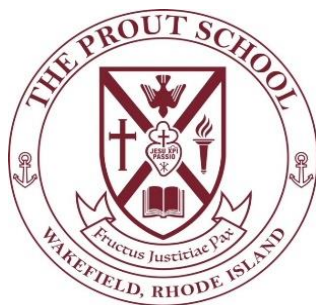


**A Catholic, Diocesan Coeducational College Preparatory
High School**

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The Prout School



Parent and Student Handbook 2026-2027

*The Administration of The Prout School reserves the right to
amend this handbook, as it deems necessary.*

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HISTORY

The Prout School is a Catholic co-educational high school operated by the Diocese of Providence.

Situated on 25 acres of forest and field, Prout was founded in 1966 as Prout Memorial High School for girls. The school was built by the Sisters of the Cross and Passion (Passionists) to serve the needs of the families in the Washington and Kent County area and was named after the religious community's foundress, Elizabeth (Mother Mary Joseph) Prout. In January 1987, responding to the need for a co-ed Catholic high school in southern Rhode Island, the school opened its doors to young men. Today Prout Memorial School is known simply as The Prout School.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Prout School is a vibrant Catholic community that educates the whole person for productive membership in the global community by fostering quality in spiritual, academic, artistic and athletic pursuits.

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

The Prout Community is committed to empowering students:

- To enter into a personal relationship with Jesus as a lifelong role model, friend, and guide.
- To value personal and liturgical prayer as central to their lifelong relationship with the Lord.
- To develop a sense of individuality and its relationship to the community.
- To be respectful and responsible, personally and socially.
- To embrace a healthy lifestyle.
- To become aware of themselves as members of a global community and to participate in its growth through service.
- To learn the strategic processes of problem solving.
- To acquire and fine tune reflective, creative, and critical thinking skills.
- To find, evaluate, and responsibly apply resource information.
- To develop communication strategies for speaking, writing, reading, and listening.
- To appreciate and to participate in the creative arts.
- To enjoy the challenge of athletics and to display good sportsmanship.
- To be receptive to the responsibilities and joys of lifelong learning.

- To use the computer as a tool for writing, communication, accessing/managing information, and problem solving.
- To work independently and cooperatively.

HERALDRY

THE CROSS:	Symbol of the faith by which we accept Christ, his teaching and his law, as embodied in his Church.
THE BOOK:	Symbol of the knowledge of God and of all his works in the world, to be acquired during the years in school.
THE TORCH:	Symbol of the light of Christian living which the students must carry into the world of careers for which their spiritual and academic training is preparing them.
THE DOVE:	Symbol of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace. Brooding over all, guiding and rewarding the students striving after the goodness (justitia) which, as they learn in their school days, is to be found in the observance of God's laws. Christ said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." The Passionist Sign binds the four quarters.

SCHOOL MOTTO: FRUCTUS JUSTITIAE PAX ***"PEACE IS THE FRUIT OF JUSTICE"***

The Prout School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, loan programs, scholarships, athletics and other school programs.

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Principal/Head of School	David Estes
Dean of Student Development	Andrea Spaziante
Enrollment Management Director	Sharon DeLuca
Finance Director	Donna Nardone
Athletic Director	Kelly Moniz
College Counseling	Scott Bessette
Chaplain	Rev. Partick Ryan
Guidance/Campus Ministry	Lily Araujo
Guidance/Academic Support	Mary Hoyt
Guidance Counselor	John Gaffney
Guidance Secretary	Eddie DeCesare/Karen Hlousek
Nurse	Meghan Swanson
Alumni Director	Seanna Edwards
Librarian/ Computer Services	Ross MacAndrew
Main Office Secretary	Nancy Ferri
Attendance Secretary	Suzanne Iacovelli

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

*Denotes Department Chair

ENGLISH

Mary Hoyt*
Brian Gould
John Mulligan
Mary-Kate O'Keefe
Douglas Kolpak

RELIGION

Cindy Cavanagh*
Lily Araujo
Philip Faraone
Lori Finan
Lauri Travis

CREATIVE ARTS

Michael Elson*
Ryan Cox
Kristen Rich
Kathy Smith
Justin Pimentel

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Jennifer Trevisiol*
Josefa Dougal
James Larson
Andrew Denkwicz

SOCIAL STUDIES

*Michael Sweeney
Tyson Edmonds
Michael LaBarbera
Jeanne Tierney

MATHEMATICS

Kelly Delacruz*
Kendra Pitkin
Ryan Cox
Kim Steere
Andrew Denkwicz

SCIENCE

Christopher Bromley*
Michael Millen
Joe Tarasevich
Iain McCoy

PHYS. ED./HEALTH

Ron Renzi*
Ross MacAndrew

CLASS MODERATORS

Freshman

TBA

Sophomores

John Mulligan and Brian Gould

Juniors

Iain McCoy and Mike Millen

Seniors

Mr. Elson, Mrs. delaCruz and Mrs. Remillard

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Prout students must successfully complete and earn at least 24 credits to obtain a Prout diploma. The following units must be completed in each subject area.

	Credits
Religion	4
English	4
Physical Education/Health	2
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	3
(Three year sequence of one language)	
Arts	1

In addition to the above credits, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 ½ credits of elective course work. **NOTE:** Prout students must be enrolled in at a minimum of seven courses plus a study.

SAMPLE CORE CURRICULUM

GRADE 9 HONORS

English 9H
Foreign Language I
Geometry H/Algebra 1H
Western Civ. 9H
Biology 9H
Religion 9
Phys. Ed./Health

GRADE 10 HONORS

English 10 H
Foreign Language II
H Algebra I/Geometry H
US History H or AP History Chemistry H
Religion 10
Phys. Ed./Health

GRADE 11 IB/HONORS

English 11 H or IB
Foreign Language III H/or IB
IB Math SL
Social Studies/IB World Hst.
Science/IB

GRADE 9 COLLEGE PREP

English 9
Foreign Language I
Algebra I
Western Civ. 9
Biology 9
Religion 9
Phys. Ed/Health

GRADE10 COLLEGE PREP

English 10
Foreign Language II
Geometry
US History
Oceanography
Religion 10
Phys. Ed./Health

Religion 11
IB Design and Tech SL
Theory of Knowledge I (Open only to IB diploma candidates and required of those students)
Phys. Ed./Health

GRADE 11 CP
English 11

Foreign Language III Algebra II or Math
Elective Social Studies
Science Religion 11 Phys. Ed./Health

GRADE 12 IB/HONORS

English 12 H or IB
IBSL Math
Foreign Language 4
IB Physics or Science Elective IB
Biology or IB Physics
IB Design and Tech.
Social Studies
Elective Religion 12 IB
Phys. Ed./Health
Theory of Knowledge II (Open only to IB
diploma candidates and required of those students)

GRADE 12 CP

English 12
Financial Alg
Pre Calc
Foreign Language IV
Religion 12
Social Studies
Elective Science Elective
Phys. Ed./Health

NOTE: Students scheduled for IB classes must sit for the IB examinations.

GRADUATION AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

Criteria

- The students with the top two weighted GPA's as calculated through the end of third quarter of senior year will be awarded first and second in academic merit for their graduating class.
- The selection of the students who give the welcoming address and farewell address at graduation will be selected by a process wherein the top ten students highest students in academic ranking will be invited to submit a speech to be reviewed by our graduation committee.

THE PROUT CRUSADER AWARD

Criteria

- lives out the ideals of the school's mission statement listed herein:
- strives to live according to the teachings of Jesus
- seeks to develop unique talents and gifts and uses them in the service of others
- is eager and able to meet high academic standards
- makes significant contribution to the life of the school community
- is loyal to the school

THE ELIZABETH PROUT AWARD CHRISTIAN SERVICE

This award is named for Elizabeth Prout to honor her legacy as described in Heralds of Hope:

"In the course of her work as Foundress of the Congregation, her gifts manifested themselves in compassion for the poor, the deprived, and the suffering, flowing from her contemplative union with Christ crucified, and channeled to relieve the most pressing needs

of the local church of her day. This was Mother Mary Joseph's charism. This was the heritage she bequeathed to her Sisters."

