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Student Activities Handbook
2025-2026



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In preparing for the 2024-2025 school year, all Student Activities, including athletics, have been reviewed in terms of our school's philosophy and core values. Our spirit squads, both cheer and dance, are part of athletics. This handbook was prepared to inform and align extracurricular activities in accordance with our school's mission, beliefs, and traditions of Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel.

Athletics

The Athletics Philosophy is:

“To encourage as many students to play and participate as possible. To give all players a positive experience. To teach fundamentals through drills in a motivating and positive way. To build self esteem in all players. To teach young athletes a winning attitude through teamwork as well as how to accept losing. While Vermilion Catholic teams will always enter a contest with the intent of doing their best to win, coaches will try to play as many players as possible keeping the goal of winning in mind.”

Vermilion Catholic is a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. The school adheres to the rules and regulations of that body. An important aspect of the athletic program is good sportsmanship. In Louisiana, the home team is responsible for sportsmanship and conduct at its events. A school is also responsible for the action of its students and fans away from home. Misconduct, such as but not limited to: booing, fighting, obscene gestures, removing clothing or off-colored cheers will not be tolerated.

Requirements for Athletic Participation

In order to participate in any athletic activity, the following LHSAA requirements must be met:

1. Physical on the LHSAA form
2. Grade point average of 2.0 and passing 6 classes at midterm
3. Residency following LHSAA guidelines

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Athletic Activities for Students

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| Cheer | Gymnastics | Swimming |
| Dance | Basketball | Golf |
| Football | Soccer | Cross Country |
| Girls' Volleyball | Track | Indoor Track |
| Softball | Powerlifting | Tennis |
| Baseball | Bowling | Swimming |

Athletic Work Schedule

Each family is required to work one athletic event. Our school benefits from the proceeds raised from these events. A form will be sent at the beginning of the school year with each sport. You may then choose three sports that you would prefer to work. As each sporting season nears, you will receive an email to sign up for your top choices. If you do not sign up and work an event, a fee will be charged to your FACTS account at the end of the school year.

Participation in School-Sponsored Activities

In order to attend any after-school activity, students must check in to school by 9:00 a.m. In addition, students must also be present at school for at least half of the school day. Students not in good standing with the school may not be allowed to participate in school-sponsored activities. If a student has an "F" (failing grade) in a class, they are not excused for a school-sponsored activity.

School-Sponsored Trips

On any school trip, including those to and from athletic events, students must travel by the means of transportation provided by the school and must remain for the entire event. Parents should request an exception, in person or in writing, from the teacher, moderator, or coach prior to the event. School dress is required on any trip unless otherwise specified, and all appropriate

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school regulations remain in effect. Any student embarking on a school sponsored trip must have an appropriate permission slip signed by parents, teachers, and moderators. The Administration and individual teachers reserve the right to deny students' requests for participation based on a student's academic and disciplinary record.

Student Clubs

- Art Club – Mrs. Meagan Bertrand
- Yearbook Club – Mrs. Blaire Desormeaux
- French Club - Mrs. Teresa Kiehl
- Quiz Bowl Club - TBD
- Beta Club - Mrs. Ali Guidry (upper) and Mrs. Monica Moresi (middle)
- National Honor Society Club - Mrs. Jessi Broussard
- 4-H Club- Mrs. Jessi Broussard (upper) and Mrs. Bobbie Rider (middle)
- Drama Club - Mrs. Blaire Desormeaux
- Music Ministry - Mrs. Laura Humble
- Student Council - Mrs. Liz Dartez (upper) and Mrs. Leah Trahan (middle)

Dances and Socials

Attendance

- ID cards may be required for students' admittance to a dance.
- Anyone who is a non-Vermilion Catholic student seeking admittance must follow the procedure for admittance by completing the dance permission form obtained from upper front office. Dates must be of the opposite gender.
- Appropriate dress is required whether the dance is casual, semi-formal, or formal.
- Once a student leaves the dance, he/she must leave the property.
- Students must pay attention to announcements regarding the dress, time, place, price, and duration of a particular dance.
- Students and their dates must adhere to normal school rules regarding conduct during dances.
- Failure to follow these guidelines may result in expulsion from the dance by the designated school official, an accompanying phone call to the parents, and/or other disciplinary actions.
- Special dances (Homecoming, Prom, etc.) may have guidelines other than those mentioned above.

