then give the student an opportunity to change or modify their behavior. Failure to modify behavior will result in the next level of intervention. The goal of discipline is to produce changed behavior. Disciplinary alternatives can include, but are not limited to, the following: parent conferences, loss of free time, detention, work detail, non-participation in extra-curricular activities (i.e., field trips), probation, suspension, and expulsion.

DISCIPLINE PROCESS

When an alleged offense occurs, the procedure below will be followed:

1. The student will be informed of the conduct involved and the nature of the charge and will be given the opportunity to present his/her view of the occurrence.
2. If discipline is to follow, the student will be informed of the immediate action, reasons for its administration, and subsequent procedures to be followed.
3. When a suspension or stronger discipline is contemplated, the student's parents will be notified as soon as possible.

DISCIPLINE CATEGORIES AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Misconduct has been classified into three categories, depending on the severity of the violation.

CATEGORY 1: These offenses are those that are associated with non-rebellious behaviors such as childishness, immaturity, thoughtlessness, forgetfulness, or carelessness that prevent order and instruction in the classroom.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Most disciplinary situations will be handled in the classroom at the level where the offense occurs. Offenses may result in additional work, loss of privileges, detention, parent-teacher disciplinary conference, student-principal conference, or work experience. Recurrent offenses would result in Category 2 consequences.

CATEGORY 2 (Minor Offenses): These are activities and attitudes that show a lack of respect for authority, or may be frequent violations of Category 1 rules. For example: excessive talking, failure to turn in homework, writing and passing notes, repeated inattention, inappropriate behaviors, small damage of property, disrespect for adults, discourtesies or insolent behavior toward others, scoffing, violation of dress code, etc.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Violation #1.....A teacher and/or administrator conference. The parents may or may not be contacted depending on the offense. A disciplinary report will be filed. Teacher initiated disciplinary consequences may be in effect.

Violation #2.....Parents contacted. 2nd report on file with a 60 minute detention.

Violation #3.....A conference with student, administration and parent to set up a behavioral contract with Saturday School.

Violation #4.....If the student does not comply with the contract set forth during the administrative, parent/student conference, the student will now be suspended for three (3) days.

Violation #5.....If, after suspension, the student does not comply with school policies, does not show submissiveness to authority, or signs of turning his heart to follow God, this student will be dismissed from Santiam Christian School.

CATEGORY 3 (Major Offenses): These are activities that are in violation of United States, State or City laws. They seriously threaten the safety of other students, show flagrant lack of respect for authority or property, or violate Biblical moral codes and conduct. For example, theft, forgery, plagiarism, cheating, possession of tobacco, illegal drugs, sexual immorality, fighting, pornography, blatant disrespect etc. Frequent and repeated violations of Category 2 rules would also be considered a major offense. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, whether occurring on or off the school campus, is prohibited. Students will not remain at any activity where alcohol is being illegally consumed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

These problems will generally result in some type of suspension and may result in immediate expulsion. The length of suspension , 1-7 days, may vary with the severity of the offense, attitude of person, repentant spirit, frequency of problem and previous school records such as citizenship, attendance, tardy infractions, detentions, etc.

Parents will be notified immediately of the nature of the offense. It is the intent of the school to involve the parents in the disciplinary process of major offenses.

DETENTION/SATURDAY SCHOOL

DETENTION

1. Those students who have excessive tardies, or are being penalized for other infractions, will be assigned to After-School Detention. **Detention will take precedence over any other activity! Any exception must be cleared through the Detention Coordinator.**
2. Students assigned detention will be asked by the assigning teacher/staff to sign the original copy of the detention slip. The yellow copy is to be signed by parents and returned the next school day when the student serves the assigned detention. **Any change from this procedure must be approved in advance** of the assigned detention session by the detention supervisor.

Detention is to be served during the next regularly scheduled detention session whether or not the yellow copy has been returned, since parents have been notified via RenWeb.

DETENTION ROOM

The supervision of a detention room will rotate weekly among staff members on a duty assignment basis.

Location: Will be in the supervising teacher's room listed in the Daily Announcements.

Time:3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Days:Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Rules:1) Must be on time
2) No talking
3) Must bring work

MISSED DETENTION

Any student who misses his/her assigned detention time will receive a doubled amount of time to be served at the next detention session. ***A student who is late to detention is considered absent from that session.***

EXCESSIVE DETENTIONS

Any student who receives three (3) detentions within one quarter (from all areas, i.e. dress, attendance, behavior, etc.) shall be called in for a student conference with the principal. A student who receives five (5) or more detentions within a quarter is viewed to be demonstrating a careless, uncooperative attitude and a parent conference will be held to consider a Saturday School, Saturday Work Experience, or whether they desire to continue attendance at Santiam Christian. The student is placed on probationary status.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School will carry both a penalty of time served and a charge of \$25.00 per hour, for a minimum of 3 hours, to pay for the supervisor's time. Behavior in Saturday School shall be of the highest standard. Any behavior deviating from the acceptable standards listed below shall result in immediate school suspension.

Location:Room designated on Student Report

Time:8:00 am - 11:00 am

Rules:1) Must be on time; 2) No talking; 3) Must bring work

Guidelines for Saturday School or Saturday Work Experience

1. Students are expected to attend the Saturday assigned unless extraordinary circumstances are involved. In such cases, the parent should make arrangements with the Principal's Office in advance.
2. Saturday School/Work starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. If a student fails to attend a scheduled session, the initial charges remain. An additional session with additional charges will be scheduled.

Saturday School:

3. Please bring your work with you on Saturday morning. Also, bring pencils, pens, paper and any other school supplies needed. You will not be allowed to leave during the assigned time. The student will be expected to work for the entire three (3) hours.

Saturday Work:

4. The student is expected to come ready to work on the project assigned. Proper clothing, rain gear, etc., are the responsibility of the student. The student will be expected to work for the time designated.
5. The student is expected to cooperate and follow directions given by the teacher in charge.

DISCIPLINE AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in school activities is always a privilege to be earned and never a right of entitlement. Students in leadership positions are those who represent our school well and are in compliance with all disciplinary policies as stated in the Parent/Student Handbook.

The following participation policy, or guideline, shall be in effect at Santiam Christian.

INVESTIGATED OFFENSES

When no confession is offered and the individual(s) involved attempts to hide their involvement as long as possible, the following guidelines will be in effect:

1. Violations considered Category 1 will be handled at the discretion of the administrator regarding suspension or participation in extracurricular activities or leadership.
2. Violations considered Category 2 will generally result in disciplinary action of community service, plus a one to two week suspension from all extracurricular activities and leadership activities, or a combination of both at the discretion of the principal.
3. Violations considered Category 3 will generally result in suspension from the team for the remainder of that sport season. Leadership positions would be suspended for the semester. Suspension from a fall sport would not prohibit the individual from trying out for a winter sport, or suspension from a fall drama would not limit participation in a spring play.

VOLUNTARY CONFESSION PRIOR TO INVESTIGATION

A voluntary confession, rather than an “investigated” offense, may result in modifying the consequences one step below the customary consequences. For instance, a Category 3 Offense with a voluntary confession could result in a suspension with community service, normally a Category II consequence. These adjustments would be made at the discretion of the administrator.

The disciplinary consequences may vary upon the severity of the offense, attitude of person, repentant spirit, frequency of problem and previous school records such as citizenship, attendance, tardy infractions, detentions, etc.

NOTE: In all disciplinary situations, some latitude is given the administrator regarding the application of consequences. This allows the administrator to best fit the consequences to each individual case.

PROBATION

Probation is invoked when a student has a serious academic, attitude, or disciplinary problem. Probation is designed to stimulate the student to better achievement and is intended to give notice to the parent and student so a mutual effort on the part of both school and home may be made to correct the academic deficiency. Hopefully the deficiency will be improved to a satisfactory or passing level. If not, the principal will decide if the student will be able to continue at Santiam Christian School. Reasons for probation:

ACADEMIC - Receiving a failing grade, 3 or more "D's," or failure to bring GPA to 1.67. A parent conference may be required.

ATTITUDE - Receiving a "U" in Citizenship, 3 or more "N's," or exhibits a negative attitude or rebellious spirit which, in the view of the administration, is antagonistic to the basic goals of the school and is producing a negative effect on the other students. A parent conference will be required.

DISCIPLINARY - Continued, deliberate disobedience, committing a serious breach of conduct inside or outside of school which has an adverse effect upon the school's testimony, or failure of the parents to comply with the disciplinary procedures of the school. A parent conference will be required.