Criteria:

- Puts others above self
- Actively responds to those in need as Jesus taught us
- Uses gifts and talents to serve the school, church, or local community
- Embodies the spirit of giving

STUDENT EVALUATION

GRADING SYSTEM

Report cards are issued every quarter. Prout uses numerical grades and a number system for effort and attendance for each student.

Quarter averages are determined by a simple class average of tests, quizzes, and homework as determined by the course requirements.

Semester averages are determined by each quarter counting 40% and the semester exams counting 20%. Final grades are determined by averaging the first and second semester averages.

Classes meeting for only one semester will carry over the semester grade as the final grade for that class.

If a student earns a failing grade in more than two subjects at year's end, he/she may not be allowed to return to Prout the following September.

QPA

AP/IBHL	IBSL	Honors	College Prep	Numerical	Letter
4.96	4.80	4.63	4.3	97-100	A+
4.66	4.50	4.33	4	93-96	A
4.36	4.20	4.03	3.7	90-92	A-
3.96	3.80	3.63	3.3	87-89	B+
3.66	3.50	3.33	3	83-86	B
3.36	3.20	3.03	2.7	80-82	B-
2.96	2.80	2.63	2.3	77-79	C+
2.66	2.50	2.33	2	73-76	C
2.36	2.20	2.03	1.7	70-72	C-
1.66	1.50	1.33	1	65-66	D
0	0	0	0	64-50*	F

50 is the lowest numerical grade assigned for quarter, semester and /or midterm/finals averages, unless a lower grade is approved by the Principal.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS

The annual Christian Service Hours requirement will be recorded and assessed in students' Theology classes. Christian service hours completion are a requirement for promotion for grades 9-11. Christian service hours completion are required for graduation for grade 12. Every student in every Religious Studies class in every grade will be required to complete 20 Hours of Christian Service by the end of the 3rd Quarter. The hours will be due in April of each year. Students who do not complete their service hours by the deadline risk exclusion from extra-curricula activities until hours are complete. Furthermore, completion of service hours are required for promotion to the next grade level for grades 9-11 and for graduation for grade 12.

Hours completed over this past summer may count towards students' hours for this school year. Students who have already completed their hours are advised to write down what they did so they are prepared to reflect on this experience in the spring.

If students have traditionally completed their Christian Service Hours during the 4th Quarter, students should seek permission from their Religious Studies teacher for the service. These extensions will be made on an individual basis depending on the teacher and the nature of the service requested. If this is the case, students should seek permission early in the year, as an extension will only be granted far in advance. Christian Service forms and specific criteria can be found on The Prout School website under the Campus Ministry link.

SCHEDULING AND COURSE ENROLLMENT

Occasionally it may be necessary to drop or add a course to the list of course offerings, even after students have registered for the coming year. Course offerings are dependent on teacher availability and on subscription by a minimum number of students. Additionally, some courses are reserved for students who meet certain academic requirements, and they may also be subject to a teacher selection process.

Students are not routinely permitted to change classes once they are registered for them. It is assumed that students take proper care in registering for the appropriate classes, and that the school is doing all it can under the given circumstances to meet the needs and interests of the students.

Class changes will be made if the counselor determines that there has been an error in the schedule, an inappropriate placement has been made or a required class needs to be added.

Wanting a different teacher teaching the same class and level, not liking a class, wanting to be with friends or different period are not legitimate reasons for a class change.

Required classes, once attempted, shall not be dropped. Level changes may be considered with a teacher's recommendation.

Guidance Counselors can authorize dropping a class within the first 15 days of school. Beyond that, Guidance Counselors must have the Dean of Student Development's and/or Principal's approval to add or drop a course.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll has three categories:

- Highest Honors: A numeric average of 95-100 with no grade lower than a 90.
- High Honors: A numeric average of 90-94 with no grade lower than an 85.
- Honors: A numeric average of 85-89 with no grade lower than an 80.
- These honor categories will be granted at the end of each quarter.

MID-YEAR AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Course requirements include exams at the mid-year and at the end of the school year. The exam schedule is published several weeks before the examination dates.

It is very important for parents to acquaint themselves with the following examination policies and to specifically remember that they must notify the school if their child is ill and will miss an exam. Failure to notify the school prior to an examination may result in a zero for the examination.

EXAMINATION POLICIES

- Only absences due to verified illness will be excused. Students missing a final or semester exam due to vacation should not expect to be allowed to make-up the exam.
- Any student with an outstanding tuition balance, overdue library books, or athletic department uniforms will not be permitted to sit for exams.
- Any student who is in the building but not taking an exam must report to the designated silent study area.
- All students must wear uniforms while taking all exams.
- If a student does not show up for a scheduled exam, a parent must call the morning of the exam to explain the reason for absence and schedule the make-up exam; if a parent does not call, the student will not be allowed to make up the exam.
- Each exam is two (2) hours long. Students must remain in the exam room the full two (2) hours. If a student finishes early, he/she may do other studying and should come prepared.
- If a student uses an electronic device during an exam without the teachers' permission, the student may receive a zero.
- The regular bus schedule will be in effect during exam week except during make-up exams.

HOMEWORK

Students are always assigned homework. Teachers will notify verbally or in writing exactly what their homework policy is to the students and parents. An assignment may be the outgrowth of a lesson requiring further study; it may prepare for further work; it may enrich a lesson; or it may help reinforce concepts, understandings, skills, appreciations, or attitudes. Properly planned and implemented, homework can provide practice necessary to the mastery of skills, help develop student study habits, foster initiative and responsibility, and afford parents an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the school program and their child's educational progress.

Homework time suggested for grades 9-12: two to three hours per day.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

For the purposes of The Prout School, **cheating** is defined as the presentation of any work by a student which is not entirely his/her own. In a moral environment, academic dishonesty cannot be tolerated. This applies to cheating of any kind on a quiz, test, homework, exam, project or major paper.

Plagiarism is an especially egregious form of cheating. Plagiarism, according to Webster's II New College Dictionary, is defined as "to steal and use the ideas or words of another as one's own." Thus, plagiarism can be easily avoided by never passing off an original idea obtained from another and crediting correctly an existing source of information. The Prout School recognizes that there are various ways in which students may attempt to plagiarize. If a teacher suspects that plagiarism has occurred, then the proper steps should be taken. In an effort to encourage academic integrity, teachers should respond to any violation in the following manner:

- Copied or plagiarized work is confiscated and given over to the content area teacher or to the supervising teacher. If cheating is suspected, the teacher presents evidence to the Dean of Student Development to support the allegation and a disciplinary form will accompany the evidence.
- The content area teacher contacts the student's parent(s) or guardian with the details of the incident in a timely manner.
- In consultation with the Dean of Student Development, a penalty is decided with regard to the potential allegations, ranging from losing credit for the assignment, losing the opportunity to make-up the assignment, detention, in- school/out of school suspension and/or dismissal (if applicable).
- A plagiarized assignment may receive no credit and the plagiarized assignment will be documented.
- The Dean of Student Development confers with the Principal and/or department chair regarding the incident, when necessary.
- The National Honor Society Advisor and the student's guidance counselor are informed of the infraction if applicable.
- A repeated offense will result in further disciplinary action by the Administration.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

In an effort to keep parents closely informed of their child's academic progress, the following modes of communication are utilized.