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- Party buses are not allowed on campus.
- No student below the 9th grade will be admitted to high school dances. Students and their dates must be inside 30 minutes after the posted start time and may not leave the dance until the posted end time.
- Only Vermilion Catholic students in grades 6-8 may attend mixers for these grades. Ordinarily, these mixers are from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Students must be inside by 8:00 pm and must remain until 10:00 pm.
- Students are subject to random Breathalyzer checks at all dances.

Dress Guidelines and Procedures

All dances at Vermilion Catholic are events that reflect the philosophy of the school and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Among the most important considerations is adherence to Church teachings regarding modesty. According to The Catechism of the Catholic Church, (CCC 2521), purity requires modesty. Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It is ordered to chastity to whose sensitivity it bears witness.

Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity (CCC 2522). Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person (CCC 2524). In accordance with these directives, Vermilion Catholic sets forth the specific dress guidelines and procedures for Vermilion Catholic students and their dates. According to Diocesan policy, dates must be of the opposite gender in order to attend the dance. These are communicated well in advance of the event so that participants have adequate time to adhere to expectations.

School Dance Policy

Students who attend dances at VC may arrive no later than 30 minutes after the start of the dance and must remain until its completion. Any exception must be cleared with the administration prior to the date of the dance. As the students arrive at the dance, girls' purses and boys' coats are searched for contraband items. Students will be randomly asked to submit to a Breathalyzer test. No eighth grade students and no persons over the age of 21 will be allowed to remain for the dance. Parents will be called for any student

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who purchases a ticket for a dance and does not attend the dance to inform them that the student is not present. Since we are a Catholic school and stress modesty in dress, it is mandatory that students attending any dance should be modestly dressed in keeping with good Christian morals. If you are uncertain as to whether your dress is appropriate, please turn in a picture of yourself in the dress to an administrator before the dance for approval.

The following guidelines for dress **MUST** be used for all school dances:

Girls' Dress Code for Dances

- No backless dresses. Openings on the back are allowed, but the openings cannot go below the waist.
- No cleavage will be permitted. No deep "V" or deep sweetheart necklines allowed.
- No slits on sides, back, or front that go higher than 4 inches above the knee.
- No cut-outs on the front or sides of dresses. A thick material must be used as an underlay for transparent fabric.
- Dresses should not be too tight where they cannot walk with natural strides or where undergarment lines are clearly seen.
- Shoes should be comfortable enough to walk and dance in.
- Senior girls may wear strapless gowns for **Senior Prom** as long as the guidelines for necklines are followed. No cleavage, deep "V" or sweetheart necklines allowed.

Boys' Dress Code for Dances

Homecoming: Polo or collared dress shirt, dress pants, and dress shoes. T-shirts and tennis shoes are not allowed. Sports coats, tie, or bow tie are optional.

Prom: Tuxedo or suits recommended. Sports coats and slacks are permitted. All school rules apply at school dances. All students and attendees must adhere to school policies. Students and parents should be aware that the

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drug and alcohol policy will be strictly enforced at dances. VC students are responsible for their dates' behavior and observances of school rules and dress while at the dance. All dates who are not students of Vermilion Catholic must have the appropriate permission slip completed and a pictured ID to be admitted to the dance.

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Homecoming Information

Homecoming Dance | Sophomore Class

- Book a DJ. Get approved by administrators
- Homecoming Shirts
 - Class president should collaborate with class officers to come up with a shirt design
 - Sophomore president finalizes the design and approves with Mrs. Jessica and Dr. Arabie. Mrs. Jessica will set prices and place orders.
 - Should sell for one week
 - Shirts can be worn for any HOCO week dress up day
 - Sponsor meets with Sophomore Class President and Guardian a month before Homecoming
 - Choose a theme and make a powerpoint to present during the first group meeting.
 - Main theme, stage decor, layout, picture backdrop, colors, and ideas should be visible and presented in the group meeting.
 - Sophomore Class account
 - Money is raised from tickets to enter dance (\$15 or price decided by Sophomore class) and shirts (price varies)
 - Present Powerpoint - Sophomore class president
 - Decide on committees and chairman at the meeting and get people to sign up
- Committees
 - Floor, stage, picture backdrop, stage decor, lighting, table centerpieces, bathroom decor (full length mirror, hair pins, etc), food, and drinks, etc. Not much food is eaten (chips, water, and peppermints are suggested). Need chaperones - high school staff members and parents (8-10).
- The layout of the gym should be decided
 - Senior football players escort Homecoming Court.
 - The Queen gets her own table with 8 chairs.
 - Senior maids each get 4 chairs at a table with another Senior maid.

