

## **New for 2018: Middle School Successful Behavior Policy**

Beginning in January 2018, Annunciation middle school is adopting a new Successful Behavior Policy to foster positive student decision-making as well as to support a compassionate and vibrant learning environment. Under the new policy, teachers will issue demerits for student behavior infractions. As opposed to our current system in which the primary consequence for behavior violations is detention, the new system is designed to hold students accountable for their actions while offering multiple opportunities to improve decision-making.

Infractions, which may result in a demerit include but are not limited to:

- Disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior
- Misuse of technology or other school property
- Horseplay/dangerous actions
- Tardy to class
- Unprepared for class and/or missing work
- Use of gum and candy
- Use of beverages other than water in the classroom
- Uniform violation

Students who accumulate six demerits during a quarterly period (approximately nine weeks), will receive a detention. **Detention takes place from 7:15 a.m-7:45 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the middle school.** If a student receives three or more detentions during the same period, the student will be ineligible to attend quarterly Middle School celebrations such as dances or field trips. **Note that teachers may issue an immediate detention (without demerits) depending on the severity of an incident.** In the event that a student does miss a quarterly celebration due to multiple detentions, he/she will have the opportunity to attend the next event provided he/she has not again accumulated three or more additional detentions.

2018 quarterly periods:

- January 8-March 9; March 12-May 25

Middle School celebrations (subject to change):

- Celebration and date to be announced
- Valleyfair (expected to be during the week of May 21 or May 28)