

St. Herman of Alaska Christian School



Student/Parent Handbook

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Welcome to St. Herman of Alaska Christian School!

This handbook is designed to outline the policies and procedures for the current school year. Please review the following information carefully and note any updates in policy from previous years. Refer to the handbook as often as needed throughout the school year. Students and parents are reminded that by your decision to attend St. Herman School, you agree to abide by and uphold the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook, which constitutes the parent-school contract.



Saint Herman School Mission Statement

St. Herman of Alaska Christian School proves that education is more than a collection of facts or skills required to “make it” in this world, but it is the formation of the mind, body, and soul as a servant for our life with Christ. In the words of St. Theophan the Recluse, the ultimate goal for parents and educators should be to “raise Saints.” At Saint Herman School, the teachers, priests, and parents form a close partnership which cultivates virtue and wisdom, inspires a love for learning, and prepares children for a bright future, both in the world and in the Church.

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Part 1: Philosophy/ Introduction

GOVERNANCE

St. Herman School is a ministry of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church under the authority of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of USA, Canada, and Australia. As such, the school is governed by the scriptures, canons, and traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church, and by the bylaws of the relevant church administration.

MISSION AND METHOD

The fundamental mission of St. Herman School is to provide students with a classical, Christ-centered education. Our goal is to provide a culture of scholarship and discipleship. As disciples of Jesus Christ, the conduct of staff and students must be guided by the Christian virtues of self-discipline, purity of heart, patience, contrition, perseverance, industriousness, and humility. These are the foundations upon which academic education can be built.

LANGUAGE

The language of St. Herman School is English. Historically, many of our students come from homes where another language is spoken at home. Our goal for these students is that they become bilingual, with English not as a second language, but as another primary language. We do this by immersing them in an English-speaking environment, where English is used both in the classroom and in casual conversation. **Students will be expected to speak in English in all contexts during the day, including when speaking with friends.**

SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE

The school year is organized around the Orthodox liturgical calendar, Old Style. Liturgies are held throughout the school year on Great Feasts of the church and other scheduled days.

The calendar for the school year will be distributed by the end of the previous school year or early in the summer. **Families are expected to schedule their family vacations around the school calendar.** If there is a planned absence from school, the Administrator should be notified at least two weeks in advance.

Part 2: School Day

SCOPE

The policies in this section apply to the entirety of the school day. This includes:

- During the arrival and dismissal time frames
- Any time students are under teacher supervision
- Field trips or any other off-site activities

Some policies, such as respect to school property, also apply to when students are on the school grounds outside the school day, such as when attending church on the weekends.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Anchoring our day in prayer and Scripture is essential to a St. Herman School education. The sermon following morning prayers is part of the students' Religious Education curriculum. **Please have your children arrive in time to settle in and be ready to participate in morning prayers. Interruptions from late-comers are disruptive to those who are praying. For this reason, students need to arrive by 8:50am to be considered "on time," and arrival after 8:50 will be considered tardy.** Tardiness is a burden for the whole school community, interrupting the children's learning and depriving them of spiritual nourishment, as well as undermining the school day schedule.

Students are to arrive in school between **8:30 and 8:50am**. The school day begins at **9:00am** with morning prayers.

When dropping their children off for the school day, parents are expected to stay until their children enter the building, as they are under parents' supervision until that time.

Please note the following regarding **tardiness**:

- Should a family be running late one morning, they are expected to contact the Administrator to let him know what time they are expecting to arrive.
- The door will be closed from 9:00am until 9:45am for morning prayers. **Students who arrive after 9:00am will need to wait outside with their parents until a staff member opens the door at 9:45.** Please note that children are not under school supervision at this time, so the students' parents will need to wait with them.
- Students who arrive late (i.e., after 8:50am) will be given a pink tardy slip from the administrator. After a family receives 3 such slips, the Administrator will schedule a mandatory meeting with the parents.
- If the family is late again, then the Administrator will schedule a meeting with himself and the Headmaster to discuss next steps. Possible consequences may include loss of scholarship or an increase in tuition.

