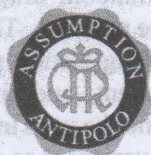


VISION

A Christ-centered school community
growing in the love and friendship
of Jesus Christ in His Church
and striving for peace
in the social and ecological order



MISSION

We, in Basic Education, commit ourselves –
to Transformative Education
as a Christ-centered school community
dedicated to the integral formation of persons
empowered to promote justice, peace,
care for creation and solidarity.

Serve joyfully with boundless love.
School Thrust 2019-2020

December 10, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings!

Complying with the mandates of the government, we will be conducting a Random Drug Testing in our school for students in Grades 11 and 12. These mandates are:

- RA 9165: Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002
- DDB Regulation No 3 series of 2009: Random Drug Testing of Students of Secondary, Tertiary, Vocational and Technical Schools
- DepEd Order DO 40, S 2017: Guidelines for the Conduct of Random Testing in Public and Private Secondary Schools
- CHED Memorandum Order No 64 series of 2017: Policies, Guidelines, and Procedures for Higher Education Institutions Requiring Drug Testing of Students
- Data Privacy Act of 2012

The purpose of conducting such drug testing are as follows:

- to determine the prevalence of drug use among the students;
- to assess the effectiveness of school-based and community-based prevention programs;
- to deter the use of illegal drugs;
- to facilitate the rehabilitation of drug users and dependents; and
- to strengthen the collaboration efforts of identified agencies against the use of illegal drugs and in the rehabilitation of drug users and dependents.

Please see next page.

REPLY SLIP



Class Number

_____ We allow our daughter to undergo the Drug Test.

_____ We do not allow our daughter to undergo the Drug Test because _____

Student's Name

Level & Section

Parent's Signature

We are emphasizing that implementing random drug testing in our school is primarily for prevention and rehabilitation and will not be punitive. The whole process shall not, in any manner, be utilized to harass the students. The drug testing program shall guarantee and respect the personal privacy and dignity of the student, and the results shall be treated with utmost confidentiality. Also, the test results shall not be used in any criminal proceedings. Random drug testing for students is considered by the government as entirely a health issue and aims to provide appropriate interventions to those who will be tested positive for dangerous drug use, which will help the student stop further use and/or abuse of the substance.

The step by step procedure will be as follows:

1. Orientation Drug Talk to students – done last June 25, 2019
2. Announcement to Parents - CIR
3. The date and time of the testing will remain confidential.
4. Coordination with 3rd party provider: APMD. As a background, Dr Bernardo M. Regalado, a Dangerous Drugs Board physician since 1998, heads Asia Pacific Medical and Diagnostics, Inc (APMD). He is also the Medical Review Officer of Drug Testing Programs of International School Manila, Brent International School Manila, Ateneo De Manila University, Miriam College, Xavier School, Lourdes School of QC, Reedley International School, St. Paul University Manila and Quezon City, Southville International School & Colleges, St. Pedro Poveda College, Immaculate Conception Academy, OB Montessori, Miriam College, Asia Pacific College, National University, Siena College of Taytay, Resorts World Manila, PAGCOR, Procter & Gamble Phils, GSIS, Cebu Pacific Air, Clark Development Corporation, call centers & others.
5. On the day of testing, APMD will send 8-10 female staff to conduct the procedure. The girls will be called to the venue in groups of 5-10. The venue is a holding area with a nearby restroom. A urine sample will be collected. Proper sealing and labeling will be followed. The entire process should take less than 5 minutes per person.

We would like to reiterate that the results will be confidential, and shall not be punitive. Our priority is to help and rehabilitate.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Melanie B. Carpizo
School Physician

Noted by:

Mrs. Maria Luz P. San Andres
Director for Student Affairs and Services

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School Physician

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