- Plus Portal Account – Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's Plus Portal account which will be updated throughout the quarter.
- Progress Reports – issued mid-quarter
- Report Cards - approximately a week after the quarter ends.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports are issued to all students each quarter. These reports are sent electronically through Plus Portals. Parents/guardians are responsible for viewing their portal account on the prescribed date.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students failing more than one subject at the end of any quarter will be placed on academic probation. They may not participate in extracurricular activities (including theatre and athletics) until the next report card or progress report is issued. At that time if a student is failing less than (2) two classes, they may resume participation.

The Dean of Student Development/Principal are the only personnel who may assign to or remove a student from probation. No student, parent, or staff member/moderator/coach should be involved in resuming participation of any student without express notification from the student support team or principal.

FAILURES

Students who fail a course must clear the failure through one of the options below. Students who fail more than two of their subjects for the year may not return to The Prout School for the following year. Students who fail two or more subjects must meet with the Dean of Student Development, Principal and/or his/her designee, and guidance counselor to assess the needs of the student and the possibility of continuing at Prout.

MAKING UP FAILED COURSES

Failures are not eliminated from the transcript. For students making up work in summer school, a passing grade in summer school will result in a grade of 65 for the course.

Make-Up Options: Prior approval from the Guidance Office is required. Parents are responsible for locating tutors and summer school courses.

- Summer school courses in an accredited school.
- Summer tutoring of a minimum of 30 hours by an accredited teacher. A portfolio of graded work must be maintained and a letter, signed by the tutor, verifying that the student has successfully completed 30 hours in the course.
- The student must take and pass the final exam at Prout at the end of the tutoring. A grade of 65 is recorded for the course.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

If a student misses school with a documented excuse, he/she may be eligible to receive an incomplete. Incompletes can only be granted by the Dean of Student Development or Principal and will include a plan for the completion of missed work. A fourth quarter incomplete must be made up within two weeks after school ends.

CONCUSSIONS AND OTHER ACADEMICALLY DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Prout School implements and supports a policy of accommodations for students who suffer from concussions or other academically debilitating medical condition upon notification from the parent and receipt of medical documentation. All medical documentation must be given to the Dean of Student Development, school nurse, and guidance counselor. Teachers should refer to the student's guidance counselor for specific directions regarding accommodations. For sports eligibility refer to Athletic Department handbook.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL ACADEMIC NEEDS

We acknowledge each student as unique in his or her learning, means of processing information, problem solving approaches, and ability to use information. We also believe each student has the right to experience academic success through hard work. We empower students to become independent learners and self-advocates with their peers, in the classroom, and in their everyday life.

We do recognize that students may have disabilities in learning, emotional, physical or other health related areas. For those students admitted with a documented disability (*Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), 504 Plan or private school plan, completed within the last year; or a neurological or psychology evaluation completed within the last 3 years*), The Prout School offers an Academic Support Service that provides students with basic strategies, academic skills and the knowledge necessary for them to realize their full potential. Our inclusive community recognizes the additional challenges many of these students face.

Our school is designed for students who are capable of completing a four year college preparatory curriculum. As IEPs and 504 plans are under the jurisdiction of public schools, The Prout School, as a private school, is not legally required to implement them nor does the school agree to alter and/or modify its curriculum to accommodate the specific needs of individual students. Families will be invited to meet with the Academic Support Coordinator prior to the start of school to discuss reasonable accommodations. The accommodations are dependent on resources and personnel to assist students with learning differences and disabilities in their day to day classes. Accommodations students

receive are determined on a case by case basis. Please send the most recent testing, IEP, 504, or other documentation in with your registration paperwork.

STUDENT RECORDS

The school will not release any student records without written authorization of that student or his/her parent/guardian. When, therefore, a student/guardian requests to have his/her records forwarded to a new school, a parent/guardian should request and sign the Third Party Release Form obtained in the guidance office and submit it to the main office

TUITION AND FEES

FEES

Specific course and activity fees (i.e., International Baccalaureate, retreats) may also be assessed. Please note that IB test fees are required for all students in IB classes and are not reimbursable if the student does not sit for an exam.

PAYMENTS

There are three options for paying tuition:

- One total payment on June 1st.
- Two payments due on June 1st and December 1st
- Monthly, through an outside tuition management service with payments beginning in June and ending in April.

REFUNDS

In order to receive a full tuition refund, less the non-refundable deposit, the parent(s) or guardian(s) must notify the admissions office in writing prior to August 1, 2026. The refund policy for cancellation after August 1, 2026 is as follows: if enrollment is cancelled between August 1, 2026 and the end of the first quarter, with or without written notice to the admissions office, the parent(s) or guardian(s) financially responsible for the student will be obligated to pay 25% of the contracted amount. Any cancellation during the second quarter will require payment of 50% of the contract amount. Any cancellation during the third and fourth quarter will require payment of the full contract amount. There will be no refunds for students dismissed for disciplinary reasons.

STUDENT LIFE

The Prout School, as a Diocesan Catholic high school, is committed to the spiritual, academic, emotional and social development of each child. School regulations and sanctions are a means of guiding students to develop into a faithful, intelligent, and caring person.

All members of the Prout community are to be respectful to each other. Students will maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries. The school community will flourish if school rules, regulations, and guidelines are seen as a means of helping one another to develop the self-discipline and good order which leads to a harmonious environment.

Since each individual student is a member of a community here at Prout, he/she is expected to:

Respect Self - i.e., wear the uniform correctly, be on time to school, classes, and appointments.

Respect Others - i.e., be courteous to peers and adults, respect others' privacy and belongings.

Respect Property - i.e., take care of equipment, one's own and others' property, school building and grounds. Taking food out of the commons and gum chewing are prohibited.

Students have the basic personal responsibility to:

- Attend school regularly and be on time.
- Attend classes and be on time.
- Abide by the rules and regulations set by the faculty and administration.
- Not to interfere with the education of others.
- Respect the rights of all others in the Prout community.
- Behave in accordance with the goals and mission of Prout **at all times**, whether in school or out in the community.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM DESCRIPTION:

“The kids who need the most love will often ask for it in the most unloving ways”. (Rita Pierson)

To help facilitate the spiritual, moral/character, academic, physical and behavioral formation of each of our students requires us to look at better ways to meet our goal of developing the whole child. Therefore, The Prout School has initiated a Student Support Team (SST). Under the direction of the Dean of Student Development, the SST will develop individualized, positive Action Plans that integrate equality, understanding, fairness, instructive consequences, and strategic solutions geared towards helping students change inappropriate behaviors.

While the team will issue traditional consequences for behavioral offenses such as detentions and suspensions, the SST will also focus on creating more prevention/intervention strategies to, whenever/wherever possible, help avert inappropriate student behaviors. The SST will shift, whenever possible, from a re-active approach to a pro-active approach.

The SST will actively, and systematically, work towards every Prout student intrinsically feeling there are adults in the building who knows the student as an individual, supports that student, advocates for the student, guides the student in a trusting, professional, caring manner. The SST will take on the responsibility for overseeing violations of the Student Handbook but also will decide upon issues surrounding academics ranging from medically-based accommodations to upholding academic integrity. Lastly, the SST will provide important feedback to teachers on best practices on how to approach each child. The SST will meet as needed and be constituted of the dean of student development, guidance counselors, a school nurse, the campus minister, clergy, the director of guidance, and at least one other administrator/teacher.

Decisions made by the team may be appealed to the Principal.

RESPECT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PROUT COMMUNITY

All members of the Prout community are expected to demonstrate respect for themselves and for all others including faculty, staff, fellow students, fellow families, visitors (including visiting teams, fans, prospective students and groups) and members of the greater community. Parents/guardians, as essential partners in the holistic education of their children, are expected to be respectful to faculty, staff, students, visitors, and members of the greater Prout community. The implied partnership between teachers and parents/guardians is important for the development of all students. If the partnership breaks down, parents/guardians may be required to withdraw the child from school.

