

## Expectations of Students and Families

1. **Attendance.** Students must be present for all parts of the school day, arrive on time and dress according to the school's dress code. They must participate in the after-school and evening study programs, as well as the Summer Session (see #5).
2. **Behavior.** Students must be respectful at all times: to themselves, to others and to the objects around them. Whining, bullying and talking back to adults in the community is unacceptable at all times. Fighting or vandalism incurs suspension.
3. **Assignments.** Students must be responsible. This includes maintaining their assignment book and doing daily homework assignments, which may take up to two hours per night to complete. Students are responsible for getting homework and/or assignments when they are sick or absent.
4. **Meals.** Nativity School of Worcester participates in the Worcester Public School free breakfast and lunch program. Students can choose to bring their own lunches to school.
5. **Summer Session.** All students must participate in the three-week summer program in the month of *July (July 5-21, 2023)*. The program includes morning academic classes, followed by afternoon community service activities and field trips. For the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, three days of the first week of the program are spent off-site at a camp in northern New England. The fee for the Summer Session is included in the activities fee for the year.
6. **Transportation.** Parents/guardians or family members must provide daily, *on-time* transportation for students on regular class days. Car-pooling can be arranged. Faculty will not drive students to or from school.
7. **Activities Fee.** All families pay an activity fee of \$250 each year to help cover the costs of books and activities. In addition, we expect family support during the year (participating in PTA, volunteering for our hot-lunch program, assisting on our community "clean-up days", and helping at the school in any other variety of ways).
8. **Family Meetings.** Parents/Guardians must maintain regular attendance at family meetings and Family-Teacher-Student Conferences (three times a year).
9. **Home Visit.** In order to ensure your child is successful at Nativity Worcester, we would like to schedule a home visit at the start of the year to increase understanding and communication among teachers, families, and students.
10. **Evening Study.** Students must attend evening study hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 3:30-5:00 pm. This unique time is spent completing homework, school projects, reports and/or working one-on-one with a tutor.

*Students and families who do not meet these expectations will be asked to withdraw from Nativity School of Worcester.*