Daily **dismissal** times vary for each class and are listed below:

- **Children's Garden:** K1 & K2 students are dismissed daily at 12:15pm; they have a snack, but no school lunch. First graders remain until 3:00pm Monday through Thursday, and their Friday dismissal is at 12:15pm with no school lunch.
- **Class II:** Students are dismissed at 3:00pm Monday through Thursday. Friday dismissal is at 12:00pm with no school lunch.
- **Middle School:** Students are dismissed Monday through Friday at 3:00pm.

Please note the following regarding **dismissal**:

- If your child is to be picked up from school by anyone other than family members or designated carpool drivers, **you must notify the Administrator on each specific occasion.**
- **Parents are expected to pick their children up at the scheduled dismissal time.** To account for delays, there is a 15-

minute buffer window, after which all students must be under parent supervision.

- **This means students must be picked up by 3:15 for 3:00 dismissal, and by 12:15 for a 12:00 dismissal.**
- **After three occasions of parents' arrival past 12:15/3:15pm, families will be charged a fee of \$1.50 per child per minute late, payable to the school the following Monday (late fee is \$5 per day), and will also be asked to speak with the administration to address the problem and arrive at a solution.**

After-school activities on school grounds: The school is not responsible for children after school hours (3:15pm); parents and private teachers must arrange proper supervision of students. Children are not permitted to stay in the church building without adult supervision. During after-school activities, children must stay in the main room within the adult's sight and proximity.

ABSENTEEISM

Parents should notify the school of any unexpected absences as soon as possible, or by 8:30 a.m. at the latest on the given day. Doctors' appointments and planned absences have to be communicated at least 48 hours in advance.

If the school is not given proper notice so that a discussion can take place about the appropriateness of the absence, the student's absence will be marked as "unexcused."

Please also note that after three absences due to sickness, we may require a doctor's note.

Regarding Homework when Absent:

- 1) The parent is required to:

- Be in touch with the teacher and/or Administrator to collect the missed assignments (*for students in Children’s Garden or Class II*).
- Ensure that the student communicates with a classmate and acquires the missed assignment (*for students in Middle School*).

2) The student is required to:

- Complete the missed assignments from that day and turn them in on time, as specified by the teacher.
- (*Students in Middle School*): Ask a classmate for the missed assignment and complete it as specified by the teacher.

SNOW DAYS

During the winter months, we will generally follow the snow cancellation policy of the Boston Public Schools. This information can be accessed online at <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/>¹. In rare instances, St. Herman School may follow a different closing schedule than the Boston Public School system. In that event, you will be personally notified by telephone before 7:00 a.m. by a staff member. If heavy snow or hazardous driving conditions are forecasted after school is in session, please have a contingency arrangement in place in the event that inclement weather necessitates an early school dismissal.

DIVINE LITURGY

When a Liturgy is served, all students upon arrival should go directly upstairs to the church to participate in the service. Children should use the

¹ When you first open the website, a notification will usually present itself if there is a cancellation.

restroom before going to church so that they do not need to leave during the service.

When a Liturgy falls on a school day, attendance is required. It is best for the children to arrive at the start of the Divine Liturgy, but it is required that they arrive by the normal start of the school day (8:50am). Parents' attendance at the Liturgy shows the students that Divine Liturgy is part of the Christian life; thus, parents are encouraged to join for Liturgy as often as they can.

Please be aware that students of the Orthodox faith follow the tradition of a complete fast before Holy Communion, and abstaining from meat and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays and other extended fasting periods. For students and families who do not follow this tradition, we request your respect of this observance.

LUNCH

First through 8th Graders will need to bring a packed lunch to school Monday-Thursday, and 6th-8th Graders will also need to bring lunch on Fridays. Students should arrive in the morning with their lunch for the day. On the rare occasion when a student does not have his or her lunch at the beginning of the day, it must be dropped off in the Administrator's office before 12:00 noon.

Students will not be permitted to use the microwave to heat their lunch, so anything that they would like to eat hot should be packed in a thermos.