REPUTATION OF THE SCHOOL/UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL NAME/EMPLOYEES

Any student who engages in an activity that receives public attention that is embarrassing to The Prout School and its good name may be required to withdraw from school. The Prout School does not sanction the use of its name or the name of any group associated with The Prout School on any website without the expressed written consent of the Principal. Any student inappropriately using or referring to the name of The Prout School or names of its employees on any website **including any social networking sites may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor and, if necessary, limit the use of social media of their child. Excessive uses of social media sites and a preoccupation with these forms of communication distract students from their studies, limit authentic interactions, promote unauthorized use of electronics during the school day and, when used inappropriately, have been determined to be the cause of student conflicts. The Prout School believes that all social media postings are moral decisions for which students can be held fully responsible.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

Special guests, parents, volunteers, and school officials are all welcome in the school. Students wishing to have a guest visit for the day must have the visit approved by the Director of Admissions three school days prior to the day of visit. Parents visiting should first report to the main office to sign in. ALL visitors and volunteers must sign in and wear the appropriate guest tag while in the building. Tags are issued at the main office. If any parent volunteers in the school or chaperones a field trip, the parent must complete a Volunteer Application, complete a criminal background check and adhere to all Prout School policies.

Students have the right to attend school in safety, without disruption or disturbance, and without interference of any kind. School officials have the duty to provide for the protection and safety of students and of school property. Any person in the building or on school grounds without supervision and authority is trespassing. Failure to leave the school building, or the school grounds, when requested, will result in notification of local law enforcement and possible prosecution.

LOCKERS AND LOCKS

Lockers are loaned for student convenience. All lockers are assigned by the Main Office. Lockers must be kept locked. School purchased locks are required and the only locks permitted. Locks may be purchased during the first week of school in the Main Office for \$5.00.

Students may not change lockers without permission of the Dean of Student Development. Books, clothing, school supplies, and valuables should be locked in lockers daily. The privilege of using a locker will be revoked if a student fails to keep their locker clean, locked or fails to clean out their locker at the end of the year when directed to do so.

The Prout School is not financially responsible for the loss or damage to any computer, electronic device brought into the school. Other personal belongings, including money left in unsecured places are likewise not the financial responsibility of the school. A student who is a victim of a theft nevertheless should report it immediately to the Dean of Student Development for potential disciplinary investigation and action.

Generally, students' privacy will be respected, but parents, school officials and civil authorities have access to lockers under the legal principle of *in loco parentis* (i.e., in place of parent). If necessary, a student's locker may be searched or the individual student may be searched as well as his/her belongings.

GYM LOCKERS

A second lock must be purchased to lock belongings in gym lockers during Phys. Ed. class. All student belongings and lock must be removed at the end of class.

SPORT LOCKERS

Athletic lockers may be obtained from the Athletic Director to store athletic equipment. Students should not leave athletic equipment in classrooms, hallways or stairwells. Students are responsible to clean out lockers at the end of the school year. Failure to do so may result in losing the privilege to have a sports locker in the subsequent year.

SEARCH POLICY

Students at The Prout School and their parents accept that the Administration of The Prout School has the right to search students, lockers, clothing, backpacks, bags, possessions, as well as vehicles parked on school property. Not allowing the Administration to perform such a search may be grounds for a student's dismissal.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES, SCHOOL COMPUTERS/ INTERNET

USAGE AND STUDENT CELL PHONES Electronic Devices, School Computers and Internet Use

This policy applies to all school computers, electronic devices, including but not limited to cellphones, smart watches, laptops, earphones, tablets, etc. Electronic devices may not be used in the classroom without specific teacher approval. Misuse of **any** electronic device

including cellphones, any form of Electronic Bullying or misusing the schools' WIFI and distribution of WIFI password is not permitted. Students are not permitted to record the image or sound of another student, faculty or staff members without permission from Administration. Violations of this policy is a Class II Offense and will result in immediate disciplinary action which may include suspension of participation in any club, organization, student government, extra-curricular activity, co-curricular activity, or athletic activities and/or suspension or dismissal from the Prout School. Taking electronic devices to school is at the students' own risk. The Prout school takes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for lost, confiscated, damaged or stolen electronic devices.

Cell Phones - Off and Away

As the use of cell phones is disruptive to the learning process, The Prout School mandates that students not use cell phones or other electronic devices, to include earbuds and headphones, to call, text, video or message while in class/school between the hours of 8:07AM and 2:30PM unless approved for educational purposes.

Multiple infractions of the Prout School cell phone policies may result in confiscation for longer time periods and disciplinary action which may include suspension of participation in any club, organization, student government, extra-curricular activity, co-curricular activity and athletic activities.

See full policy at the end of the handbook.

BULLYING DEFINITION

Bullying is a form of harassment. For the purposes of this policy, bullying is defined as:

The repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse, or through attacks on the property of another. It may include, but not limited to actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling, and put downs, including ethnically-based or gender based verbal put downs, and extortion of money or possessions.

Students who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any school function, in connection with any school sponsored activity or event, or while in route to or from school are subject to school disciplinary policies, up to and including suspension and expulsion, subject to applicable due process requirements, will be imposed. Law enforcement officials shall be notified of bullying incidents as required by law.

There are four main kinds of bullying. Here are some examples:

Physical Bullying-when someone hits, shoves, kicks, spits or beats up on others, including damaging or stealing another student's property.

Verbal Bullying-name calling, mocking, hurtful teasing, using comments of a sexual or racial nature, humiliating or threatening someone, making people do things they do not want to do.

Social bullying-excluding others from the group, spreading gossip or rumors about others, making others look foolish, or making sure others do not spend time with a certain person.

Electronic bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication such as but not limited:

Using a computer, e-mail, instant messaging, photo electronic or photo optical systems, phone or cellular phone text messages to threaten or hurt someone's feelings, single out, embarrass or make someone look bad, spread rumors or reveal secrets about someone. The creation of a web page or blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person

The knowing impersonation of another person as the author of a posted content or message
The distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of materials on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons of the creation, impersonation, or distribution results in any of the conditions enumerated the Prout School bullying policy.

BULLYING PROHIBITION AND PREVENTION

The Prout School will maintain an environment that is free from all forms of intimidation and harassment: physical, verbal, written, psychological, social and electronic. Bullying is an offense against human dignity and Christian charity. The Prout School does not tolerate any action from any member of the Prout community that may be defined as bullying/cyber bullying under RI statute 16-21-34.

The Prout School is working to eliminate bullying and harassment in all forms within our school in order to provide a safe and secure school climate so that all students may learn. We seek to create a school environment where the dignity of all is guarded and where each member treats one another with respect. As such, any behavior which is contrary to this objective is unacceptable. It is important that all members of our community are aware of school policies including what bullying looks like.

The school principal, or his designees, shall investigate all reports of bullying/cyber-bullying. The victim of bullying or anyone who knows of or witnesses an incident of bullying shall make a report to the school. A copy of The Prout School *Bullying and/or Cyberbullying* report form may be found on the Prout School website www.theproutschool.org.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Prout School is committed to providing an educational environment that is free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated by The Prout School in any form on or off campus.

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment and will not be tolerated. It is a violation of this policy to condone sexual harassment by another person. For the purposes of this policy, to "condone" sexual harassment means to participate in such harassment by inciting, encouraging, fostering or otherwise giving support or approval to that harassment. Any student found to have sexually harassed another individual is subject to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including suspension or permanent exclusion from the school. Sexual harassment is a Class II Offense.

Retaliation against any other person because he/she complains of sexual harassment or assists a school investigation of harassment is prohibited and constitutes a Class II Offense.