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- Senior football players each get two chairs.
- Tables, chairs, and chair covers.
- The sponsor will send out reminder emails about these workdays and locations. Items can be stored in the auditorium lobby.
 - A gym light key and the key to the school needs to be given to the class president's mom or dad to unlock school for workdays.
 - Decorations/Gym Set-Up
 - Label everything that is borrowed
 - Paper for floor works but the vinyl floor works well. (In light booth above auditorium foyer)
 - There is a tarp for the floor. Tarp is in the mechanical room inside large metal shopping carts.
 - Tarp needs to be taped down with blue painters tape. Ask Mrs Ashley for it.
 - The stage is in the mechanical room. Dads need to assemble it before the dance. It can be put together by Wednesday of HOCO week
- Tickets
 - Class officers need to design tickets and send as a PDF to the sponsor to be printed out. They need to be hand-numbered and numbers coincide with names of who purchase tickets.
 - Design and print at school on card stock with the color printer (Mrs Ashley B)
 - Use the paper cutter in workroom
 - Tickets are sold the week before and the week of homecoming- 9 days total. (Only Homecoming Court and senior football players get in free)
 - 2 Sophomore officers need to be assigned at lunch each day to sell tickets.
 - Money bag needs to be ready each day at lunch- talk with the bookkeeper (Mrs Gina Trahan).
 - \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door (this could be changed).
 - Court and senior football players do not need tickets.
- DJ
 - Choose and book DJ asap
 - Have a check for him that night in the money bag. (Gina Trahan)

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- Communicate about the music to be played for presentation of Court.
- Songs
 - Ask the court and escorts what song they want to dance together and with their parents
 - Chaperones -
 - Assign 8-10 chaperones (high school staff and parents).
- Clean-Up Crew
 - Mandatory that every sophomore comes and helps.
 - Assign times for the Sunday after the dance(or Saturday night).
 - Organize crews and it will go smoother (be sure to have enough males for heavy items).
 - **Some years, parents choose to clean up that night after dance!**

Homecoming Sponsor Responsibilities

Specific details are given to the sophomore teacher sponsor.

Head Parent Responsibilities *(for all dances and student activities)*

The head parent is the “boss” essentially. They take control of organizing students and parents to help, preparing and arranging the decor, floorplan, food, set up committee, take down committee, and bringing the vision of the theme to life. They communicate directly with the parents, generate emails, google forms, and organize info to present at the parent meeting. They create the supply list and make sure it is given to the sponsor in a timely manner for things to be ordered. Delegation and the creation of sub-committees with their own responsibilities will make the job less stressful. **There will not be outside help hired to decorate and/or allowed to be on committees.**

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Frequently Asked Questions

You can get many answers from the mothers of the president and VP of the class who did it last year.

Decorations

Who pays for this? Where do we order from? How much decorating is needed and expected? About how many tables and chairs are normally put out for these types of events? The backdrop or photo area...how big? Any recent pics from past events that we can see for ideas? etc?

Answer

*Decorations are paid with the class funds. You can order from anywhere you want but we need to get approval using the school's purchase order form before they are ordered. Your class sponsor can make the orders for you. We have many decorations in storage from past dances that can be used. (see storage inventory Doc). The backdrop for photos is usually in the main hall in front of Jesus on the west wall (when the dance is in the upper gym). The backdrop just needs to be tall enough to make sure it is taller than our tallest students. We have a frame that is used for the backdrop (see below for sizes). **Do not purchase anything on your own for reimbursement.***

Photos of past dances are in the Homecoming folder and you can also check old yearbooks because they do have some from years past.

Photo Backdrop Frame Size: 6ft wide by 8ft tall (Labeled and stored in Mechanical room against back wall)

Main Backdrop Frame Size: There are six, 5 ft wide sections, so that you can make it anywhere from 5 ft wide to 30 ft wide. (Stored in Mechanical Room against back wall)

Need measurements of Homecoming Court platform size: (stored in mechanical room on upper campus)

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Time

When can we get in the gym and decorate? I would need to know this (exact day and times) in order to get parents to sign up and show up to help with the decoration process.

Answer: (Subject to change)

Your sponsor can determine this for you.

For Homecoming: The dance is in the lower gym and it works well because they can get in to decorate as early as Wednesday morning. The court platform was set up already and was put against the wall. The decorations from storage, etc. were in the hall by the cafeteria ready to be set up or in the stage area with Mrs. Elizabeth's permission (lower PE). Floor tarp is put down first. Consider a photo booth instead of photo backdrop and photographer because a lot of them didn't see the photographer. The majority of the decorations were put up by that evening.