Lunch begins and concludes with a prayer. Students are not to begin eating until after the opening prayer, and should stay at their tables until the closing prayer. After prayer will be cleanup

CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

We expect appropriate Christian conduct not only in the formal class setting, but also in the carpool, on field trips, and during recess. This appropriate Christian conduct includes:

- ✓ Neatness/cleanliness in dress and personal hygiene; adherence to school dress code
- ✓ Courtesy and respect towards teachers and classmates
- ✓ An attentive attitude during prayers and lessons
- ✓ Restraint from speech, gestures and actions which disrupt or undermine the learning environment
- ✓ Completion of all homework assignments and long-term papers/projects in a timely manner

The St. Herman School Student Handbook with the Class Code of Conduct is sent to each family prior to the opening of school to be reviewed and signed by students and parents. All enrolled students must comply with the policies in the Handbook and the Class Code of Conduct. It is essential in these matters to have communication, consistency and cooperation between parents and staff. In order to prevent a child's behavior from becoming a chronic problem, we will follow the Disciplinary Procedures outlined in this handbook.

CLASS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will strive to be attentive during prayers and lessons.
2. I will respect all adults and obey all clergy, teachers, and staff, treating them with respect for the responsibility they have been given to guide and instruct me.

3. I will strive to act in a kind, considerate and respectful way towards my classmates without teasing or making fun of anyone.
4. I will strive to forgive others and seek their forgiveness in return.
5. I will raise my hand, speak in turn, and not interrupt a teacher or student who is speaking.
6. I will responsibly complete all classwork and homework in a timely manner.
7. I will not physically harm any other person before, during, or after school.
8. I will respect the property of the school and of others.
9. I will tell the truth with an awareness that I am standing before God at all times.
10. I will strive to speak of others and to them in a way that is pleasing to God and not participate in gossip, slander, or “telling secrets” about others.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

When a child's behavior interferes with the integrity of the classroom; or there are repeated instances of disrespect towards the faculty, adults, or students; or the student violates the Class Code of Conduct or the teacher's instruction, the following steps will be implemented:

1. The teacher will take one or more of the following actions, and the Administrator will notify the parents:
 - Send the student(s) out of the classroom.

- Send the student(s) to the Administrator.
- Assign the student(s) detention, meaning that they will eat lunch separately and sit out of recess.



2. After repeated infractions or if the behavior becomes a pattern, the Administrator will notify the parents, and a parental conference will be set up to review the student's behavior and to determine the next steps.



3. For major infractions, chronic unresolved misbehavior, or a breakdown in the partnership between the school and the family, a suspension or expulsion from school may become necessary. If so, the Administrator will notify the parents, and a conference will be set up with a panel of administration and staff to review the student's case and determine the outcome.

In the case of expulsion, tuition and fees are not refundable and must still be completed for the entire school year.

HOMEWORK

THE SEVEN LAWS OF HOMEWORK

1. Homework is for the student. Nobody except the student to whom the homework is assigned is to do the homework.
2. Homework is a continuation of classwork and an essential part of the learning process.
3. Homework improves the ability of the student to work independently, think deeply, and integrate knowledge.

4. Parents are part of this process providing time, a quiet place, and needed materials.
5. Parents check that the homework is complete, neat, and turned in on time.
6. Homework is not optional and should be completed according to the teachers' direction.
7. HOMEWORK: DO NOT LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

HOMEWORK - METHOD:

- Assignment:
 - * Class II: homework is written by the teacher in the homework planner in the communication folder and requires a parental signature each night.
 - * Middle school: homework is written on the classroom board, is recorded accurately by each student in the personal planner provided by the school, and requires a parental signature each night.
- Homework is expected to be done on time. Good students tend to start the assignments early to give themselves time to meet or exceed the expectations of the assignment. It is best not to wait until the night before on assignments given several days in advance.
- Schedule: Each teacher will suggest a breakdown that divides larger assignments into small increments to help the students complete their assignments on time. We ask parents to check the student's adherence to the schedule and provide a parental signature.

- Saint Herman School and many of the families place a high priority on the liturgical life of the Church. Teachers may reduce or waive homework for major feast days that fall on weekdays.
- All homework is to possess academic integrity, meaning that it is the student's own work. Thus, it will express the student's own creativity and academic ability. Plagiarism and the use of unauthorized assistance will not be tolerated.

****See p. 10 for policies regarding homework when a student is absent from school.**

MISSING ASSIGNMENTS:

Homework comprises a significant portion of each student's grade. Students are expected to complete the assignments on time. Just as adults are serious about their work assignments, we would like the students to be serious about their school assignments. Parents will be informed immediately when a student forgets or fails to complete an assignment. The grade for late assignments will be determined as follows:

* Class II: The teacher will determine the time when the student must complete the late assignment and inform the parent. The student's grade will be affected by the late work.