Sexual Harassment by Students

Students are prohibited from making unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors and from engaging in any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when those advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the education of another student or the working environment of any employee of The Prout School by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive educational or working environment. This includes students' conduct on campus, on the school bus or any other school related activity on or off campus. Whether particular language or conduct constitutes sexual harassment depends upon the circumstances of the incident and will be determined by The Prout School on a case-by-case basis. The following are some examples of language and conduct which all students of The Prout School are cautioned to avoid.

This is not an exhaustive list.

- Comments to, or about, any student or school employee on his/her appearance that are sexually graphic or would otherwise tend to be degrading
- Any physical contact of a sexual nature
- Jokes or other remarks with sexual content that is graphic or may otherwise be offensive to others in any form including social media.
- Sexually suggestive sounds or gestures.
- Display of objects, posters, pictures or clothing of a sexual nature.

Sexual Harassment by a School Employee

It is a violation of the Prout Schools' policy and the *Policies and Procedures for the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Providence* for any teacher, administrator, coach or other school employee, male or female, to sexually harass a student by means of any sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Procedure for Complaint and Investigation

If any student or parent/guardian believes that he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment or witnessed the sexual harassment of another whether by a student, a teacher, a coach, a school employee or any other person, they should report the incident to the Principal or any other school personnel with whom the student feels comfortable. It is the policy of the Prout School to have all complaints of sexual harassment promptly and fully investigated and to take any steps necessary to remedy the situation. All students, teachers, coaches, school employees or any other person, are expected to cooperate fully with any investigation of sexual harassment.

UNIFORM

Please see uniform grid on our website. Failure to wear the required dress uniform for Liturgy will result in an automatic detention.

UNIFORM FOR MID TERM AND FINAL EXAMS

Unless otherwise notified, all students must be in the appropriate school uniform of the day to be able to sit for their Mid Term or Final Exams. Any student not in their proper uniform will not be allowed to sit for their exam.

TAG DAYS/Non-Uniform Days

Tag Days support student clubs and activities. Failure to pay for a Tag Day will result in automatic detention. It is expected that students will dress appropriately and tastefully on any day that a school uniform need not be worn. Students **may not wear** hats, shorts (shorts on tag days will only be allowed during warm weather uniform months), T-shirts with inappropriate slogans or messages. Students **may not wear** excessively short, tight or revealing clothing. Students **may not** show midriffs or excessive cleavage; shirts should have a sleeve and not be low cut.

Students **may not** wear tank tops or basketball jerseys without a T-shirt underneath. If inappropriate clothing is worn the student will be sent home unless the parent brings a change of clothing to the school. No flip-flops are allowed. No chains, handcuffs, spiked belts or heavy bracelets may be worn.

ID CARDS

An ID card is issued to each student at the beginning of the school year. The ID card should be on the student when in school. The card must be presented to the main office when reporting late to school. The card should be presented when a student attends a Prout activity. Any student who does not have an ID card will be subject to disciplinary action.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In school, announcements are read over the public address system each morning during homeroom. Teachers or organizations making announcements must present them to the office by 1:00 p.m. the day before. Morning announcements will be sent to all families via Constant Contact each day. Students are expected to be QUIET during announcements.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION/SNOW DAYS/EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

There are a variety of systems employed to notify parents of school closings, delays, or emergency situations. These methods of communication include email delivery and a phone notification system. They will be utilized whenever appropriate or possible. Additionally, a school closing or delayed opening will typically be announced on a media network of television and radio stations provided by RIBA, the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association. If the closing is announced during the school day we will attempt to utilize the parental notification system mentioned above which consists of phone calls home and email notifications.

If Prout has school on a day that the schools in a student's town cancels on account of bad weather, that student will still be marked absent from Prout if he/she does not come to school. However, in such an emergency, the absence will be considered excused and will not count toward the maximum of fifteen absences allowed per year.

In a dangerous inclement weather situation, The Prout School does not expect that a student attend school. In the event your town or community is undergoing dangerous weather, please keep your child home. We leave this final determination up to the parents. Should stormy weather begin during the school day, necessitating the cancellation of after school activities, the administration will make every effort to announce the cancellation before lunch. This will give students enough time to notify their parents. We do not recommend that you allow your child to drive to school on days of threatening weather.

All students who come to school on buses must return home on buses, unless their parents/guardians pick them up. Parents/guardians are advised to not allow students to drive on days when ice or snow may result in treacherous driving. Should an unforeseen storm occur students will not be allowed to call home to get permission to drive home early. Parents must initiate the process by calling the school.

PASSING TIME

There is a four-minute passing time between classes; students are to move quickly and with respect toward one another. Disruptive behavior will be addressed by the Dean of Student Development. Students should be on time for each class.

STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING

Seniors are permitted to drive to school and park in the designated student parking areas. Juniors will be permitted to drive on a limited basis (as space is available). All student drivers must register their cars with the Main Office and obtain a parking pass by the end of the first full week of school. Students must have a visible parking pass or they may be asked not to park in the school lots. **Speed limit on school grounds is 5 m.p.h.** Students may not leave the building during the school day to go to their cars. If students drive recklessly, are continually tardy, are found in their cars during school hours, break driving laws, or leave the campus during the school day, etc., driving privileges may be revoked at the discretion of the Administration.

SKATEBOARDS

Skateboards are not allowed on campus.

PARENT MESSAGES - Parents are asked to call school with messages for their children only when necessary. **Students are not permitted to check cell phone messages during the school day.** Please place all calls through the main office. Students may use a designated phone in the Main Office before school, during lunchtime, and after school.

STUDENT VALUABLES

Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money, computers, electronic devices, or cameras to school, and if they wear glasses or watches, to keep track of them at all times. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property.

The school will not take responsibility for lost or stolen items. Items should be locked in student lockers.

LOST AND FOUND

“Found” articles should be brought to the Main Office. A student who has lost an article should inquire about it in the Main Office. Student belongings left lying around will be collected. Books will be kept in a cabinet in the Main Office; clothing will be collected in

the Lost & Found bins in the North Commons. At the end of each semester, all items will be distributed to the needy.

CAFETERIA/LUNCH

Students are only permitted to have food or drink in the North or South Commons. Water should be kept in the locker if necessary. No food or beverages should be brought into homeroom or any classroom throughout the school day. Students are asked to pick up after themselves at lunch and to help out when asked. Students who do not comply are subject to disciplinary action.

Students may take the entire period for lunch or they may use some of the time to confer with a teacher who is free, go to Guidance, go to the Library, or one of the offices for business. They must obtain a hall pass from the teacher on lunch duty to be allowed to leave the cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL DAY ABSENCE

Students are expected to attend all classes each day that school is in session. **When a student is absent from class, a parent must call the School and inform the main office or leave a voicemail between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. The school will make every attempt to contact a parent to verify an absence.** It must be specified if a student is missing a test that day. Written verification of an absence must be submitted to the main office no later than the second school day following the absence. Students should check their Plus Portal account for any homework missed due to absence.

A student may not participate in or attend any before or after- school activities, including athletics (see athletic handbook), on a day the student is absent.

The school looks with disfavor upon absences because of family vacations. We strongly urge parents to plan vacations during school recesses. In the case of absences due to vacation, teachers are not required to provide make-up work or tests. Students are responsible for missed assignments and must secure them from another student or Plus Portal, not the teachers. More than fifteen absences may result in automatic failure. Missing a midterm or a final exam because of a family vacation may also result in automatic failure.

Excessive Absenteeism: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Teachers will report cases of excessive unexcused absenteeism to the guidance counselor so that the student and their parent or guardian may be called in for a conference. If a student misses more than eight (8) classes per semester, fifteen (15) total per year, they may receive a failing grade, they may be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension of participation in any club, organization, student government, extra-curricular activity, co-curricular activity, athletic activities, suspension, loss of credit for the course and/or referral to Truancy Court. As per Policies and Procedures for Catholic School of the Diocese of Providence 4.4 (D) Students who are truant will be reported by the principal to the local public school district where the student resides. All truancy cases will be heard by Family Court. Absences due to documented illness count toward the fifteen-day limit (8 for semester-long courses). Unique circumstances, approved by the Administration, may result in an approved absence.