Ticket Sales/Price

How much should we be charging per ticket? Who sells the tickets? The kids...or do they buy from the office window with Ms. Kathy

Answer:

Price can be determined by the class officers. \$15.00 is reasonable.

Students sell tickets at lunch in the main hall beginning Monday of Sadie Hawkins but students can pay at the door.

Dance Length

What is the dance time?

Answer:

Time: 8:00-10:30 (subject to change) Court presentation begins at 7:45

Concessions

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Will we need to purchase concession items to sell during the dance? Do you have any guidance about what has been purchased in the past, how much? Do we ask freshmen parents to sign up to donate these items (snacks, drinks) or will the school pay or provide?

Answer:

Parents usually provide light refreshments and water. Refreshments are usually individually wrapped - small bags of assorted chips, peppermints, have had brownies and cookies in the past that are not wrapped. Need napkins. Lots of bottled water! They don't eat much especially for dances when they dine out first.

Other

Can we ask class parents for monetary donations to help pay for decorations??

Answer:

Usually we have parents who might help provide decorations from their homes.

Chaperones

How many chaperones are needed for this type of event?

Answer:

We have several staff members who chaperone but we do need a few parents (6) to help with refreshments and help with supervision. We also have police security.

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Homecoming Court | Homecoming Week

Homecoming is a very special event at Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel. We are blessed with a long and proud tradition of honoring seniors and Alumni as part of our annual Homecoming events.

Process for Selecting Homecoming Courts (Queen's and Powder Puff)

- Both respective boy's and girl's courts will consist of approximately 30 percent of each gender selected from the senior class.
- Any senior who would like to be considered MUST fill out a Senior Activities form which will be sent out through email from Dr. Arabie. Failure to submit the form within a week will be interpreted as the student not wanting to participate in this process.
- Disciplinary actions will be considered.

Historically, the Queen wears white or off-white for events. The Queen also has a white blanket for her white convertible for the parade and presentation of the court before the football game. Our senior girls who made Homecoming Court are honored at the following events:

Thursday (after school Mass on announced day) - Pictures for Meridional after Mass at St. Mary Magdalen. Girls must wear school skirts with white button-down school shirts and a football jersey. Girls must borrow a maroon jersey and the queen a white jersey. Powder Puff boys will be in Mass uniform.

Sunday, before Homecoming - This is a long-standing VC Tradition. Homecoming Court Tea, which is sponsored by the Homecoming Court and their parents, is usually from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Girls should be wearing dresses or nice dress slacks. All senior girls and staff members are invited. The senior boys traditionally host a Huddle dinner. Time and location is determined by senior boy parents. This is not a school sponsored event and it is not mandatory.

Monday, of Homecoming Week at 6:30 p.m. *Eagle Night- Powder Puff Court and Homecoming Court will enter the football field on golf carts, side-by-sides, or trucks. They will be introduced as they sit on the stage set up

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on the sidelines. At half-time, the Powder Puff Court along with their Homecoming Court escorts will participate in a skit or song following the theme of their Powder Puff costumes as they are introduced down the field.

Wednesday, of Homecoming Week at 10:30 a.m. All seniors will be going to Maltrait in Kaplan for a Pep Rally. Permission slips must be returned. Dress for Court: Blue jeans with football jerseys worn for Meridional pictures. Both courts will be recognized

7:00 p.m. - Bonfire. (Time subject to change). This is a celebration for the entire school. Senior football players will light the bonfire. Cheer and Dance will perform.

Thursday, of Homecoming Week beginning at 1:45 p.m. *Pep Rally - PreK-12th grade will be attending this pep rally where Homecoming Court and all football players are introduced. Dress: Jerseys and jeans

Friday, of Homecoming Week is GAME DAY. Mass is at 7:45 a.m. Please be at church for

7:30 a.m. Court and Senior football players process into Mass.

Homecoming Mass followed by breakfast. Dress Code: dress or skirt with top. Please make sure dresses are not too tight or too short. Parents of the court are responsible for breakfast for the girls.

Parade

(Time subject to change). 4:00 p.m. – Parade. Report to Comeaux Park by 3:15 p.m. Posters put on car doors. Posters will be made at school.

Dress Code: Suits with hats.

6:30 p.m. – Court announced before the football game (ride in cars onto field – dads help out of cars). MUST report to teachers' parking lot by

6:15 p.m. to line up cars. Look for posted signs on where to park.