* Middle school:

a) For classes that meet 3-5 times a week, the student will lose 10% for each day the homework is late and will receive 0% after three days unless specified by the teacher.

b) For classes that meet 1-2 times a week, homework assignments are more critical because there is less class time. Therefore, students will

automatically receive 0% on late assignments unless specified by the teacher.

Part 3: Preparations

STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE

The guiding principle in the development of our school appearance code is that the children's clothing serve as a symbol of their vocation as students, "standing before God." The standards of appearance apply to students attending classes, both boys and girls. We require that our students wear clothing that is modest, clean, well-fitting and without advertisements or media images. This particularly applies to outer wear. If in doubt, stick with solid navy. All students are required to have at least one school logo tee shirt for field trips. It is customary for women staff/classroom volunteers to wear dresses or skirts on campus.

Certain hair fashion trends in styles, colors, and adornment are not acceptable. The only jewelry allowed are stud earrings and a cross necklace. No tattoos of any kind will be permitted.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Girls, Children's Garden and Class II: Dark navy jumper, knee-length or longer; white collared blouse; navy or white cardigan; and navy or white socks, tights. Navy bike shorts required if not wearing leg wear.

Girls, Middle School: Dark navy skirt (not straight style), knee-length or longer; white collared shirt; navy or white sweater; and navy or white socks or tights.

Boys, Children's Garden and Class II: Dark navy pants (no jeans, sweats, cargo pants or shorts), white collared shirt, navy or white sweater or vest.

Boys, Middle School: Dark navy pants (no jeans, sweats, cargo pants or shorts), Oxford shirt (i.e., white button-down collared shirt), navy or white sweater or vest, solid navy tie.

Only navy blue fleece jackets or vests may be worn as part of the school dress code.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND FIELD TRIP ATTIRE:

At the beginning of the school year, the Administrator will announce on what day of the week students (1st-8th grade) will have physical education (P.E.). On that day each week, students should wear their P.E. clothes, specified below.

Students will also wear P.E. attire on days when there are field trips or play rehearsals.

P.E. Attire: School tee-shirts and dark navy athletic shorts or sweats. Black pants are permitted if navy blue cannot be found, but no other color. No leggings or other tight clothing. All students must wear supportive sneakers to participate in P. E. activities.



Please clearly label all articles of clothing. Iron-on clothing tags can be purchased at craft stores. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found frequently.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students are expected to have the proper supplies for their class by the first day of school. The students should have them in their desks or backpack during each school day, unless otherwise specified by the teacher.

*Please label all items for easy identification. **It is the parents' responsibility to keep track of and replace their child's supplies throughout the school year. Students who are repeatedly missing supplies may not be permitted in school until they have the proper supplies.***

Children's Garden (K1-Grade 1):

- ✓ Backpack (large enough to carry a 3-ring notebook)
- ✓ Lunch box
- ✓ Large hard case pencil box
- ✓ 2 pencils (HB 2, “My First”), colored pencils (STAEDLER)

Grades 2–5:

- ✓ Backpack (large enough to carry a 3-ring notebook)
- ✓ Lunch box
- ✓ 1 pencil box
- ✓ 2 composition books, quad 4X4 Rule
- ✓ 12 #2 or HB pencils—**no mechanical pencils**
- ✓ 1 pencil sharpener (STAEDLER)
- ✓ 1 new box of 24 colored pencils (STAEDLER)
- ✓ 1 pair scissors
- ✓ 1 12-inch ruler with inch and centimeter marks

Middle Schoolers:

- ✓ Backpack (large enough to carry a 3-ring notebook)
- ✓ Lunch box
- ✓ Large hard case pencil box
- ✓ 2 composition books: quad 4X4 Rule, 80 sheets, 9 3/4" X 7 1/2"

- ✓ 1 1/2 inch binder: 200 sheets college ruled paper plus 7 dividers with tabs and labels
- ✓ Plastic sleeves
- ✓ Compass (STAEDLER Geometry Set)
- ✓ Ruler (STAEDLER Geometry Set)
- ✓ Protractor (STAEDLER Geometry Set)
- ✓ Calculator TI 30 X (or XA, or XS)
- ✓ 1 green or blue pen (to correct HW)
- ✓ 2 packets college ruled notebook paper
- ✓ 4 hole punched folders
- ✓ 12 #2 or HB pencils—no mechanical pencils
- ✓ 1 pencil sharpener (STAEDLER)
- ✓ 1 new box of 24 colored pencils (STAEDLER)
- ✓ 1 pair scissors
- ✓ 1 12-inch ruler with inch and centimeter marks