Seniors are allowed 2 absences for college visits with written documentation from the college submitted to the main office prior to the visit. These 2 absences will not count toward the 15-day limit.

TARDINESS

Students arriving late to school after 8:08 a.m. must report directly to the Main Office to sign in and obtain a pass. The late student must present their ID card to sign in. **A parent must call or send a note explaining a student's tardiness. Parents will be contacted otherwise.** Students may be excused for tardiness if they present a doctor's, dentist or physical therapy note or if they have been to a funeral. **If a student is late more than 8 times in a Quarter, the student and his/her parents may be asked to come in and meet with their guidance counselor and the Dean of Student Development. Arrival to school after 8:45am is considered tantamount to cutting first period.**

Arrival at school after 9am (without a doctor's note or another excused tardy reason such as a funeral) will prohibit participation in any extracurricular activity after school that day.

Students are allowed a maximum of 3 tardies each quarter. Detention will be assigned for excessive tardiness.

CLASSROOM TARDINESS: Students are expected to be on time to school, their classes and to be present for all Liturgy services. Teachers will record all tardiness to class. If a student is detained by a teacher or administrator from a previous class, the pass must be written by that teacher or administrator. If a student is returning to class from a guidance meeting, the pass must be written by the counselor. **Passes will not be provided by the Main Office.** Detention will be assigned if no pass is presented. Teachers will refer habitual unexcused tardiness to the Student Support Team. Habitual unexcused tardiness will result in detention and, at the discretion of the Student Support Team, the student may also be subject to additional disciplinary action which may include suspension of participation in any club, organization, student government, extra- curricular activity, co-curricular activity, athletic activities, suspension, loss of credit for the course and/or referral to Truancy Court.

EARLY DISMISSALS

The school urges parents to schedule appointments after school. **However, if this is not possible and a student must be dismissed from school early, a written note must be presented to the Main Office by 8:30 a.m. Telephone calls will not be accepted for early dismissal.** This note should specify the reason, time, and phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached. **Students are allowed a maximum of 3 early dismissals per quarter. Leaving school before 11:15 a.m. is recorded as a ½ day absence. Participation in or attendance at after-school activities are not allowed that day. The school does not assume the responsibility of calling parents to verify early dismissal.**

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

As of the 2007 Rhode Island legislative session, the emergency drill requirements (RIGL 16-21-5) mandate that all public and private schools practice fifteen emergency drills per

school year; fire drills, lockdowns and evacuations. All students will be familiarized at the beginning of each school year with the Prout School Emergency Procedures.

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Parents and legal guardians of students will be provided with a link to our online medical system. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that information on the Student Emergency/Medical Information system is current at all times.
- It is imperative that the Prout School be notified immediately of any changes to a students' legal custody or custodial status. Court documentation must be provided.
- In case of a declared emergency, students will be released ONLY to persons designated on this card with valid proof of identification such as a drivers license.
- In a declared emergency, parents/guardians may be directed to a relocation site off campus to be reunited with their child when it is safe to do so. Unless directed, **do not come** onto the school campus as this will risk impeding and obstructing emergency responses.
- School authorities will do everything possible to care for each student while he/she is under Prout supervision.
- It is critical that students **do not** have directions from parents/guardians that are contrary to the School's stated policy on retention at school and authorized release in case of a severe emergency.

SCHOOL NURSE

MEDICATION

All medicine, including over the counter pain relievers, is required by law to be stored and locked in the School Nurse's office. Medication may only be administered by a registered nurse, and requires a physician authorization/signature and parent authorization to be dispensed at school. Students may not self-medicate while in school. Medication forms are available on the school website. These forms should be completed and returned to the School Nurse before school opens. All medical conditions and allergies should be disclosed to the Nurse as well as indicated on all Field Trip Permission Forms.

SERIOUS ILLNESS/INJURY

If a student is seriously ill or injured, the classroom teacher should inform the Main Office immediately. If able, the student should be escorted to the Nurse's Office. Otherwise, the Main Office will send the nurse to the student. The School Nurse or designated person will dial 911 for emergency assistance if necessary.

DRESS CODE

A student's attire reflects not only the image of the student themselves but also the image of The Prout School. The following uniform policies are in effect and will be strictly enforced.

Regular Uniform:

Senior Boys

1. Long-sleeved oxford shirt (**tucked in**), white or any solid pastel color.
2. Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger gray pants.

3. Belt, solid black or solid brown.
4. Any bowtie or necktie.
5. Any solid, black socks. No anklet socks.
6. A solid black blazer must be worn on dress uniform days.

9-11th Boys

1. Long-sleeved white oxford shirt (**tucked in**) with Prout logo.
2. Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger gray pants.
3. Belt, solid black or solid brown.
4. Prout Tie.
5. Any solid, black socks. No anklet socks.
6. **Cool weather uniform (date determined by SST):** Black fleece with Prout logo, black sweater with Prout logo, or black sweater vest with Prout logo.

Senior Girls

1. Long-sleeved oxford shirt (**tucked in**), white or any solid pastel color.
2. **Skirt option:** Gray Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger skirt or sports skirt, tights worn with the skirt must be solid black and a solid fabric and **cannot** be ripped. The skirt must be modest in length. **Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.**
3. **Pants option:** Gray Donnelly's pants, Tommy Hilfiger pants or Willit Women's Dress Bootcut pants from Amazon with solid black or solid brown belt with any solid black socks. No anklet socks.
4. A solid black blazer must be worn on dress uniform days.

9-11th Girls

1. Long sleeved, white oxford shirt (**tucked in**) with Prout logo.
2. **Skirt option.** Gray Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger skirt or sports skirt, tights worn with the skirt must be solid black and a solid fabric and **cannot** be ripped. The skirt should be modest in length. **Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.**
3. **Pants option.** Gray Donnelly's pants, Tommy Hilfiger pants, or Willit Women's Dress Bootcut pants from Amazon with solid black or solid brown belt with any solid same-colored socks.
4. **Dates determined by SST:** Black fleece with Prout logo, black sweater with Prout logo, or black sweater vest with Prout logo.

Dress Uniform (Worn for Liturgy) Senior Boys

1. Long-sleeved oxford shirt (**tucked in**), white or any solid pastel color.
2. Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger gray pants.
3. Belt, solid black or solid brown.
4. Any bowtie or necktie.
5. Solid black blazer, worn regular length.
6. Black dress socks. No anklet socks.

9-11th Boys

1. Long-sleeved white oxford shirt (**tucked in**) with Prout logo.
2. Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger gray pants.
3. Belt, solid black or solid brown.
4. Prout tie.
5. Black dress socks
6. Black long-sleeved sweater with Prout logo.

Senior Girls

1. Long-sleeved oxford shirt (tucked in), white or any solid pastel color
2. **Skirt option:** Gray Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger skirt or sports skirt, tights worn with the skirt must be solid black and a solid fabric and **cannot** be ripped. The skirt should be modest in length. **Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.**
3. **Pants option:** Gray Donnelly's pants, Tommy Hilfiger pants or Willit Women's Yoga Dress Bootcut pants from Amazon with solid black or solid brown belt with black dress socks.
4. Solid black blazer, worn regular length.

9-11th Girls

1. Long sleeved white oxford shirt (tucked in) with Prout logo.
2. **Skirt option:** Gray Donnelly's or Tommy Hilfiger skirt or sports skirt, tights worn with the skirt must be solid black and a solid fabric and **cannot** be ripped. The skirt should be modest in length. **Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.**
3. **Pants option:** Gray Donnelly's pants, Tommy Hilfiger pants or Willit Women's Dress Bootcut Pants from Amazon with solid black or solid brown belt with black dress socks.
4. Black long-sleeved Prout sweater.

