

Faith in Potential

2020-2021 Covenant

This covenant agreement outlines the expectations of the school community and participating families to ensure the success of each Mother Teresa Middle School student during the 2020-2021 school year.

As a school community we promise to:

- Raise money to provide a \$25,000 annual scholarship for your child
- Ensure your child's safety and supervision at all times
- Assist your child's development in faith through faith formation activities like prayer services, masses, retreats, and Christian service opportunities
- Instill the Christian values of our Catholic, Jesuit traditions, as well as that of Mother Teresa
- Provide a rigorous academic program, including dedicated teachers who will support your child's learning needs
- Purchase the school supplies your child needs, and replenish them as needed
- Provide appropriate academic support as needed, including academic testing, tutors and specialists
- Communicate about your child's progress through progress reports and scheduled meetings as needed
- Provide appropriate learning materials and a school environment which will support learning
- Support your whole child through our counseling program, providing individual or group therapy, as appropriate
- Provide a variety of co-curricular experiences for your child, including physical education, field trips, music and art experiences, clubs, and elective classes in after school enrichment programming, school-wide assemblies
- Provide appropriate discipline through pro-active and responsive strategies and appropriate consequences for behaviors
- Instill our school wide virtues of responsibility, compassion, perseverance, integrity and leadership through modeling and instruction
- Provide access to appropriate technology for success, including classroom instruction and appropriate training in computer use
- Provide healthy meals and snacks, as well as information about nutrition for life-long health
- Provide MTMS school uniform clothing
- Advocate for your child through neighborhood advisory groups and related community-based opportunities to support your family
- Support your child's success through high school graduation, and post-secondary to employment

Signed on behalf of Mother Teresa Middle School,

Terri Cote, Principal

Ron Gonzales, Director of Student Supports

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Family Covenant

As participating parents/guardians of _____ at Mother Teresa Middle School, we understand that we are expected to:

- Read the family handbook to understand the school-wide expectations and ask questions for clarification
- Read the newsletters that are sent home and ask questions for clarification
- Discuss academic progress with your child by reviewing the progress reports with them and celebrating their efforts as evidenced on report cards
- Attend mandatory parent meetings, as noted on the family calendar
- Contribute \$50 monthly (11 months) to your child's education
- Participate in mandatory parent-teacher-student interviews (in November and March)
- **Ensure that your child is on the bus, on time each day and dressed in uniform**
- **Ensure that your child adheres to the uniform dress policy as outlined by MTMS and that uniform pieces are kept clean and neat**
- Monitor your child's homework completion by checking his/her agenda nightly
- Encourage your child to ask questions of his /her teachers and communicate with his/her teachers when necessary
- Encourage your child in his/her reading 30 minutes per night
- Encourage your child to eat healthy and take good care of his/her body
- Encourage your child to grow in the school wide virtues: responsibility, compassion, perseverance, integrity, and leadership
- Discourage your child from excessive use of electronics including television watching, video-game playing, texting, social networking or time on the phone
- Keep your child home if he/she is sick and notify Mother Teresa Middle School of the absence
- Respect the school calendar, making appointments and family vacations at times that will not interfere with your child's participation in the school program (including the required summer session)
- Communicate with Mother Teresa Middle School about significant family events that impact your child's education
- Keep Mother Teresa Middle School updated as to family address, phone numbers and emergency contacts
- Be responsive to calls for any necessary meetings required to support your child
- Participate, as our work/family schedule allows, in school wide events like masses and parent meetings
- Foster a sense of gratitude for those who have contributed to your child's education

Signed on behalf of the family: _____ Date: _____