INVOKING PROBATION

4. A student who is placed on probation will also be on probation for the next quarter.
2. A letter of notification will be sent to the parents.
3. If requested, a conference may be held with the parents, the student, the teacher(s), and the principal to give an explanation of the probation and suggestions for remediation.
4. Progress of the probationary students will be monitored by the building principal.
5. The academic and behavioral status of the student will be reviewed by the principal at the end of each quarter.
6. After being placed on probation, a student who receives no F's, U's, or conduct violations during the next quarter will be removed from probation.
7. After being placed on probation, if a student receives an F or U for the following grading period, the principal will decide if the student will be granted an additional quarter of probation or be asked to withdraw from the school.
8. Following removal or withdrawal from the school for academic reasons, a student may apply to be re-enrolled on academic probation if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - a. The student has attended another school for one full semester.
 - b. The student has completed a full academic load for the semester.
 - c. The student received no grade lower than a "C" in any subject.
9. Placing a student on probation for the second time in two consecutive semesters constitutes a recommendation that the student be dismissed or withdrawn from school.

REVIEW OF PROBATION

At the end of each quarter, students on probation will be reviewed by a faculty review committee to determine whether or not these students are making satisfactory progress. Recommendations concerning their continued attendance at Santiam Christian School will be made to the Principal. If it is recommended that a student leave Santiam Christian School, the Principal shall notify parents of this action. Such a decision shall be based on at least one of two major criteria:

1. **ACADEMICS REASONS:** If it becomes apparent that the student will not be able to achieve passing grades, the student may be asked to withdraw from Santiam Christian School. *A lack of effort to improve* would be the key grounds for dismissal.
2. **ATTITUDE / BEHAVIOR REASONS:** In case of a continuing pattern of negative attitude, and/or uncooperative spirit, and/or disruptive behavior, the administration of Santiam Christian School shall be empowered to recommend the dismissal of a student. The absence of a *desire to change* would be the key here.

SUSPENSION

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION:

A student may receive an out of school suspension from school for up to 7 days. A suspension will always include a parent-principal conference. The length of a suspension will be determined by the school administrator according to the severity of the offense. Very specific changes in attitude and behavior will be expected prior to re-admission. The administration recommends monitoring of the suspension period by the parents. Periods of isolation from friends, removal of privileges, or other disciplinary action at home may be appropriate.

IN-HOUSE SUSPENSION:

An in-house suspension may be used to separate a student from peer contact by placing the student in a supervised area separate from other students. This allows for quiet study without interruption. An in-house suspension is used when lack of adult supervision at home is available because of working parents or when, in the opinion of the administration, an out-of-school suspension would be perceived as a day off from school.

REASONS FOR SUSPENSION:

- * Continued deliberate disobedience/disrespect displayed.
- * A rebellious spirit which is unchanged after much effort by the school staff.
- * A continued negative attitude and bad influence upon other students.
- * A serious breach of conduct inside or on grounds of the school which has an adverse effect upon the image of the school.
- * Failure of the student to comply with the disciplinary actions of the school.
- * Failure of the parents to get recommended professional help for exceptional children.
- * Lack of parental support in dealing with disciplinary issues

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION:

1. If the student has been previously suspended from school for any offense, or is on probation at the time of this offense, he/she is required to withdraw from school.
2. In the case of drug or alcohol related offenses, the following procedures will be in effect. If the student has no previous suspension and is not on probation, he/she may be re-admitted to school on probation at the discretion of the principal. Conditions to consider may include the following: (a) parents have demonstrated a cooperative attitude; (b) the student is involved in the appropriate counseling; (c) the student is enrolled in and participating in a drug or alcohol awareness program. In the case of drug abuse, random drug tests (minimum of one per month), paid by the parents, may be required for the remainder of the school year. If at any time during the remainder of the school year the student and/or parents cease to cooperate with the aforementioned requirements, the student will be required to withdraw from school.
3. The length of the suspension will be determined by the administrator.
4. Suspensions shall include the regular school day, after school sports practices and games, and all other extra or co-curricular activities, including class trips, etc. If the suspension occurs on a Friday, the student shall not participate in any activities on that weekend.
5. Class work missed during any suspension will be treated as an unexcused absence. (See *Penalty for Unexcused Absences*, Page 15)
6. Re-entry following a suspension will require a parent/student conference.
7. Following a suspension, a student is automatically placed on probation where behaviors, attitudes, academic performance, etc., can be monitored for any positive changes.
8. If, after suspension, the student does not comply with school policies, does not show submissiveness to authority, or show signs of not turning his heart to follow God, the student will be dismissed from Santiam Christian School.
9. While on probation, the commission of minor offenses would take the student to step #4 under Corrective Action for Category 2 -Minor Offenses. (Page 25)
10. While on probation, the commission of a major offense would result in immediate dismissal.
11. The commission of a second major offense while on suspension will result in immediate expulsion from Santiam Christian.

EXPULSION

The final step in the disciplinary process is expulsion. A student may be expelled from school for a serious breach of conduct (violation of Category 3 rules), and/or repeated problems with behavior or academic performance, and/or failure to correct the deficiencies specified under a probation.

1. When expulsion is recommended, a date of withdrawal from school will be set and the withdrawal procedure followed. In certain situations the expulsion date may be immediate. Recommendations for expulsion will require the approval of the Superintendent.
2. The Superintendent has the authority to expel any student for flagrant Category III violations, or at the conclusion of the disciplinary process for probation or suspension.
3. If a student is expelled from Santiam Christian School, the parents are still obligated to pay the tuition to the end of the month.
4. Attendance at Santiam Christian School will always be a privilege and not a right.

NOTE: In some situations, a family may be given the opportunity to withdraw their child rather than face expulsion.

APPEAL PROCESS FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

The following process is to be used only when you have followed the Matthew 18 principle and are not satisfied with the Building Principal's decision of suspension and/or expulsion.

Step #1: A request must be made to appeal the Principal's decision to the Superintendent within five (5) working days of the Principal's conference: This is called the 1st Appeal*.

- a. An appointment shall be made through the Superintendent's Office.
- b. The decision/parties involved (principal, teacher) should be clearly identified.
- c. An appointment will be made within three (3) working days of the request.
- d. All identified parties (principal, teacher, parents) need to be present to resolve the issue.
- e. A written record will be made at this meeting indicating each party's statement. Each person will sign this record indicating the accuracy of the statements recorded.

Step #2: The Superintendent will respond in writing within three (3) working days of the hearing of the first appeal with his decision.

Step #3: If there is not satisfaction with the Superintendent's decision, a request for a second appeal must be made within five (5) working days from the date when the Superintendent's decision has been received. The second appeal should be sent to the President of the Board of Trustees with copies to the Superintendent and Principal.

Step #4: The Board President, along with the Superintendent and Principal, shall review the appeal. The President will schedule the hearing for the next regular Board Meeting, or as

designated by the Board President. This hearing shall include the Board, the Superintendent, the Principal and the Appellant(s). The Santiam Christian School Board shall respond in writing to the Appellant(s) within five (5) days of the hearing. The written decision of the Santiam Christian School Board is final.

*During the process of appeal, the student may continue attending school but is not eligible for participation in extra -curricular activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

In order to help you get the most out of school and to keep Santiam Christian operating smoothly, there are some routine procedures with which you should be familiar.

ACCIDENTS: A student who witnesses an accident, or who is injured on campus, should report it immediately to a teacher who will make a written report to the office. If no teacher is available, the accident should immediately be reported to the office. Students should not attempt first aid on their own unless no staff member is available.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:

12. Stanford Achievement Tests are given on campus to all students annually, usually near the end of April. (No charge)
2. The ASVAB Interest, Ability, and Occupation Test is given on campus to Juniors, generally in October. (No Charge)
3. The Pre-Scholastic Abilities Test (PSAT) is given on campus to requesting freshmen, sophomores, or juniors in October. The National Merit Scholarship Program is based on the PSAT. (Charge Approx. \$15.00)
4. The Scholastic Abilities Test (SAT & ACT) are given off-campus to juniors and seniors interested in attending a four year college. (Charge: Approx. \$45.00)
5. Advanced Placement (AP) Tests are available to any senior who would like to challenge a college class. (Given on or off campus. Charge: Approx. \$86.00 per test)

BIBLE TRANSLATION: For use in Bible classes, Santiam Christian recommends that students have either a New International Version or a New American Standard Version of the Bible.