Warm Weather Option –Date to be determined by SST.

Senior Boys:

1. Bermuda Shorts from Donnelly's with solid black socks that are visible (between ankle to mid-calf length). The shorts must not be overly tight and fall to just above or below the knee.
2. Short-sleeved oxford shirt (tucked in), white or any solid pastel color.
3. Prout long and short sleeved polo shirts, maroon or white may be worn on a spring date determined by SST.

9-11th Boys

1. Bermuda Shorts from Donnelly's with solid black socks that are visible (between ankle to mid-calf length). The shorts must not be overly tight and fall to just above or below the knee.
2. Short-sleeved white oxford shirt with Prout logo.
3. Prout long and short sleeved polo shirts, maroon or white, may be worn on a spring date determined by SST.

Senior Girls

1. Bermuda Shorts from Donnelly's with solid black socks that are visible (between ankle to mid-calf length). The shorts must not be overly tight and fall to just above or below the knee.
2. Short-sleeved oxford shirt (tucked in), white or any solid pastel color.
3. Solid black mid-calf socks (with skirt option).
4. Prout long and short sleeved polo shirts, maroon or white, may be worn on a spring date determined by SST.

9-11th Girls

1. Bermuda Shorts from Donnelly's with solid black socks that are visible (between ankle to mid-calf length). The shorts must not be overly tight and fall to just above or below the knee.
2. Short-sleeved white oxford shirt (tucked in) with Prout logo.
3. Solid black mid-calf socks (with skirt option).

4. Prout long and short sleeved polo shirts, maroon or white, may be worn on a spring date determined by SST. They may also be worn on “Prout Outerwear” Fridays, unless otherwise announced

Shoes – All grades

1. Black, brown or medium to dark tan dress shoes or Sperry-style shoes in all black or all brown with nonwhite soles. Laces must be all black or all brown.
2. No boots, slippers, flip flops, high-heeled shoes, or sneakers.

Notes:

- Failure to follow the guidelines for wearing skirts may result in
- forfeiture of the option to wear skirts without tights.
- Start and end dates of warm and cold weather options are subject to
- change due to actual weather conditions.
- Dress uniform may be worn at any time.
- Girls may replace black opaque tights with black leggings worn with
- black socks (not anklets).

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Parents are to make sure that their children are dressed appropriately for school. Prout students are expected to be neatly dressed and well- groomed at all times, just as they would be at a job where dress clothes are required. Boys must be clean-shaven. The dress code should foster a positive attitude of respect for one another.

Students not in compliance with the uniform code may be sent home. ALL items must be purchased from Donnelly's School Apparel or Tommy Hilfiger or Amazon link provided.

HAIR

Outlandish hair styles (shaven heads, unnatural color, or spiked hair) are not in keeping with the school's educational mission and will not be tolerated. Students' hair should not fall below the eyebrow and/or cover the face. Students wearing inappropriate hairstyles or shaved heads may be placed on disciplinary probation.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any student in violation of the uniform code will be issued a violation form. Two violations will result in a detention. These detentions accumulate during the school year. Note that this does not apply to Dress Uniform Days wherein each violation will lead to a detention.
- Underclothing should not be visible under Prout shirts. Only solid white undershirts are permitted. Long sleeve shirts should not be worn under short sleeve polos.
- Oxford shirts must be tucked in.
- Hats or any type of head covering may not be worn in school.
- Jewelry must not detract from the uniform. No chains,
- handcuffs, spiked belts or heavy bracelets may be worn.
- Students may wear small earrings on each ear and jewelry must be appropriate for school.
- Body piercings, including nose rings, are not acceptable and must be removed.

- Tattoos are not acceptable. A visible tattoo is an example of a dress code violation that may make it impossible for a student to continue at The Prout School.
- Sandals and flip flops are not permitted.
- Boys who are not clean shaven will be required to shave prior to returning to school the next day.
- In all cases the final determination on a question of dress code, including the interpretation of a rule or guideline, rests with the Dean of Student Development. Please note that any Dr.'s notes requesting exemptions to our dress code must be reviewed and approved by the Dean of Student Development.

DISCIPLINE CODE

GENERAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL REGULATIONS

The purpose of disciplinary penalties is not simply to punish but to correct behavior and develop an understanding that repetitive misconduct, even of minor infractions, is disruptive.

The administers the Code of Discipline, in the name of the Principal. The Prout School requires that all of its students obey the rules and regulations of The Prout School and act in a manner that demonstrates respect for the administration, faculty, staff, and each other both in and around school and at school events. We believe that true discipline is imposed by individuals upon themselves and that the relationship between a school and its students depends on mutual trust and respect.

When this relationship breaks down there are school-imposed consequences that are designed to remind the student of the school's expectations in this regard. The Prout School expects the student and the student's parent(s) to cooperate in accepting the disciplinary correction. Continuing enrollment at The Prout School is dependent on this acceptance.

Class I Offenses

While all infractions of school rules and policies require our attention and correction, the following are generally able to receive corrective action described below. Naturally, multiple infractions may result in a problem being raised to a higher level.

Samples of Class I Offenses:

- Improper dress or appearance
- Taking food out of the Commons
- Loitering and being unprepared for class
- Gum chewing
- Noisy behavior in the hall or in class
- Mildly disruptive behavior in the halls or class
- Talking out of turn

- Pushing, shoving, or dangerous movement
- Tardiness to school or class
- Unauthorized cellphone use
- Refusal to comply with a teacher directive

Consequences for Class I Offenses: These may be applied singly or in combination:

- Detention, including Saturday detention and teacher detention
- Written punishment
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Removal from student leadership positions
- Parental meeting or guidance conference

Class II Offenses

Class II offenses are inherently more disturbing than Class I offenses. The continuation of this sort of behavior brings a student closer to being asked to withdraw from school. At times even a single occurrence of a Class II offense may warrant suspension or withdrawal.

Samples of Class II Offenses:

- Repeated Class I Offenses
- Failure to surrender a cellphone or electronic device when requested to do so by a teacher or administrator.
- Fighting
- Bullying/harassment/cyber bullying
- Making threats of violence towards an individual or a group
- Academic Dishonesty – cheating/plagiarism
- Vandalism, damage or disregard for school or personal property
- Possession or using tobacco products on/around campus, or at Prout events
- Gambling
- Smoking, possession of or using a vaping or juuling device
- Use of profanity
- Theft, breaking and entering or tampering with school security devices
- Disrespectful behavior toward a teacher or member of staff
- Throwing or shooting objects
- Truancy and cutting class
- Disrespectful behavior to anyone
- Possession or use of drugs or alcohol on or off campus
- Dangerous driving or motor vehicle violations on or near campus
- Selling drugs or alcohol
- Lying
- Tampering with or using emergency devices without permission
- Bringing obscene material to school or school events
- Talking or disorderliness during a fire drill, lockdown or evacuation
- Possession of a weapon, or facsimile weapon at school or school sponsored events
- Failure to cooperate in a locker or book bag search by an authorized member of the administration

- Improper or unauthorized use of the school 's name
- Actions or misconduct outside of school that reflects poorly on The Prout School
- Rude or disruptive conduct as a spectator at a game or school activity
- Deliberately missing detention
- Forgery
- Unexcused excessive tardies to school
- Violation of Acceptable Use Policy
- Misuse/abuse of WIFI and WIFI password
- Disruptive behavior in the lunchroom

Consequences for Class II Offenses. These may be applied singly or in combination:

- Before/after school detention and/or Saturday morning detention for a specific or indefinite period of time.
- Disciplinary Probation Review by the Student Support Team, and a Disciplinary Review Board at the discretion of Administration
- Completion of a specific number of community service hours as assigned by the Student Support Team
- Disciplinary Probation for a specific period of time
- Prohibition from participation or attendance at school events, sports, or activities for a specific period of time
- Suspension from classes, either at home or at school for a specific period of time. While under suspension, the student must leave the school grounds at 2:30 p.m. and may not participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities.
- Home suspension until a decision about withdrawal has been made by the Principal after consultation with the Student Support Team
- Prohibition from participation in prom and graduation exercises
- Restitution for damaged or stolen property or goods
- Referral for counseling
- Report to police
- Recommendation for expulsion and expulsion from school

Discipline

Violations of the school's rules or regulations are controlled by the Detention System. Any member of the faculty observing a student committing an act contrary to good order should take action. If a faculty member deems it serious enough to merit sanction, he/she should report the incident to the Student Support Team. The Student Support Team will award the sanction and see that it is carried out. A student whose behavior outside of the school jeopardizes the school's good name may, at the discretion of the Administration, be asked to leave the school, do home study, be barred from participation in any school activity, or be subject to other disciplinary actions.

