

DETENTION

Detention is a response to negative student behavior. By the time the student has reached the point of having to do detention, several other methods of discipline have been tried. The student has been made aware that being given detention is serious.

Discipline is not meant to be punishment but learning. However, detention is also not meant to be fun. There will be no snack, no leaving the room, no leaving the seat.

This year, these are the guidelines:

Detention is on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 in the Religion/Spanish room. Please give a copy of the detention form to the office.

BEHAVIOR DETENTION

- The student will come into the room, leave backpacks, etc. in the hall, and sit at the table. If he/she needs to go to the bathroom, he/she needs to do so before entering the room.
- The student will sit in silence for the first part of detention.
- Then the student will write
 - A statement of what he/she did that caused him/her to be given a detention and who they hurt.
 - A statement of what he/she could have done differently.
 - A note of apology (this will depend on what happened. Maybe it will be written to an individual, to the class for being disruptive, to the custodial staff if they were destructive and something had to be cleaned up, to the head of school. It will depend and it will be appropriate to the offense).
- There may be an additional consequence or action to make amends. For example, if there was damage to school property, the student may need to spend some time repairing, cleaning...; if there was constant class disruption or rudeness, the student may need to have a task that will show respect. I am hoping that the consequence may better fit the offense so that rather than just punishment, there will be learning. This action may be determined by the teacher, the head of school, myself, or even the student in conversation with the person who gave the detention.
- Parents are invited to come in the last few minutes of the detention hour to talk with their child.

HOMEWORK DETENTION

- The student will come into the room with the necessary materials and sit at the table. If he/she needs to go to the bathroom, he/she needs to do so before entering the room.
- The student will do the assigned work.
- If the student finishes the work before the hour is over, the student may read or continue to study.

I would be thrilled to pieces if I had to sit in the room all alone all year! I would also be very happy if a student who had detention never had a second one!

Chaplain Harrigan