BUILDING APPEARANCE: The Santiam Christian School campus is one of which every student can be proud. To maintain this appearance, every student should help to keep the buildings and grounds neat and clean. In the event that a student breaks or damages something, they will be held responsible. Students will be charged according to the damage which they have done, or its replacement cost.

CELL PHONES: *Cell phones or pagers are to be turned off while a student is in class.*

Disruption of the class through failure to comply with this guideline will result in loss of the phone and/or the privilege of using cell phones or pagers on campus. Camera cell phones, or devices with similar capabilities, are to be turned off and not used in locker rooms, restrooms, and other parts of the campus where privacy is expected. Violation of this policy would be considered a Category III offense. (See p.26)

JH Cell Phone/Mp3/iPod Use:

Cell phones should be set to “silent” during the school day, and are only to be used in case of a serious and urgent need to contact a parent. If that need arises, students should first get permission from their teacher to remove their cell phone from their backpack and, with permission, use it on the front porch of the JH building only.

Any cell phone use during school hours, including the lunch hour, other than communicating with parents, with permission, on the JH front porch, is prohibited. If parents have an urgent need to contact their student during the school day, please call the office and have a message delivered.

Calls/text messages during class time are quite distracting, so parents should not put their child in an awkward position by texting/calling during class.

iPods or other Mp3/music players are generally to be kept at home. They are not to be used on busses (as per school policy), or during the school day. Once students arrive on campus, they are to be put away. If a student will be using the player after school, or at a friend's house later in the day, it should be kept in the backpack in the locker, in the "off" position until the student is off campus.

Cell phones and/or music players in use outside of this policy will be turned over the principal for pick up by the parents

CHAPELS AND ASSEMBLIES: Santiam Christian is vitally interested in the spiritual development of its students. Chapel is a gathering of the Santiam Christian family specifically for times of spiritual growth, sharing of needs, hearing different guest ministers and speakers. Some chapels will be used for assemblies, elections, student orientation, etc., to meet the organizational and informational purposes of the school and its students. Attendance is required. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend chapels. No prior arrangements need to be made.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Students and their families are expected to be regular in attendance at the church of their choice.

COMPLAINTS: Dissatisfaction or complaints should be directed to the appropriate individual, in accordance with the Matthew 18 principle. Christian ethics dictate that we avoid carrying tales or making statements that can serve to discredit an individual or the school.

CONTACT INFORMATION: It is extremely important that a student notify the office immediately if their address, telephone number, email, or cell phone changes. It is essential that all information be kept up-to-date.

COUNSELOR CONFIDENTIALITY: The school counselor may receive confidential information which raises concerns regarding the safety of the student. For example, a student confides that he/she is considering committing suicide. In those situations, the following policy shall be in effect.

"If a student reveals information that in the counselor's opinion and discretion raises concerns for the safety and/or emotional stability of the student, that information will be revealed to appropriate officials and/or the parents as per *mandatory reporting guidelines*."

If the information is not life threatening but of a serious nature, the counselor may request the student's permission to share the information as appropriate.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS: The announcements are posted each day, in every building, at the beginning of 4th period. JH/HS announcements are also posted on the web. This is considered official notification for deadlines, schedule changes, and special events. Students wishing to have an announcement placed in the bulletin, may turn in their announcement (with teacher approval) to the office prior to the beginning of the next day.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS: Dangerous and illegal weapons are forbidden on school property. No student shall make a threat, carry, exhibit, display, or draw any weapon capable of producing bodily harm in a manner and at a time and place that shows an intent to intimidate another, or that warrants alarm for the safety of persons in the immediate vicinity. Dangerous weapons taken from students will be reported to the student's parents and may be reported to the police. Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action may be pursued. Dangerous weapons shall include, but not be limited to firearms, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, explosives, noxious, irritating, and/or poisonous gases, poisons, and drugs.

DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION: We understand that it is natural for young men and women to develop affections for each other. Students need to understand, however, that displays of affection are generally not appropriate in public places. **At the Junior High level** there are to be no displays of affection, including holding hands. **At the High School level**, any display of affection beyond hand holding is forbidden anywhere on campus and at all other SC functions.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS: Handbills, leaflets, and other material may not be distributed or posted by students or non-students on the Santiam campus without the expressed permission of the School Administration. All such materials must bear identification as to the publishing agency, distributing organization, church, or individual. This precaution is taken because the administration desires to have positive influence in the things advertised to the students and to eliminate any cross purposes to the nature of the school and needs of its students.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES: The decision to hold school or to delay its opening during unusual weather conditions is generally made between 6:00 -6:30 a.m. **The RenWeb Parent Alert System is the primary source of school closure information.** Local radio stations will also be notified. If no announcement is made, school is open and the buses will run their usual routes.

If, because of our large geographic area, the public school in a students area is delayed or cancelled, the student should follow the decision of that local school district regarding their attendance at Santiam Christian on that day.

EQUIPMENT: No school equipment is to be used without the specific permission of those who are in charge of that equipment. It should always be used in accordance with school policies. Any malfunction during use should be reported when the equipment is returned.

FIRE DRILLS OR OTHER EMERGENCY EVACUATION: When the building fire siren sounds, students should walk immediately to the nearest outside exit. **All students must leave the building regardless of what they are doing.** Move well away from the building and stand quietly until the bell signals your return.

GUM CHEWING: At the high school level, chewing gum is allowed unless it specifically violates a teacher's classroom rules. Junior High classes are “gum free.”

HALL PASSES: While classes are in session, students should **never** be anywhere on campus without an official pass. Students may not leave a classroom unless they have been given a pass by the teacher, or a pass from the office. Classroom passes are **REQUIRED** to rest rooms, water fountains, and lockers.

HARASSMENT POLICY:

Harassment behavior will not be tolerated in any form (adult to student, student to student, or student to adult). Infractions of this policy should be reported to a teacher, counselor, or building principal. ALL employees of Santiam Christian are considered "mandatory reporters."

- A. ***Sexual Harassment:*** This specific form of discrimination can be a verbal or non-verbal. It is a means of degrading the sexuality of an individual. Sexual harassment can also be a means of making unwanted statements with sexual connotations to another person.

Sexual Harassment Includes, but it is not limited to:

- * Unwanted sexual advances;
- * Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances;
- * Visual conduct, making sexual gestures, displaying of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons, or posters;
- * Verbal conduct: making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, and jokes;
- * Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal communications about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations; and
- * Physical conduct: touching, assault, impeding, or blocking movement.

- B. ***Intimidation/Bullying:*** This specific form of discrimination can also be verbal or non-verbal in nature. It undermines or attacks the feelings of personal safety and security. It may be in the form of threats, bullying, posturing, cyber communication, etc.

ILLNESS AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS: Students who become ill at school should go to the office and make arrangements to go home. Prescription medications used by students should be filed in the office. Any medication in a student's possession is required to have proper identification, dosage, and expiration dates relevant to the student.

LIBRARY RULES:

1. The library is to be a QUIET place for studying and research.
2. Books are checked out for three (3) weeks.
3. There is a 25¢ fine each day a book is late.
4. Fines will be posted on Monday in the library and on the Student Message Board.
5. No student is allowed in the library when a librarian, or library aid, is not on duty.
6. Report cards will be held at the end of each grading period until all fines are paid.
7. Damaged or lost books must be paid for by the student.

LOCKERS: Lockers are provided to students as a convenience by the school. They belong to the school, and Santiam Christian reserves all rights as to inspection, maintenance, etc. **Money and valuables** should not be kept there except with the utmost caution. Lockers are at no time to be used for storage of objects that are illegal or that could be harmful to individuals in the school. The school cannot be responsible for articles taken out of lockers.

1. Any placement of posters, etc., inside lockers must be acceptable to Santiam Christian standards and codes.
2. All attachments inside the locker, including pictures, contact paper, and decals must be removed before the end of the year locker check.
3. All lockers will be assigned with a record of their condition. The student is responsible to pay for any damage that has occurred during the school year.
4. If a student wishes to lock his/her locker, locks with combinations will be available when the student registers for school. A refundable deposit of \$5.00 is required.

LOST AND FOUND: Each year many items are lost, but only a few are retrieved by their owners. Location of receptacles containing lost and found items will be announced through the Daily Announcement Bulletin. At the end of each quarter, unclaimed items will be taken to a used clothing outlet or appropriate agency.

