

Saint Mary's School Playground Rules

Inside or Outside Recess

Recess staff and office staff constantly monitor conditions throughout the recess block. Recess is always outside unless:

1. It is raining or extremely wet.
2. The temperature is 0 degrees or 0 degrees with wind chill.
3. The recess staff determines that conditions are unsafe due to other acts of nature (i.e. storms, ice) or construction.

Playground Rules

- The only games allowed are **NON-TACKLE!** Football games are touch only.
- Recess staff will take away any games if they believe students can not play it safely.
- Playing tag should take place out **on the grass** and not within the playground equipment area.
- If a ball goes across the street or into the street, get a Recess staff. Students should not leave playground area for any reason.
- Swing area: Please don't jump off the swings. Students should only be in the swing area if they are swinging. No running between or under the swings. No twisting or sideways motion on the swings.
- No running or climbing up the slides. Come down the slide feet first on your pockets. Come down one at a time. No climbing on top of the slide. No jumping from the top of the slide.
- For equipment with seats, there is only to be the amount of riders as there are seats. No standing.
- **Keep ALL balls on the grass only.** Do not kick balls on or near playground equipment.
- Never pull other students off playground equipment.
- Stay on the playground! No playing outside of playground boundaries as explained by staff.
- Tell a Recess staff right away if you see a stranger on the playground without a guest badge.
- Tell a Recess staff right away of any problem that happens at recess. That's why they are there. Don't wait until the end of recess to tell them. They will need time to resolve problems.
- Ask a Recess staff member if you need to use the bathroom or for any other reason you feel you need to leave the playground. Do not leave without permission please.

- Respect others. No bullying, punching, tackling, or using bad language at ANY time.
- Be Safe! If you are unsure about a situation or a playground rule ask the Recess staff, they will be glad to help you.
- Please help keep our school beautiful. Please do not stand on landscaping bricks, run through landscaping rock or plants.

Special Rules for When We Have Snow

- No playing/sliding on the ice.
- No climbing the snow mounds.
- No throwing, kicking snowballs or ice EVER! Building snowmen and snow sculptures is permitted and encouraged!
- There might be rock salt put down to make our sidewalk and playground safe. Please do not pick it up!
- Do not try to break ice out of the down spout gutters in front of school.
- Stay dry! Stay out of standing water or large puddles.
- All the other recess rules still apply!

Returning to the Building

When the Recess staff indicates recess is over, you will **quickly** head to line up behind the yellow line after putting any equipment you used away.

Discipline/Consequences on the Playground

Recess staff will follow the Saint Mary's School Student Expectation policy. They can issue verbal warnings, timeouts, referrals and/or remove students from the playground when appropriate. Major student behavior issues such as fighting or bullying will be referred to the principal and/or social worker.

Playground boundaries

Inside of all fencing. Not past any sidewalks. Not past the building wall on the east side of school, the school wall is the boundary marker on that side.

