6th grade Religion Summer before Middle School Reflection

"Let no one look down on [you because of] your youth, but be an example and set a pattern for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in [moral] purity". Timothy 4:12

Welcome to middle school! Ready or not you are now a leader in your school, one of the "big kids" in the majority of students' view. This assignment is to encourage you to spend some time reflecting on this and how you will approach this new and exciting time of your life. You will spend time exploring the MCS CORE values and how they apply to you as a middle school student.

Please do not answer more than one question per week to allow time for reflection. **Be sure to write at least 3 sentences for each answer. Be sure to address each question listed.** This will be checked for completion during the first week of school. You may use the back and/or additional pages if desired. You may write your answers in a journal or electronically. I look forward to teaching you next year! Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at ewessman@monsignorclarkeschool.org

1. Week 1: How did you feel about middle school students when you were in preschool or kindergarten? What made you feel this way? If you could go back in time and talk to your younger self, what would you say? Pray for the younger MCS students.

2. Week 2: How has your faith influenced your life? How do you expect your *faith* to develop during this upcoming year? Pray for increased faith.

3. Week 3: Each year, middle school students at MCS are required to complete at least 20 hours of Christian *Service*. How do you feel about this? Will you approach this as a chore or a privilege? Take time this week to discuss your plan for service with a parent or guardian. Pray about guidance for your service.

4. Week 4: At MCS, middle school students are *leaders* of the student body. What does this mean to you? Who has been a positive leader in your life? What qualities do you admire about this person? Thank God for your leaders.

5. Week 5: How would you define *respect*? Describe a situation when you felt respected. Have you ever felt disrespected? How did that make you feel? How can you show respect for yourself, peers, younger students, older people and all of God's creation in middle school? Pray that you grow in respect.

6. Week 6: Who is someone who is *kind*? How do you know? How does it feel to be with this person? How does it feel to be with people who are unkind? How can you show and spread *kindness* this year?

7. Week 7: What excites you about starting middle school? Do you have any concerns? What can you do this summer to prepare to succeed in middle school? Discuss these with a family member or friend this week. Pray for success in middle school.