LUNCHROOM HELPERS: All students will be assigned serving and clean-up duty on a rotating basis. Students not fulfilling their duty will be assigned extra duty.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS: Telephone messages to students will be taken only from parents or employers in an emergency situation. Personal business should be taken care of outside of the school day.

PORTABLE MEDIA: Digital media players may not be used on campus during school hours or on buses during regular routes. Headphones and earbuds are not appropriate and should not be used on campus or on buses.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PETS: Students are not allowed to baby sit children in school. Students are not allowed to bring pets to school.

PUBLICATIONS: *Eagle Happening*: The junior high and high school will maintain a weekly newsletter contact with the home. Each Monday the parents **can expect** this communication from the school via email. This communication will contain announcements, events, and other items requiring action for that week. *What's Happening* can also be accessed via the school website, or a hard copy can be picked up in the high school office.

SCHOOL STUDENT INSURANCE: A secondary coverage policy is provided for all students and covers them during all school activities with the exception of football. The family's insurance coverage still remains the primary provider.**SEARCH AND SEIZURE:** Equipment such as lockers, desks, and cabinets belong to the school and students are allowed to use this equipment as a convenience. Santiam Christian insists that lockers and desks be properly cared for and not used for the storage of illegal items.

Students will be assigned lockers and informed of the conditions governing their usage. Students are assured of their rights as individuals and that these rights will always be balanced with the needs of the school to insure a climate in our schools which assures safety and welfare for all. In a search and seizure situation, the following procedure will be observed:

- C. A search of a student's person is limited to a situation where there is probable reason to believe that the student is secreting evidence of an illegal act or school violation.
- D. Illegal items (firearms, tobacco, drugs, weapons, etc.) or other dangerous possessions may be seized by school officials.
- E. Items which may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from a student's possession. (This may include cell phones or any other electronic device.)

SOCIAL DANCING: The issue of social dancing is controversial among the body of Christ. While some Christians do not have any problem in participating, others feel strong convictions against it. The school board of Santiam Christian has chosen to follow the principle of the New Testament as described in Romans and I Corinthians and not be divisive in this regard. Therefore, the school does not sponsor dances. Student participation in dances not sponsored by the school is left to parental discretion.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Because of the difficult task of stepping into class at the last minute, the job of a substitute teacher is one of the most challenging in education. In some schools there is a feeling that substitute teachers are to be targets of harassment. Such is not the case at Santiam Christian. Substitute teachers are to be treated with attitudes of respect, cooperation, and helpfulness. Failure to respond in this manner or to attempt to take advantage of the teachers' lack of knowledge of our rules will result in **DOUBLE** penalties of detention.

TEACHERS' AIDES OR OFFICE AIDES: A student may work as a Teacher's Aide for a teacher one period a day. The following guidelines shall apply:

- 1. A student may earn one-half elective credit per year as a teacher's aide.
- 2. Junior and seniors students may serve as Teacher's Aides. Any exception to this may only be granted only by the High School Principal.

VISITING STUDENTS OR PARENTS: While visitors are welcome at Santiam Christian, all visitors must report to the main office upon their arrival on campus. A student visitor for the day requires advance arrangements with the building principal. Guest passes must be obtained from the attendance office. This badge must be worn to all classes during the day. In general, student visitors may be allowed one visitation per school year. Visitors may be limited to prospective SC students.

- 1. Visitors will usually be restricted to those interested in attending Santiam Christian or out of town guests.

2. Youth pastors are given a "VIP Visitor's Pass" with no limit to the number of their visits.
3. Generally there will be no visitors on semester test days and during the last two (2) weeks of school.
4. Visitors are generally expected to comply with Santiam Christian standards for conduct and dress while on campus. Specific situations will be addressed on a case by case basis.
5. Any exceptions to the above require prior administrative approval.

WORK RELEASE: Juniors and seniors may qualify for a work release. Released time is approved by the Administration.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

BOARD MEETINGS

School Board Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Monday of each month. A time at the beginning of each meeting is scheduled for parent input.

ANNUAL PARENT MEETING

The Annual Parent Meeting, held each spring, is a time for the “owners” to receive the various board reports and to hear the “State of the School” address from the Administrative Staff. Board members are elected at this meeting. Other business items are also discussed.

OPEN HOUSE

In September or early October of each year the Junior High and High School conducts a parent “Back-to-School” night. Parents will follow their student’s schedule and get better acquainted with his/her teachers and fellow parents. This is a great night of fellowship.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC/HARVEST CELEBRATION

In September there is an all-school picnic/BBQ held on the school campus to serve as a welcome to new parents and a welcome back to existing parents.

VOLUNTEER HOURS (Updated annually by the School Board)

Since Santiam Christian Schools is a parent society school, it is dependent upon each family's participation and assistance. Each family is expected to give of their time in involvement (i.e., repairs, coaching, playground help, fund raisers, painting, etc.) for a minimum of thirty (30) hours per year. The value of this time is calculated annually by the board. Please understand that your time and effort is more valuable than the money. Each family will be given a voucher form and will keep track of their own hours on the honor system. When the thirty (30) hours are completed, the voucher form should be returned to the Business Office for the appropriate credit. Partial credit, at the prevailing rate, would be given for an uncompleted voucher. Failure to return the voucher, or failure to become involved, will result in an additional charge to your account.

MAJOR FUNDRAISING: Five (5) hours of this volunteer service must be spent on a major fund-raising project of the school as defined annually by the School Board (i.e. Spring Auction). Any exceptions require Finance Committee approval at their request.

NOTE: If a parent believes that their situation warrants an exemption from either the regular volunteer hours, or the major fund raiser portion of this policy, they must submit a written request and supportive data to the Board Finance Committee. *Only the Board Finance Committee can make exceptions to this policy.*

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL SPONSORED FUNCTIONS

Extra-curricular activities and parties are a part of school life, particularly for high school students.

1. Any class or student activity sponsored by the school shall be planned by student leaders with their advisors. Details of the activity will be indicated on the official Event/Activity Form.
2. An Event/Activity Form should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the activity. Forms are available in the office.
3. NO MEETING OF ANY ORGANIZATION IS TO BE HELD WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ADVISOR!
4. All school-sponsored parties will have school-provided supervisory staff in attendance. Parents may telephone the school office if they question whether or not an activity is school sponsored.

ANNUAL EVENTS

BACCALAUREATE: This final week before graduation begins with a church service put on by the senior class. Music and testimonies feature members of the Senior Class, and all seniors are required to attend. The speaker selected for the service is chosen by the class.

***CHRISTMAS BANQUET (HS) :** The Christmas Banquet is a dress-up banquet for *high school students only*. It is sponsored by the senior class. Students may invite an outside guest (with prior approval of the high school principal) to this banquet. Dress for this occasion is formal, semi-formal, or theme-related.

***COURT OF HEARTS:** Court of Hearts is held during the month of February. It also has a slate of "Spirit Week" activities, prince and princesses, a basketball game and party after the game.

GRADUATIONS:

High School - Graduation is held in the high school multipurpose center. This is the final recognition and presentation of diplomas to our seniors. Songs, testimonies, student speeches and a special slide show highlight this night of celebration.

8th Grade - A concluding event recognizing the accomplishments of the students is held at the end of each year. This event, for parents and students, recognizes the transition from their elementary years to their entrance into high school.

HELLO WEEK: This first week of school, is filled with activities designed to "welcome back" all current students and provide new students a chance to get acquainted with the other students. This week includes class activities, yearbook signing on Thursday and usually a football game on Friday night.

***HOMECOMING WEEK:** Homecoming is held during October. This week consists of various class competitions, dress-up days, a pep rally, selection of class prince and princesses, football game, crowning of the King and Queen, and a party after the game.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET (HS): This Banquet is a formal banquet held at the end of the year which is sponsored by the Junior Class. All seniors are invited to attend as guests of the Junior Class. This Banquet is restricted to the Juniors and Seniors who are current students at Santiam Christian (No guests, no underclassmen). Dress for this occasion is formal, semi-formal, or theme-related.

MINI SESSIONS (HS): Mini-sessions are held during the last week of school. It is for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors only. A plethora of exciting trips and special classes will be offered by the staff. Mini-sessions are a part of our regular school year and participation is fun and exciting for all students. *Costs will vary according to the activity selected.*

PURSUIT (HS): The first week of school begins with a mandatory 3-day retreat for all high school students. Get acquainted activities and spiritual renewal are the focus of this retreat.