Half-time – Presentation of court with dads escorting daughters. Dads should be in suits. School purchases boutonnieres for dads.

Homecoming Dance - Saturday of Homecoming Week Before the dance, all senior football players and Homecoming Court members attend the toast. The toast time and place will be announced. Parents may attend the toast for pictures. This is a parent-sponsored event.

7:45 p.m. - Presentation of Court escorted by senior football players in the lower school gym. Please arrive by 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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Powder Puff Court | Homecoming Week

Homecoming is a very special event at Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel. We have returned to our tradition of the senior boys being on a Powder Puff Court. The Powder Puff Court will be a fun activity with the boys paired with a Homecoming Court girl. A theme will be selected where boys will be dressed up as the male in the pair and the girls will be dressed as the female in the pair. The students and staff will vote on our Powder Puff Court members. The following are the events the powder puff court will participate in and the events for the senior football players:

Homecoming events for Boys - includes powder puff court and senior football players

Thursday (after school Mass on announced day) - Pictures for Meridional after Mass at St. Mary Magdalen. Powder Puff Court will be in mass attire.

Sunday, before Homecoming - Homecoming Huddle for the senior boys. This is not a school-sponsored event.

Monday, of Homecoming Week at 6:30 p.m. *Eagle Night- Powder Puff Court and Homecoming Court will enter the football field on golf carts, side-by-sides, or trucks. They will be introduced as they sit on the stage set up on the sidelines. At half-time, the Powder Puff Court along with their Homecoming Court escorts will participate in a skit or song following the theme of their Powder Puff costumes.

Tuesday of Homecoming Week- Guess Who Game with Powder Puff and Homecoming Court at lunch in the gym.

Wednesday, of Homecoming Week at 10:30 a.m. All seniors will be going to Maltrait in Kaplan for a Pep Rally. Permission slips must be returned.

7:00 p.m. - Bonfire. Homecoming Court members will have reserved seating. (They will not be introduced.) Senior football players will light the bonfire and cheer and dance perform.

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Thursday, of Homecoming Week beginning at 1:45 p.m. *Pep Rally -
PreK-12th grade will be attending this pep rally where Homecoming Court and all football players are introduced.

Friday, of Homecoming Week is GAME DAY. Mass is at 7:30 a.m. Please be at church for 7:15 a.m. All Homecoming court and senior football players process into Mass. Dress is slacks with a dress shirt and tie. Pictures after Mass. All senior football players will be attending breakfast. Parents arrange breakfast for the boys.
7:00 p.m. - VC Homecoming football game.

Saturday, of Homecoming Week- Homecoming Dance. Before the dance, all senior football players and Homecoming Court members attend the toast. All senior football players wear matching tuxedos from Mary Ellen's. Mary Ellen's will come to school for measurements. Cost will be emailed to parents. The toast time and place will be announced. Parents may attend the toast for pictures. This is a parent-sponsored event.

Photographers and videographers will be selected and paid by the parents.

Freshmen Social Activity

TO BE DETERMINED BY FRESHMEN CLASS AND CLASS SPONSOR, APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION. All information will be provided to the parent sponsor by the Freshmen Class Sponsor.

PROM | JUNIOR CLASS

Location: Magdalen Place

Junior class President - Discuss possible themes and make powerpoint presentations during the first student meeting.

- Main theme, layout, picture backdrop, colors, and ideas should be visible and presented in the group meeting.
- All students and parents should collaborate and work together to create decorations. Dates, times, and locations for these days will be determined by the parent chairperson.
- Junior Class account
 - Money is raised from tickets to enter dance (\$15 or price decided by Junior class). Seniors do not have to purchase a ticket.

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- Present Powerpoint during parent meeting - Junior class president
 - Decide on committees and chairman at the meeting and get people to sign up
 - **There will not be outside help hired to decorate and/or allowed to be on committees.**
- **Committees: Floor, stage, picture backdrop, lighting, table centerpieces, food, and drinks, etc. Not much food is eaten (chips, water, and peppermints are suggested). Need chaperones - high school staff and parents (8-10).**
 - Tickets
 - Class officers need to design tickets and send as a PDF to the sponsor to be printed out. They need to be hand-numbered and numbers coincide with names of who purchase tickets.
 - Design and print at school on card stock with the color printer (Mrs Ashley B)
 - Use the paper cutter in workroom
 - Tickets are sold the week before and the week of Prom- 9 days total. Seniors do not have to purchase a ticket.
 - 2 Junior officers need to be assigned at lunch each day to sell tickets.
 - Money bag needs to be ready each day at lunch- talk with the bookkeeper (Mrs Gina Trahan).
 - \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door (this could be changed).
 - DJ
 - Choose and book DJ asap
 - Have a check for him that night in the money bag. (Gina Trahan)
 - Communicate about music playing for presentations of Seniors and dance with parents.
 - Songs
 - Ask the seniors what song they want to dance together with their parents.
 - Chaperones -
 - Assign 8-10 chaperones (high school staff and parents).
 - Clean-Up Crew