Part 4: Parent Responsibilities

COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Children's Garden/Class II: The system the teachers use for communicating homework, school events, curriculum updates, and other information to the parents is the **Communication Folder**. The Communication Folder must be brought to school every day and checked each evening by the parents. The parent's signature is required for all memos sent home *and* on the Homework Planner.

Middle School: The system used in the Middle School by the teachers is as follows: all students will be given a **St. Herman Student Planner** in the beginning of the year. They must fill in all events and homework assignments as given. The parent's signature is required every day to ensure that the parents are aware of their student's assignments as well as any communication from the teachers.

Note: For all students, the lack of parental signature will be reflected in their grades.

Before making outgoing calls for any reason, students must receive permission from a staff member. **Although we understand that some of our students possess cell phones, our policy is that they may not be used, visible, or ring out loud during the school day, or they will be confiscated until dismissal.**

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students are formally evaluated three times a year in December, March, and June. Parents will be given an oral and written report regarding their child's performance and progress in specific areas of academic and social/moral areas. The Administrator creates a schedule prior to conference dates, and appointment times will be noted on the monthly calendars. **The attendance of at least one parent is required at the first two Parent-Teacher Conferences during the school year.**

Outside of these conferences, teachers are available for meeting with parents by appointment.

MEETINGS WITH THE HEADMASTER

The Headmaster would like to meet with the parents regularly, generally once per month. These meetings provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and inspiration among parents and staff. We are asking that at least one parent from each family is in attendance.

VOLUNTEERISM

As a parent-founded school, much of what makes St. Herman School unique is the invaluable volunteer participation of our families. Our students greatly benefit from the skillful gifts and talents of parents in many necessary areas. It is encouraged and expected that each family will contribute according to their abilities. A volunteer questionnaire is sent out prior to the beginning of the new school year on which it is expected of all parents to sign up in areas of the services listed.

Some families may be granted financial aid from the school (see “Enrollment–Scholarships” on page 22). It is our policy to require anywhere between 20-40 hours of volunteer work throughout the year for those receiving scholarship, awards, and/or grants.

Class Parent: One parent is needed per class to coordinate closely with classroom teachers to plan and prepare for field trips, special events and projects. This does not necessarily require your presence in the classroom. The role provides a great help to the teachers in providing special activities that will enhance the educational experience. Please consider serving the school in this important role.

Volunteer Coordinator: The administration of the school may ask a parent to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. This person would help the administration organize parent volunteers for schoolwide needs or events as they come up.

Part 5: Administrative Policies

ENROLLMENT AND TUITION

In order to enroll at Saint Herman of Alaska Christian School, parents and students must sign the SHS Code of Conduct form, confirming that they have read and agree with the contracts known as the Code of Conduct and the Student/Parent Handbook (this document). Parents are to share the rules outlined in this handbook with their children to inform them of the school's expectations of conduct and behavior.

Enrollment for the following academic year for new applicants is open beginning **February 1**. The deadline for parental decisions on re-enrollment of students is **March 15**. All applications will be considered on an individual basis. Saint Herman School reserves the right to deny a student's application or re-enrollment. The non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per child and the enrollment deposit of \$250 per child (total \$300 per child) is due at that time. The \$250 deposit will be refunded only if the school denies the student's application.

Tuition Payment: Saint Herman School offers the following two payment options. Parents will select which payment method they choose on their children's application or re-enrollment forms. The options are as follows:

1. *Pay in full:* Parents may pay the entirety of tuition prior to **August 1**. Parents who choose to pay in full will receive a 2% discount to tuition.
2. *Pay in installments:* Parents may pay one third of the tuition on **July 1**, the second third on **October 1**, and the final third on **January 1**.