SERVE DAY (HS): Once a year, the high school participates in a special day where our students provide service to the community. Sponsored by Student Council, students learn firsthand the joy of blessing others with our service. **This is a regular school day and attendance is mandatory.**

***A Guest Form is required for non-SC students. See office well in advance of the event.**

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Santiam Christian offers a multitude of activities that give students an opportunity to become involved in the campus life of Santiam Christian. We strongly recommend that each student become involved in some area of their choice. These opportunities include:

CHOIR AND BAND

The vocal music and instrumental programs at the high school level remain a combination of after school and in-school activity. The core of the activity and practice time occurs during the regular class day and a grade is given for the class. However, most of the performances occur at after-school or off campus events, such as concerts, competitions, festivals, etc. Therefore, both the vocal and instrumental programs are considered regular academic programs although the time commitment is certainly similar to an extra-curricular event.

DECA

DECA is a business and marketing leadership group. It teaches social responsibility, civic consciousness, and vocational understanding of the free enterprise system. Students compete in a variety of areas, with an opportunity to advance to state and national competition.

DRAMA

Drama operates both as a class and as an after-school activity. Students learn acting techniques as well as all the support skills necessary to put on a full length play. The goal of this activity is to use their God-given talents and gifts through drama. Selection for participation in a given play is through auditions and tryouts.

FFA

Santiam Christian is the first private school in Oregon to have an agricultural science program and the only school in the Albany or Corvallis School Districts to have an FFA chapter. Santiam Christian's FFA strives for excellence, and our goal is to set a Christ-like example for all to see.

ROBOTICS

Each year we participate in the FIRST Robotics program. This mainly involves the annual competition as mentioned below. In addition to this, we spend much of the year working on various technology related service projects around our community.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is an exciting, multinational competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. The program is a life-changing, career-molding experience—and a lot of fun.

SOLD OUT

Jesus was a storyteller. He used parables to illustrate the principles and truths in his teaching. Sold Out, a group of ten to twelve students, shares the gospel in a similar way using music, drama, and dance. Several times each month, they perform their gospel message in a wide variety of venues. They take time to share, pray, and befriend those in their audience.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student government at Santiam Christian High School is an important part of school life. It is an opportunity to have a voice in school activities and programs. Students are encouraged to run for office or otherwise become active in student government. Any student has the right to request an appearance before the Student Council to present ideas, express concerns about school problems, or suggest changes. Student Council needs your help, your ideas, and your support in order to function successfully and so that all students can have a genuine voice in the affairs of the school.

The Student Council is comprised of the Executive Council and class representatives. The Executive Council consists of seven members, elected from the student body during elections in early May. Class president elections follow in May. The purpose of Student Council is to serve the student body in Christian love, and according to Christian standards. We wish to develop social and spiritual growth in each student's life. In case of problems or questions, please contact your class representative. Feel free to call upon your Student Council officers.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Encouraging and preparing students to take their faith beyond our campus is a critical part of Santiam Christian's mission. Throughout the school year various service and ministry opportunities are available. Opportunities may include Southside Youth Outreach, Night Strike and mission trips.

Mission Trips

One or two trips each year are planned to provide a variety of inter-cultural experiences for our students. Exposure to life in a third-world country is a never-to-be forgotten experience. During these ministry experiences, the SC team has provided a variety of helpful ministry, providing disaster relief, conducting Bible classes, focusing on the children and staff at local orphanages, praying for the sick, sharing the gospel on the streets, helping with construction projects, and serving the people in their villages.

YEARBOOK

The Eagle: This is the school yearbook published by the journalism students as a class photojournalism project. It tells the story of the events of the year as they unfolded at Santiam Christian School. This award winning volume is a memento which students will always treasure.

A yearbook will be held for one year and released for sale if not picked up within that time frame. A yearbook may be shipped and subject to a pre-paid rate.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding *scholarship, character, leadership, and service*. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Students may not apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the faculty council. The following guidelines are used in the selection process:

LEADERSHIP

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new solutions to problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitudes.
- Inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative.
- Successfully holds school offices, positions, or responsibility; conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding; demonstrates reliability and dependability. Student must show potential for leadership.
- Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in school or community.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

SERVICE

The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- Participates in some community service activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work without complaint.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

CHARACTER

The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others. Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom.
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- Manifest truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

ACADEMICS

The student will maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

NOTE: Schools that select members solely on the basis of scholarship are violating the Constitution and placing their charters in jeopardy.

SELECTION PROCESS

A list of students maintaining a 3.5 GPA is submitted to a faculty council of five (5) teachers. The teachers then nominate students for membership based on the above criteria.

Upon being nominated by the above process, the student is then asked to submit an application for membership in National Honor Society. Upon receipt of the application by the faculty committee, the student is then initiated by the NHS into the membership

ATHLETICS

Competitive interscholastic athletics is an important part of Santiam Christian's extra-curricular offerings. The high school is classified as a 3-A school and is a member of the Pac West League. The junior high plays an independent schedule, primarily through the Albany and Corvallis Boys and Girls Club.

We at Santiam Christian are convinced that athletics are a very important part of a student's education. God's purpose for each of us is to become the best we can be and to become more like Him. In Colossians 3:23 we are commanded, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for man."

While participation in these activities is a valuable experience, the foundation remains that of providing students with a solid classroom education. Athletic participation is a privilege reserved for students in good standing, thus, disciplinary action may limit participation. Every student at Santiam Christian is encouraged to participate in at least some phase of the interscholastic athletic program. Participating creates a sense of belonging, a camaraderie of teammates, and heightens school identification.

SPORTS AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Boys: Football, Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Equestrian, Track, and Golf.

Girls: Cheerleading, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Track, Equestrian, Softball, and Tennis.

Special Note: OSAA permits students attending a private Christian School to participate with their local resident school district if the private school does not offer a particular sport (i.e. swimming, water polo, etc.)

ROOTER'S BUS

When there is sufficient student interest, a Rooter's Bus will be taken to away athletic contests. During this activity the following conditions will apply:

1. Rooter's buses must be filled at a rate that will pay for the transportation cost. Students will sign up and pay for the cost of the trip in the office. Admission to the game must also be paid by the student at the game destination. Bus fares will not be refunded if a student is unable to attend the game.
2. Those who ride a bus will return on the same bus unless the student rides home with his/her parents after the game. This **MUST BE** confirmed with the adult in charge. Any other arrangements must be made before the trip and must be confirmed by the Athletic Director before the trip. A student will not be given permission to ride home with other students.
3. School rules apply to all trips. Dress must be appropriate to the occasion.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

AS A PLAYER: Representing Santiam Christian High School by being a participant on one of the athletic teams is an honor. To represent Santiam Christian, the student must develop such qualities as self-discipline, team work, fair play, acceptance of common rules, equality, and sacrifice for the good of the group in the form of team loyalty.

AS SPECTATORS: The impression visitors will take away from our school depends upon the spectators and our student body. Students and parents, have very definite responsibilities as hosts. To become better hosts, we will strive to perform in the following manner:

1. Make the visiting team and officials feel welcome and wish to return.
2. Conduct ourselves in such a manner that visitors will feel as though they have been treated fairly or dealt with in a sportsman-like way. We are to regard our opponents as those who are helping us to achieve a higher degree of proficiency and excellence. We must keep in mind a game is being played and the final score does not determine the better team in any ultimate sense. In this regard, we play with, not against, the other team. The other team is a competitor or contestant, not the enemy or assailant.
3. Treat officials with courtesy and respect. The officials assigned here give their time to help high school athletics. It is true that they receive a fee for their services, but people of their character will not subject themselves to ill treatment for the sake of a fee. Respect their opinion and judgement and recognize they have a difficult job to perform.

4. Visiting teams have been well coached and have practiced hard, and their success is not "luck" or a "gift" from the officials. Recognize their ability and give credit where credit is due.
5. Students should direct their attention at encouraging their own team, rather than booing opponents and officials.

REMEMBER: OUR ACTIONS CONSTITUTE A TESTIMONY FOR OURSELVES, OUR SCHOOL AND FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. MAKE IT POSITIVE!!