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- There will be a separate parent sign-up for clean-up immediately after the dance.
- Clean-up is the responsibility of the junior parents.
- Organize crews and it will go smoother (be sure to have enough males for heavy items).
- All supplies must be boxed, LABELED and RETURNED to where they belong.
- **Some years, parents choose to clean up that night after dance!**

Field Trips

Field trips are important academic experiences that take learning beyond the walls of the classroom. Students who choose not to attend a field trip or those who cannot attend because of other activities will receive related work to complete. Students should be reminded that refunding of costs may not be possible for those who pull out of a field trip. Students must realize that attending field trips is a privilege. Disciplinary issues may result in loss of these privileges. Students with serious academic or disciplinary incidents can be kept from participating in class field trips sponsored by Vermilion Catholic.

Personal Conduct

Conduct on or off campus contrary to the religious or ethical principles of the Roman Catholic Church or the philosophy or policies of Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel will make a student subject to corrective measures including detentions, suspensions, or dismissal. This policy governs student behavior throughout a student's enrollment at Vermilion Catholic, including weekends, holidays, and summers.

Student Leaders

Student leaders and members of all Vermilion Catholic school-related teams and organizations will receive additional consequences for inappropriate personal conduct. Coaches and organization moderators may issue additional consequences, as indicated in their handbooks and by-laws. The minimum consequences are:

- 1st offense - verbal and written warning to student and parents

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- 2nd offense - removal from leadership position and/or from team/organization

General Guidelines

- Students are responsible for the cleanliness of the grounds, classrooms, lockers, and school buildings.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be condoned.
- During the lunch periods, students are allowed only in the cafeteria and in the designated areas.
- Students are not to loiter in the administrative offices, halls, parking lots, or classrooms during the school day, especially during lunch. They are not to loiter in the parking lot before school or in the neighborhood before or after school. Once students arrive on campus, they may not leave until the end of the school day without permission from the Administration. Parents are reminded that there is no school supervision of students on school grounds before 7:10 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m., other than for school activities directed by personnel.
- Students are to respect the property and privacy of the Administration, faculty, and staff and the neighbors of Vermilion Catholic. Any destruction of property or vandalism by a student will result in an administrative review.
- Harassing or obscene communication, e-mails, Facebook posts, or text messages made to teachers, Administration, or staff members are illegal and will not be tolerated. Making such communication will be grounds for suspension and possible legal ramifications.
- Pets or animals may not be brought on the campus without administrative permission.
- Harassment, hazing, and bullying of any kind will not be condoned and will result in disciplinary consequences.
 - **ACT 635 HB 78-** Landry- CRIME/FELONIES: Amends penalties relative to the crime of **hazing**. Changes the name of the crime from “hazing” to “**criminal hazing**”. Amends present law to apply to **any** organization in an education institution, and to remove the fine and term of imprisonment as consequences for engaging in this activity and provide that the student shall be **dismissed, suspended, or expelled** from the education institution for at least one semester, quarter, or comparable academic period. Further provides that persons who engage in such activity may be subject to the provisions of criminal hazing which provides penalties for persons who engage in hazing activity. Defines

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“hazing”. Provides exceptions. Defines “organization”. Defines “education institution”. “Education institution” means any elementary or secondary school or any postsecondary education institution in this state. Provides for related matters. This ACT shall be referred to as “The Max Gruver Act”. (8/1/18). (Amends R.S. 17:1801; Adds R.S. 14:40.8)

- Appropriate behavior is required at all sporting events and/or extracurricular events.
- Administration may examine, use, and disclose any data found on social media sites should it cause significant disruption to the instructional environment. Administration may use this information in disciplinary actions and furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

Tryouts and Elections

Students must be registered for the upcoming school year in order to participate in tryouts or elections for that year. This includes spirit groups, athletic teams, officer elections, etc. All students must have a current physical on file before they can try-out for any team.