

*St. Mary of the Hills is a diverse Pre-K through Grade 8 Catholic school inspired by our love of Christ. By valuing innovation in education, our programs promote spiritual growth, personal academic excellence and social development in a safe and nurturing environment.*

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Dear Middle School Parents,

Over the past several days, the middle school teachers and I have met to discuss our middle school program, specifically, homework. While the majority of our students have been completing their assignments there are others who are missing a few.

Some of you may be wondering, "Why do we assign homework?" One reason that teachers give homework is because one of the best ways to improve a newly acquired skill is practice. Another reason is that the students' work gives the teacher insight as to whether or not further instruction is necessary.

As a result of this problem we are currently experiencing, when a student misses three homework assignments in a subject he or she will be issued a Thursday afternoon (3:00 – 4:00 pm) detention. Notification will be sent home via the student providing ample time to arrange transportation.

Thank you for cooperating with the Middle School Team. If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Fasano  
Principal, Grades 5-8