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Welcome (back) to Miss Rolfes' Class!

8th Grade Parents and Families,

Welcome back and congratulations on your new 8th graders! This is my fifth year at St. Antoninus, and I love being part of this great community! I'm so glad that I get to be part of such an exciting year for you and your children, too. I am thrilled to be the 8th Grade Religion teacher this school year.

We are a team in your student's academic journey, and I can't do it without you! Always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have, and I will update you on your student's progress.

I know it's going to be a great year. I am so excited to again work with your children and get to know them in a different way now through our daily interactions in Religion class.

Thank you! Go Jags!

Miss Jenna Rolfes

Important Policies and Procedures

Discipline: All students are expected to follow all school policies outlined in the St. Antoninus handbook. Students will receive demerits for inappropriate behavior in the classroom, as well as anywhere on the school premises. As junior high students, they are examples to all younger students in the building and are expected to act as such.

Responsibility: Student responsibility and ownership of their learning is highly stressed in junior high. We are gradually preparing students for their high school careers, and one large part of that is giving students the tools they need to be independent. I promise to be available to students for guidance and direction, but I also encourage them to learn and grow independently.

Homework: Homework is expected to be completed and returned the day it is due. Late assignments, due to student neglect, will incur a ten percent reduction on the grade each day until work is received. Assignments will not be accepted for a grade after the third day and will be recorded as a zero. Frequent late assignments will result in a checkmark on the report card. You are not eligible for the honor roll if you receive a checkmark!

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Absent/Late Work: If a student is absent, they should come talk to me as soon as they return to school to discuss how to make up the work missed in class. I will work with them to get the work completed, however it is their responsibility to see me and ask. Students have the amount of days that they are absent to make up work. Ex: If a student is absent for 2 days, then they have 2 days from when they return to make up the work.

I will accept a late assignment the day after, or two days after, its due date. For each of those days that the assignment is missing, the grade will drop by 10%. Ex: If homework is due on Tuesday and a student turns it in on Wednesday, the highest possible grade they can earn before grading is now a 90%. If they do not turn it in until Thursday, the highest possible grade they can earn is an 80%. It's always better to turn a paper in late for less points than to get 0 points!

****WHEN IT COMES TO AN ABSENCE DUE TO COVID/QUARANTINING, ABSENT WORK IS MORE FLEXIBLE AND THIS POLICY WILL BE REVISED DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC SITUATION****

Communication: The best and quickest way to stay in touch with me is through my email rolfes@saintantoninus.org. I will be contacting you throughout the school year via email and by sending things home with your student. My class website can be found at <https://www.saintantoninus.org/ms-jenna-rolfes>. There you can find daily homework and more important information. Google Classroom, which is more day-to-day classroom assignments, will also be up and running very soon. Please check both regularly!

Grading: Grades will be posted to *Option C* weekly.

Here is the grading system for Religion:

Tests/Projects/Quizzes	50%
Classwork/Homework	50%

Curriculum: In Religion this year, we will follow the curriculum outlined by the Archdiocesan Graded Course of Study. We will be working with the textbook, but the text will be supplemented with a variety of activities and resources. We will spend time studying the Liturgical Year, the life of Jesus with a heavy focus on the Gospels, as well as exploring types of prayers. We will have class discussions, read from the Bible, and students will participate in group work, too. I hope to help students dive deeper into their faith by making the content *personal* to their lives. I look forward to helping them prepare for the Emmanuel Dance near Christmas and May Crowning towards the end of the school year, too!