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY

Our approach to athletics is based upon the Bible, which is foundational to the total philosophy of our school. We are seeking to develop athletes who are under the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit in every phase of their lives. (I Thess. 5:23) This approach develops a singleness of mind and stability as they approach life. (James 1:8)

GOALS

1. The total release of yourself - mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually - with the thought that Jesus is the only "fan in the stands." (Col. 3:17, 23)
2. Our goal is to win through the giving of 100% effort both in the game and on the practice field in preparation for the game. The goal of athletics at Santiam **is not** and **will not** become "win at all cost". The world's connotation of "win at all cost" implies adapting special rules just for the athletes, having a double standard of grades, teaching players to cheat or violate the rules, or in some way circumvent the system "just to win". This is not the case at Santiam Christian. We are not to base our value and worth on being "number one" or anything else the world thinks of us. Rather, we base our value and worth on being the man/woman God wants us to be and to serve Jesus Christ totally on and off the athletic field. If a player or team has given a 100% effort in preparation and in performance, then he or she can walk away a "winner" even though the score may register a defeat.
3. Sportsmanship is stressed at all times. We try to win every game, but losses are taken in stride. We try to profit from each loss by the elimination of our mistakes in planning and practicing for the next game.

Research indicates that students involved in extra and co-curricular activities increase their chance of success during adulthood, therefore, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this section makes both your student's and your experience with the SCHS Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable

CHARACTER QUALITIES

Here are some of the character qualities we want all of our athletes to have. These are Biblically based. We encourage you to work on them through prayer and practice.

1. *Dependability*: Be at all practices and contests unless excused by your coach. Do what is expected of you in all situation.
2. *Punctuality*: Be on time - to class, to practices, games and meetings.
3. *Commitment*: As a member of a team you have made a season-long commitment to dedicate your time **and effort toward** that sport.
4. *Self-Control*: Make good decisions regarding your words and actions. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." (Proverbs 21:23)
5. *Obedience*: Obey your coach and all authority for God has put them over you for a reason. "Do all things without murmurings and disputing." (Philippians 2:14)
6. *Intensity*: Give everything you have at all times. Focus your total attention upon the job at hand and put forth your best effort to complete it.
7. *Endurance*: You must be able to withstand stress, hard work and the problems that all Christian athletes experience.
8. *Humility*: Portray the attitude that God is the one responsible for your abilities, talents and success.

ELIGIBILITY

The athletic policy at Santiam Christian reflects our desires to prepare young adults physically as well as mentally. Our priorities are such that academics are first and athletics second. Because of this we have established the following policy to insure that our students will receive a proper education.

1. CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Good citizenship in the classroom, and on campus, shall always be a team requirement and any departure from this may result in disciplinary action. Students who display an attitude which is detrimental to the standards and testimony of the school may be declared ineligible. This citizenship area will be evaluated at the same time the academic grades are being checked. A "U" is treated the same as an "F".

2. CONDUCT ELIGIBILITY

All student behavior, whether on or off campus, shall be in compliance with the standards of Santiam Christian as described in the Parent/Student Handbook. Administrative disciplinary decisions may effect eligibility.

3. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Any student not meeting his/her obligations in the classroom will not be able to give their best while involved with athletics. Eligibility will be determined by the following criteria:

A. Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)

Must meet all eligibility requirements of the OSAA, pass a minimum of five (5) classes the previous semester, and be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as defined by OSAA. For questions, contact the SC Athletic Director.

B. Santiam Christian High School

Must be passing in *all* subjects to participate in athletics, cheerleading, etc.

Sequence of Weekly Evaluation

1. Every Friday the teachers will be given a list of students participating in athletics. If a student is failing a course at that time the teacher indicates the current grade and class period beside the student's name and returns the report to the athletic director. On Monday the student is informed that he has until Friday, at the end of school, to bring his grade up to passing.
2. Beginning the second week, if the student is still failing, he becomes ineligible to participate or dress down in any contest(s) for that entire week although he may continue to practice.
3. If, beginning the third week, the student is still failing, he becomes ineligible to practice, travel or sit on the bench.
4. At four weeks, a player is dropped from his/her team. Since our purpose still remains to stimulate students to passing academic achievement, a window of hope is created here for the student who finally realizes his mistake and wants another chance. His journey back begins with the position that he must be passing the class that was causing the failure. In coordination between the coach and the athletic director, he/she can be reinstated but since several weeks of practice have been missed, there are no expectations on playing time. He/She would have to earn their way back onto the team and into a position of receiving playing time.
5. If a student is receiving an "F" from any teacher it is the *student's responsibility* to find out what work needs to be completed to raise the current grade. *This work must be completed during the week and turned in on Friday for evaluation.* WORK NOT TURNED IN ON FRIDAY MUST WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT WEEKLY EVALUATION, THUS THE STUDENT WOULD MISS ALL GAMES FOR ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK.
6. If any student involved in athletics receives an F on their report card (end of quarter) that student starts the new quarter in the same subject w/o the first week of grace. This means they are automatically on Probation at Step Two.

7. Since the end of a quarter, or semester, signifies a completion of work for that quarter, it is assumed that each student begins the new quarter with a fresh slate. If during that first week of the new quarter, there are no daily assignments, quizzes, or tests which are graded during that week *all students are assumed to be passing*.

SPECIAL NOTE: Learning Disabilities

Special situations created by diagnosed learning disabilities, medical or emotional disabilities will be handled on an individual case by case basis. Review may be by the Athletic Committee with the final decision resting on the Administrator.

4. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. *Physical Exam* - All students must have had a physical exam by a doctor, a completed medical form, and a signed release by their parents filed with the Athletic Director prior to participation in any organized practice. Physical Exams are to be taken every two years starting in the 7th grade.

B. *Insurance* -A secondary coverage policy is provided for all students and covers them during all school activities with the exception of football. Family coverage must be provided in this area. *Evidence of coverage or a signed waiver from the parents must be on file with the Athletic Director prior to participation.*

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to students. As your student becomes involved in the programs of SCHS, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. However, it is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your student wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Communications you should expect from your student's coach

- Philosophy of the coach
 - Expectations the coach has for your student as well as all the players on the team
 - Location and times of all practices and contests
 - Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning
 - Procedures should your student be injured during practice or contest
 - Discipline that may result in limiting your student's participation
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- **Communication coaches expect from parents**
 - Concerns expressed directly to the coach - if your student has a concern, please encourage them to try communicating with their coach before you intervene.
 - Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
 - Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations
 - If you have questions or concerns, go directly to the coach and not to other parents.

- **Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches**

- The treatment of your student, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your student improve
- Concerns about your student's behavior

As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be, and should be, discussed with your student's coach. Other things, such as those in the following section, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure you should follow:

- Call to set up an appointment. The school phone number is 541.745.5524.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call the school's Athletic Director at 541.745.5524.

Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach during or immediately after a game or match, regarding your areas of frustration. These are often emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature never promote resolution but only heighten the level of tension between parent and coach.

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
- At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

PLAYER CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE

The coaching staff expects each player to conduct himself/herself in a way that will reflect the conduct and behavior befitting a follower of Jesus Christ and in accordance with the S.C. Parent/Student Handbook. This guideline is stressed on team trips, in public places, and as guests of various opponents. Such action is intended to eliminate that behavior which would bring disrespect upon the individual, or the school (i.e., vandalism, taking of souvenirs, etc.).

1. You will be expected to be well groomed at all times. The head coach will explain his or her dress requirements.
2. You will be expected to exercise courtesy at all times.
3. You will be expected to be respectful of the school you are visiting or that we are hosting.

FOOD STOPS

1. **On game nights when there is school the next day:** the bus may stop at the coaches discretion, for a brief food break. This will depend upon the length of game, etc. Students should carry money for their own food.
2. **On game nights when there is no school the next day:** the bus will generally stop for food.

SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Santiam Christian offers a variety of varsity and junior varsity athletic teams engaged in interscholastic competition. The availability of JV and JV2 teams depends on the number of participants necessary to field a team.

Note: Cheerleading try-outs are held in May of each year for the Fall and Winter sports seasons.

GENDER NOTE: While Santiam Christian does try to provide for equal opportunity for boys and girls in interscholastic activities, it is the policy of our school that girls will not participate with boys in the contact sports of football and wrestling.

DUAL PARTICIPATION

It is the intent of the Santiam Christian athletic department to provide as many opportunities for athletic competition for our athletes as possible. During some seasons, an athlete has the opportunity to participate in both an individual sport (cross country, golf, track, and wrestling) and a team sport (soccer, football, volleyball, baseball, softball and rally). At the varsity level it is generally not possible to be in two team sports at the same time.

