



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION TO EDMODO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the tools introduced and used in middle school is a website called Edmodo. This site is not meant to replace the student planner, rather it is used as an additional organizational tool to keep everyone – teachers, students, and parents – on the same page. Like PowerSchool, Edmodo will be a back-up to check for assignments, as well as a way to share resources and/or announcements. Teachers will add any updated information to their Edmodo accounts by 5 pm each day.

Edmodo is accessible to teachers, students, and parents on any device through the Web. While the planner information will always take priority, this is a universal spot to clarify instructions for assignments, projects, due dates, time limits, and announcements. Though we discourage daily homework and assignment checking from being a parent responsibility (our goal is for students to be accountable and to become self-advocates), we want you to know that it is a nice back-up tool for students and for parents if their children are struggling with keeping up with the assignments from the different classes.

Edmodo is a tool strictly for educational purposes and we will be enforcing the following guidelines:

1. Students will create usernames from their teacher's accounts instead of using a personal e-mail address.
2. Students will use proper academic language, as they do in the classroom.
3. Edmodo does not allow private student-to-student messaging, the site will be used to discuss school-related content with a whole class audience.
4. No put-downs or sarcasm toward another's ideas, all school rules apply online as well.

Upon gaining parental permission, students will create their accounts at school and enroll in the appropriate classes for the year. After this process has happened, we will provide more information regarding how to set up parent accounts at Back to School Night.

As a family, please read over the code of conduct on the attached page and discuss responsibility and etiquette of using Edmodo. Please sign and return to student's homeroom teacher.

We look forward to a great year as we incorporate the use of technology into our classroom curriculum. If you have any questions about Edmodo, Miss Cestnik (AmandaC@stjoevan.org) will be our contact.

Thank you,

St. Joseph Middle School Team



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Edmodo Code of Conduct

- Edmodo does not replace the student planner; students still need to fill out their daily planners during the school day.
- I will use Edmodo for school-related content only.
- I will practice good online habits and not post any personal information on Edmodo. This includes telephone numbers, addresses, emails, etc., even to friends.
- I will use a respectful tone of voice when posting, and limit my use of sarcasm to avoid misinterpretations. All school rules apply online as well.
- I will use appropriate grammar and academic language instead of texting language.
- I will use one of the avatars included on Edmodo for my profile picture or use an appropriate one that I have parental permission to use.
- I will keep my teachers informed if I have any technical issues throughout the year that prevent me from using Edmodo at home.

Students who violate the guidelines above may face disciplinary action and/or face losing the privilege of using Edmodo.

Please check off the following as they apply:

_____ I understand and will abide by the Edmodo rules

_____ I have access to a computer with internet or device to access Edmodo

Questions:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____