Families who require other accommodations regarding payment schedule will need to submit their requests to the school Headmaster (frpatrick@hrocbooston.org), the school Administrator (administrator@sainthermanschool.org), and the Treasurer (treasurer@hrocbooston.org) for approval. Alternative payment schedules may be granted to families for a period of one year, so families will need to resubmit their requests each year. These requests must be submitted by **March 1**.

In case of expulsion, as outlined in the Disciplinary Procedures (see page 9), or in the case of withdrawal from school, tuition paid is not refundable, and the tuition due for the rest of the year is not waived.

Scholarships: Applications for scholarships are due no later than **April 15**. Applications are available upon request from the Administrator. Scholarship recipients are subject to evaluation every trimester and must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing in order to continue receiving aid from the school. Please note that families who receive financial aid have increased expectations for volunteering (see “Volunteerism” on page 18).

HEALTH / MEDICATIONS / ILLNESS

Each parent must complete a yearly **Student Health Form, signed by the child's physician**. This health form is strictly confidential. In compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health laws, it is required of all private and public schools to have a record of the immunizations of each student enrolled. This information must be noted on the health form and should be up-to-date by the first day of school. For families who do not immunize their children for medical or religious reasons, please indicate so on the form. In addition, we need up-to-date medical releases and contact information in the event of an unforeseen emergency during the school day. These forms are included in the New Student Application or Re-Enrollment Packet that is sent out to families prior to the start of each school year.

Many students come to the school office requesting medication for headaches or upset stomachs. Our policy is to administer only tylenol for headaches. If the child is throwing up or has diarrhea or a fever, the parent will be notified to come pick up their child. No prescription medications will be administered without a form signed by the parent and a physician.

When a student becomes sick at school we make every effort to contact the parents as it may be necessary for you to pick up your child. It is school policy that children remain at home while running a fever and that they be fever-free (without OTC medication) for 24 hours before returning to school. When a child demonstrates noticeable symptoms (coughing, sneezing, dripping nose etc.), please respect the school environment and keep your child at home until these have subsided in order to prevent contagion. If your child is diagnosed by a physician with any of the following communicable diseases—head lice, impetigo, strep, mumps, measles, chicken pox, whooping cough, 5th disease—he or she may not return to school for 48 hours following the start of antibiotic or other treatment, or until a physician determines that the child is no longer contagious.

GRADUATION AND COMPLETION OF STUDIES AT SAINT HERMAN SCHOOL

Students graduate St. Herman School upon successfully completing the coursework through eighth grade. Students who leave the school prior to that will receive a Certificate of Completion through the given grade.

In order for the parent to receive the final transcript and/or diploma from the school, the school must receive clearance from the treasurer and the administration. Therefore, the following must take place:

- ✓ All bills and fees must be paid in full.
- ✓ All textbooks and library books must be returned. Note that students are responsible for unusual wear and tear to books.
- ✓ All coursework must be completed, and grades must be passing.

- ✓ The student must be in good academic and moral/disciplinary standing.

CONTINUATION OF STUDIES

In order for a student to progress into the next academic year, the following must take place:

- ✓ All bills and fees must be paid in full.
- ✓ All textbooks and library books must be returned. Note that students are responsible for unusual wear and tear to books.
- ✓ Any agreed-upon summer work in response to incomplete or insufficient work from the year before must be completed.
- ✓ The student must be in good academic and moral/disciplinary standing.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

As previously stated (citation), St. Herman School is governed by the scriptures, canons, and traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church.

St. Herman School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA SCHOOL PRAYERS

Opening Prayers:

O most gracious Lord, send down upon us the grace of the Holy Spirit, to grant us intelligence and strength in the power of our souls, that we may attend to the instruction given us, to grow up to glorify Thee our Creator, to gladden our parents, and to serve the Church and Her people. Amen.

O Lord, grant unto me that with Thy peace I may greet all that this day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy holy will. In every hour of this day, instruct and guide me in all things. Whatever tidings I may receive during this day, do Thou teach me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief that Thy holy will governs all. Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say. When unforeseen things occur, let me not forget that all is sent by Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward everyone, that I may bring confusion and sorrow to no one. Bestow on me, O Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my part in its events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love. Amen.

Dismissal Prayer:

We thank Thee, our Creator, who has granted us the grace to attend to the instruction given us. Bless our parents and teachers who are leading us to a knowledge of good and grant us energy and strength to persevere in our studies. Amen.