Policy Guidelines:

1. It is the recommendation of the Santiam Christian Athletic Department that whenever feasible athletes are allowed to cross over and participate in an individual as well as a team sport.
2. When there is a conflict in scheduling such as two events on the same day, the team sport will always take priority over the individual sport.
3. During the regular season there may be a few matches or meets where entrants are restricted from each school. In such cases a cross-over athlete is not always guaranteed an entry in that match or meet. It shall be the coaches decision as to the best deployment of personnel.
4. Whenever possible JV level contests, meets or matches shall be scheduled. This will allow both the cross-over and regular team athlete to participate and compete at their appropriate level of skill and experience. The "fun" or enjoyable aspects of all competition require that the participants in that activity are approximately equal in ability, size or whatever the key factors might be.

5. Although there are times when performance level will be a key factor in the cross-over athlete, it will never be the sole determinant. Other factors include:

A. The cross-over athlete will always be subjected to the same criteria as any other "regular" member of the team (i.e., attitude, obeying rules, cooperation). Outstanding performance in one area does not give them status which is above the team rules.

B. Attendance at the "individual" practice sessions as the team schedule permits.

C. A willingness to contribute to the team success not just gain individual recognition.

D. A work ethic which encourages the cross-over athlete to work out on his/her own in addition to his/her regular practice schedule.

6. Finally, special consideration will always be given to place our top performers in District competition for possible advancement to State competition.

7. No athlete may quit one sport and turn out for another after the season has begun without the mutual consent of both coaches and the Athletic Director

FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND UNIFORMS

1. The Lord has blessed us with the facilities that we have. You must be a good steward of what we have and use it wisely. Always leave all facilities cleaner than when you found them. Destructiveness or misuse of our facilities will not be tolerated.
2. On road trips you will be responsible for treating the host schools facilities in the same manner. Leave a clean dressing room and a good impression.
3. Treat school equipment with care. Equipment issued to you is your responsibility. Any loss or failure to return school equipment will be assessed at replacement value. This obligation must be taken care of before turning out for any other sport.
4. Your coach will issue you a uniform and/or sweats before the first contest. It is **YOUR** responsibility. Keep it clean and in good shape.
5. Late return charges may be assessed to you if your uniform is not returned to the coach by a designated date after the completion of the sport season.

SANTIAM CHRISTIAN TRAINING RULES

Coaches of the individual sports with approval from the Athletic Director may establish training rules for their particular team. At all times, these shall conform to the Santiam Christian student's code for conduct, dress, and appearance. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a coach from exceeding these rules by establishing stricter training rules for the athlete in his/her sport. However, those rules must be consistent with other school practices and policies. Any coach exercising this option must also file a copy with the Athletic Director, who will review the content of individual sport training codes to insure their fairness and legality.

- Hair must be neatly groomed and styled. At any time, a coach may require a student to trim the hair if it is not neatly trimmed and styled, or if it is hindering his/her performance or could be a safety factor.
- Curfew, in general 11:00 p.m. for school nights and 1:00 a.m. on weekends, except in the case of a Saturday night contest when the curfew remains at 11:00 p.m. for Friday night. Sleep is absolutely essential! The vigorous strain of practices and games can wear down even the most healthy body.
- In the promotion of team identification and unity, shirts and ties, sweaters, etc., may be required for teams at certain times such as game days, etc.

PRACTICE ROUTINE AND CONDUCT

Practice periods are the foundation of any successful team. What you do in practice is what you will do in a game. It is here that you impress the coaching staff. It is here that you convince the coaches that you want to play, that you can play, and that you should play. **We expect hustle, fire, and determination, at all times**, regardless of ability. It means that you want to be the first on the practice area and the last to leave. You cannot impress the coaches by slacking off, being late, or trying to avoid hard work. With the above statements in mind, the following policies must be observed:

1. *Be on time.* Practices are scheduled to the minute. We cannot tolerate tardiness.
2. *Be attentive.* When the coach is talking, listen. *Really listen*, and don't just look at him and think of something else. You have to concentrate to learn and we have practices to give you an opportunity to learn.
3. *Give 100% in all drills.* A drill is really a waste of time unless you are doing it to the best of your ability. Don't baby yourself, be sure you are doing the best you can. The harder a drill is for you, the harder you should try. It is all a matter of personal courage and determination.
4. *Watch and learn.* When you are not in the immediate drill or scrimmage, watch and learn from those participating. Watch the person in the position you play.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL AND PRACTICE

1. Athletes must be in attendance for at least one half day on school days and excused for the absented half in order to participate in any activity for that day (i.e. games, meets, or practices). This means *YOU MUST ATTEND 4 ACADEMIC CLASSES* (chapel is considered one class) unless an early dismissal would prohibit four (4) classes. Family emergencies or medical exceptions should be cleared with the school office.
2. Attendance and/or tardiness to practice
 - A. A coach must be consulted if any athlete must miss practice or a game. An athlete missing a practice or a game without good reason may be subject to disciplinary action.
 - B. These offenses will result in disciplinary action by the coach of each sport. The exact nature of the consequences will depend upon the specific circumstances of the case.
 - C. Advance notice *MUST* be given to the coach by the athlete or it is unexcused, unless absent from school on that day.

SCHOOL ABSENCES DUE TO ATHLETICS

1. Students excused for Athletic Activities *are responsible* for all work in classes that has been missed. Completed assignments are due prior to leaving or at the beginning of class on the day of return.
2. Those athletes gone from classes must be prepared for full participation in class work on the day of return. This includes written assignments, reports or tests.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

5. ATHLETIC AWARDS

Letter: Establishing the criteria for the awarding of a school letter is the responsibility of the head coach of each sport. Only one Santiam Christian letter will be awarded to each athlete regardless of how many sports he/she letters in. Completion of the sports season is required in order for the athlete to be eligible for a letter or other team or individual awards. At the discretion of the coach, an exception could be created for an injury which either limited or ended participation for that season. No awards will be given to any student suspended for the remainder of the season for athletic code or eligibility violation. **Certificate:** Those athletes who do not qualify for a letter will receive merit awards in each sport for which they participate.

2. INJURIES

If a student is injured in an activity that includes the head, neck or back area, the coach will notify the parent or the other party listed on the Emergency Card. For any other injury the coach and/or assistant will check the student thoroughly, and if immediate medical care is suggested, the parent or other party will be notified. A student indicating numbness, nausea, dizziness, or pupil dilation warrants the coach to call the parent or other party and take the student for immediate medical attention.

Athletes who become injured during the course of a season are expected to attend practices and to be with the team during contests both home and away. There is a great deal they can learn about the sport and a number of ways they can assist teammates during the period of rehabilitation. Most of all, we want the injured athlete to feel that he/she is a part of the team.

3. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT (OSAA)

Head Injury. Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion, shall not be permitted to return to that contest, or any other athletic contest, on that same day. Until the athlete who has suffered a concussion is no longer experiencing post-concussive symptoms, and a medical release form signed by an appropriate healthcare professional is obtained, the athlete shall not be permitted to return to athletic activity.

TRANSPORTATION OF ATHLETES

Arrangements for all team travel will be made by the Athletic Director and Director of Transportation in conjunction with the desires of the head coach. School buses or private vans will be used for team travel. A student will not be assigned to drive participants to or from games.

ALL ATHLETES WILL TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE CONTEST ON THE TEAM VEHICLE. EXCEPTION- Upon written parental request to the Head Coach, an athlete may be allowed to ride home with his/her parents, or other designated adult (over the age of 21).

Students missing the official transportation and going by private transportation shall not participate in the athletic contest unless the circumstances were of an emergency nature.

SPECIAL GAME TRAVEL (with parent and coaches permission): When games are scheduled out of the area, those players who live in that area will be allowed to drive their car, following the bus, to a designated location in that area. Student would then park their car and ride the bus to the game. Upon return, they would then be let off at their car and allowed to drive home. This saves them significant driving time.

SPECIAL PRACTICE TRAVEL: Because certain sports such as soccer, golf, and track conduct their regular practices at locations off campus, a special waiver is available to allow the students to go home from the practice location rather than returning to the campus and then departing for home. During the season in question an athlete may bring a note of parental verification allowing them to drive their car to practice and home from practice. Other students who would *normally* ride home with that individual must also supply the school with a parental note of release.

TEAM SELECTION

In any specific sport where sufficient participation is evident, we will attempt to provide a "JV2" team, a JV team, and a varsity team for these sports. These teams, "JV2" (freshmen and sophomores) or JV (freshmen, sophomores and juniors) are viewed as developmental or instructional in nature where the varsity is viewed as inter-scholastic.

