

## **School Assembly**

February 19, 2019

We need to follow all school rules, treat our classmates with kindness, and act with respect toward all teachers and adults. I'm going to point out some specific areas that need improvement, and I have told your teachers to reinforce these things and to provide disciplinary consequences if you are not acting as you should. Doing these things makes our school a place that is enjoyable for all of us, and a place where we can learn and grow.

I want to start with the simplest thing. I expect everyone to have the proper uniform each day. I'm starting to see pants without belts, wrong shoes, shirts untucked, and hair that needs to be trimmed. Those things seem small, but if we aren't attentive to the little things, then we tend to not be attentive to larger things, either.

One thing that I want to see at all times is respect for any adult in our building, especially visitors. My expectation is that you will always use good manners, such as please and thank you with all adults. When you are greeted by someone you should look them in the eye and respond. When an adult tells you to do something or asks for something, your response should always be yes sir or yes ma'am. When a teacher is talking to you, you should never be talking at the same time. You stop and you make eye contact with them. When you are told to walk in line, that means single file without talking. We can practice that until we get it right. Middle school, I expect you to be showing an example of how to walk in line properly.

Finally, there should be no unkind talk or actions toward other students. There is no excuse for unkindness, whether you are just joking or whether they said something to you first. Those are not acceptable excuses. Practice kindness at all times. The Golden Rule says it all, "Treat others as you would like to be treated."

We are all going to enforce these things with you. We don't want it come to this, but there will be disciplinary consequences for those who can't follow these rules. It is important to us and your parents that you act in a way that is kind and respectful as Christian boys and girls should.