1. VARSITY

At the varsity level, each sport is viewed as inter-scholastic competition for the mature, skilled, experienced athlete. Our teams participate through the OSAA at the 3A level in the Pac West League. Teams may advance on from league competition to District, to Regional and finally to State Competition.

2. JUNIOR VARSITY (JV)

At this level, practices are still viewed as foundational but with increasing skill and experience. The goal is preparation for varsity participation. Game participation becomes increasingly more challenging. All team members shall be given opportunities to participate.

At the JV level, every attempt will be made to give playing time to every team member. Although playing time will definitely not be equal because of the skill levels and needs of that particular game.

3. JUNIOR VARSITY 2 (JV2)

- a. At this level, practices are viewed as a time for the teaching of the basic skills necessary for playing at the higher levels of competition. It is also a time of preparation for the games that week. All team members shall be given opportunities to participate.
- b. At the JV2 level, all team members will play in every game unless there are disciplinary reasons or health restrictions that would limit participation.
- c. Although equal playing time still remains the goal, special circumstances may not always allow this goal to be reached.

4. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Participants in a sport may be selected on the basis of competitive try-outs. If the number of students trying out for a sport exceeds the number of players that can reasonably be handled for practice sessions, uniform availability, etc., then, unfortunately, some of the players may need to be "cut". Desire alone on the part of a student is not always sufficient.

5. MAKING THE TEAM

Students are chosen for team membership on the basis of:

- a. Level of skill the student already possesses in comparison to the other students trying out. Size, speed, strength, agility, are all factors that are taken into consideration.
- b. The natural abilities that a student might possess that would indicate a high potential for the development of skills not yet refined.
- c. The attitude and effort that the student shows in the try-outs.
- d. The evidence that indicates that the student can be part of a team and place the welfare and achievement of the team ahead of personal gratification and recognition.

6. PARTICIPATION AFTER MAKING THE TEAM

Playing time accorded a player will depend upon:

- a. The skill the player possesses.
- b. The growth and development of skills as the season progresses.
- c. The ability to function effectively as part of a team, to follow the game plan and to put team success first.
- d. The effort, attitude, and seriousness devoted to practice sessions.
- e. The way a player fits into the strongest combination of players that the coach can put on the field or court.
- f. Character Development: The arena of athletics provides an opportunity for our young men and women to test their Christian witness and character development in the competitive world of public, interscholastic competition. While it is the goal of our entire school to encourage growth and development in these areas, the coaches of specific sports will have unique opportunities within the structure of the team to help their athletes grow through team devotions, team prayer, focus on team goals, etc.

Since we do not expect our students or athletes to be perfect, learning from our mistakes is an essential ingredient of this process called character growth. Lack of growth in these areas may result in disciplinary action within the team structure (i.e., extra running, loss of playing time, suspension from a game, etc.) Principle will never be compromised for immediate success.

7. THE SELECTION OF STARTING PLAYERS

The starting players will always be a "judgement call" by the coach in question. In every sport the performance of the player will be subjected to the human element of evaluation. That is why head coaches and assistant coaches will often discuss their evaluations to make sure that they are not missing something that other coaches have noticed. In this regard desire alone is not the primary factor any more then it would be in the adult world of competing for jobs. This is no reflection upon the worth of a student, his character or his value as a person. It is simply an evaluation of his/her talents in that sport.

MID-WEEK CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Note: The principles of this section apply to whatever night is used for youth group meetings and/or Bible study.

All student-athletes at Santiam Christian are encouraged to participate in their respective church youth groups, both on Sundays and mid-week. For many churches this is a Wednesday night activity. Participation is encouraged in the following ways.

1. **Wednesday night games** will be avoided when possible. Exceptions would be as a result of league make-up games which require the next day participation or some other unusual circumstance such as field or gym availability, opposing team conflict of schedule, etc.

2. **Wednesday night practices** will be shortened or structured to allow players to attend their youth service. On those occasions where the schedule necessitates a late practice, any player may be excused to attend his/her youth service with no penalties incurred. In these circumstances, self responsibility dictates that the coach is to be notified in advance by the student so that the coach may plan accordingly for drill and scrimmage participation of that athlete.
3. **Summer League Activities** are strongly encouraged to avoid Wednesday nights if at all possible. While every attempt will be made to avoid Wednesday activities, it must be remembered that summer league structure for girls softball, boys baseball, boys and girls track are activities totally outside the scope of the school.
4. **Personal responsibility.** Other conflicts may arise from time to time, such as absences for choir trips, mission trips, retreats, etc. In all cases we will attempt to be cooperative in allowing the student to participate in their church activity. The requirement for this type of participation is that the **student notify his/her coach in advance** for adequate preparation in that athletes absence. Failure to notify your coach in advance may result in team penalties **because of the lack of personal responsibility** on the part of the student/athlete, not because they are missing for a church sponsored activity.

When such trips or activities result in missed practices and games, a player may receive loss of a starting position or reduced playing time for the next game simply because the player has not been a part of the practice strategy and preparation for that specific game.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The Santiam Christian High School Athlete must learn and respect the rules of sportsmanship. Poor sportsmanship is a reflection on the team, the school, the coaches, and the individual.

1. Sportsmanship begins with respect for our opponent (players, coaches, and school). We will treat others as we would want to be treated.
2. The athlete will not sacrifice personal integrity or the honor of his team by using dishonorable tactics in an effort to win. Winning fairly is the team's goal in any contest, and, regardless of the behavior of the opposing team, SC athletes will conduct themselves like true sportsmen.
3. Profanity will never be tolerated either in contests or practices.
4. Losing is part of competitive sports: Our athletes will learn to be gracious in defeat, and modest in victory. They will always congratulate the opponent after the contest - win or lose.
5. A sportsman never shows displeasure with a teammate so that spectators become aware of it.

6. We will respect the judgment of the officials. An error in interpretation of the rules can be questioned as allowed in the rules but will only be done by those whom the rules allow to do so.
7. The athlete is a member of a team. Promote team and school loyalty. Be proud of your team and your school. It is not old-fashioned to be loyal to your team or school.
8. Santiam Christian athletes are to be gentlemen and ladies on and off the athletic contest area.

Special Note:

Because there has been a general decline in good sportsmanship across the state, the OSAA, which governs all high school athletics, has placed an increased emphasis on good sportsmanship. To support this emphasis, they have added monetary penalties for those who violate the expected norms of good sportsmanship.

FINANCIAL PENALTIES

1. ***Ejection from a contest.*** When a participant or coach is ejected from a contest, (i.e., red card, two technicals, etc.) the school that the participant or coach represents may be issued a fine pending a review of the circumstance of the ejection. Generally that participant or coach is suspended for one game plus an ejection fine up to a maximum of \$200 may be assessed.

All fines assessed to the school because of an ejection are the responsibility of that participant or coach, not the school.

2. ***Ejection for physical contact with an official.*** Physical contact between a participant or coach and an official shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct. The offending participant or coach shall be immediately ejected from the contest, and shall be suspended for a minimum of one contest, plus other requirements as prescribed by the OSAA board, which may include a fine of an amount up to \$1,000.

All fines for unsportsmanlike actions are the responsibility of the participant or coach, not the school.

AN ATHLETE'S EXAMPLE

We want our athletes to begin to sense the tremendous potential they have as high profile students to positively impact our campus. This involves much more than simply staying out of trouble or not making waves. The following story illustrates our desires.

There once was a wise and beautiful Queen who lived in a huge castle in the forest. She kept as pets several beautiful, white doves. One day a young boy was out in the forest playing with a bow and arrow. When he saw a bird fly overhead he unthinkingly launched an arrow toward it. To his surprise, his arrow struck and killed the bird. When he saw that he had killed one of his Queen's prized doves he was both heartbroken and terror-stricken. Finally, he took the bird in his arms and walked to the Queen's castle. With his head bowed in shame, he apologized to the Queen saying, "I didn't mean any harm." The beautiful Queen looked at him sadly and softly said, "Yes, but did you mean to do good?"

Author Unknown

High School athletes must recognize that they are in a fish bowl - students and the community are constantly scrutinizing their words and actions. What a tremendous opportunity to direct the eyes of those who surround us to the "King". It is not enough to avoid doing harm; our position as Christian athletes should be striving to do good - to be spiritual leaders on our campus.

Remember: Our actions and attitudes constitute a testimony for our Lord, our school, and for ourselves . . . MAKE IT POSITIVE!

DIRECTIONS FROM S.C. TO AWAY GAMES

(All event directions can be obtained from our website at:
www.santiamchristian.org/home/Sports/Directions)