Detention

Students may be assigned detention by the administrators for Class I or II Offenses. A faculty member may assign detention for Class I Offenses or uniform violations to a student. If a student feels that an assigned detention was unwarranted, it should be appealed to the person issuing the detention. The Student Support Team will determine all appeals. Detentions are held after school at 2:30 for one hour.

Teacher Detention

Students are required to attend a teachers' detention first for Class I Offenses. If a student fails to complete a teacher's detention, then an office detention will be issued for failing to report to the teachers detention. The student will be required to complete both the teachers detention and the office detention. Teacher detention dates and times will be at the discretion of the teacher. The teacher will notify the student's parents. Notification and incident details are to be documented on the Detention Form. The student will have 48 hours notice to serve detention and be informed why they have detention. They will be issued a detention slip as a reminder that detention will be served on a particular date. The student will be given a copy of the detention slip and a copy of the detention slip will go to the secretary for student life records.

Detention-Prom, Dances, Theater, Athletes, Class Officers, Student Council and Clubs

Students are required to complete detention in a timely manner. If a student reaches 3 unserved detentions and the student is a member of a club, the theater, a class officer, a student council member, or on an athletic team, no participation or presence at a school event including prom will be allowed until all detentions as determined by the Student Support Team have been served.

Although the administration attempts to notify parents of the detentions, as a courtesy, it is the responsibility of the student to inform his/her parents of any assigned detention. **Being late to detention will result in an additional detention.** Students must be in uniform. A request to change a scheduled detention date should be made to the Dean of Student Development and it should be rare. Rescheduling an assigned detention because of medical/dental appointments, work or other family responsibilities must be cleared with the Dean of Student Development prior to the detention date. Students will not be excused from a scheduled detention for participation in sports, clubs, theater or any other activity. **Deliberate cutting of assigned detention is a Class II offense and will receive a consequence as such.**

DISCIPLINARY PROBATION AND REVIEW

Disciplinary Probation Review

A Disciplinary Review Board consisting of guidance counselors, other administrators, and faculty may be convened by the Student Support Team to review disciplinary infractions and to recommend disciplinary action.

Before a student is placed on Disciplinary Probation, the Student Support Team will gather input from the student, the student's teachers, and counselors to determine whether a student should be placed on Disciplinary Probation. The Student Support Team may impose Disciplinary Probation. The principal maintains the right of overall review and implementation of the length of the consequence.

A student placed on Disciplinary Probation may be required to leave the school grounds at 2:30 p.m. and may not participate in or attend any extra-curricular activity during the period of the suspension. Students placed on Disciplinary Probation will not be allowed to continue as a member of an athletic team or activity for the length of the probation. Disciplinary Probation is assigned by the Dean of Student Support.

SUSPENSION

A student may be suspended from school for chronic misconduct or serious disciplinary violations. These situations, which may result in suspension, will be judged on an individual basis. In-school suspensions are administered by the Student Support Team and may include after school activities. The focus of discipline is corrective and every effort is made to correct the type of action that incurred the violation. Consequences may be tailored to best fit students' responses and the need to achieve appropriate correction.

When a student is suspended from school or receives in-school suspension, parents are notified. The parent may be required to accompany the student on his/her return to school and meet with a member of the administration.

While serving an in-school suspension, students will complete class assignments, tests, etc. and must leave the school campus at 2:30 pm while under suspension. Students may not participate in or attend any extra- curricular activities while under in-school suspension.

Out -of- school suspended students may not enter school property while serving their term of suspension. Students may not participate in or attend any extra- curricular activities while under in school or out-of- school suspension. No special arrangements will be given to allow students to makeup missed work while on out-of-school suspension.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WITH IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS (ISS)

- Students are to report immediately to the Dean of Student Development upon entering the school, and bring with them books and materials needed for the day.
- Assignments will be requested from the teachers.
- Students will eat lunch in the ISS room.
- Assignments will be collected at the end of the day and forwarded to teachers.
- ISS students must leave school grounds at 2:30 and may not participate in any after school sports or activities.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities are an important part of student life. Activities are a time for students with varied interest to meet and share their talents. In a school such as Prout, we look to parents and other volunteers to strengthen and broaden the scope of offerings for our students. To participate in any extracurricular activity including prom, a student must be in good standing academically and as a citizen in the Prout community. Students must realize that being part of a student activity or a club means that they represent, not only themselves, but also The Prout School. Thus the school community expects all its members to represent themselves and their school in a respectful manner. Behavior must be in compliance with regulations and goals expressed in this handbook.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

Recycling Club	Student Ambassadors
Yearbook	National Honor Society
Student Council	French Club
Art Club	Italian Club
Ping Pong Club	Mock Trial

Model UN	Academic Decathlon
Spanish Club	Surf Club
Hidden Opponent	Model Legislature Club
Math League	Robotics Club
Sailing Club	Peer2Peer
Senior Mentors	John Paul II Club

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Prout School Student Council serves as the students' voice in school policy decisions. It is comprised of representatives from each of the high school grades as well as at-large members of the student body. The Student Council officers are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

Given its importance, the Student Council meets regularly during the school day to supplement its other weekly meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to permit the officers, classes and committees to discuss information and matters of concern to the whole council. The council bears the responsibility of disseminating that information to the student body.

The eligibility requirements for students seeking elected student council or class officer positions are as follows:

- Students must be passing all courses to run for office.
- A minimum grade point average of "C".
- Not more than three (3) detentions within the academic year.
- No suspensions; no social or disciplinary probations within the year they wish to serve.

Students are elected for a one-year position. Students may have to step down from their leadership positions if at the end of any quarter they:

- Have failed any classes
- Become a behavioral problem
- Have been suspended
- Have excessive absenteeism or excessive tardy to school
- Have repeatedly failed to attend Student Council Meetings

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Elizabeth Prout Chapter of the National Honor Society, inaugurated when the school was founded, recognizes outstanding members of the student body. Elected to the Society by faculty and administrators, these students have given clear evidence of high character, consistent academic achievement, leadership, and service both inside and outside of the Prout community. Continued membership in the NHS is contingent on the student's maintaining the same high moral and academic characteristics required for admission.

The National Honor Society Moderator will timely issue guidance as to what constitutes the clear evidence required for membership in the Society. A minimum weighted GPA of 3.6 is required for consideration for admission to the National Honor Society. The first time a student is eligible to apply for NHS membership is at the end of the first semester of their junior year.

Students who did not yet meet the weighted minimum GPA required to apply may be allowed to apply at the end of their junior year or by the end of first semester of their senior year.

ATHLETICS

The following athletic opportunities are available for those students who qualify to be on the teams. All sports teams participate in the R.I. Interscholastic League and are also subject to their rules and regulations.

FALL

Girls' Tennis	Division I
Girls' Soccer	Division II
Girls' Volleyball	Division I
Boys' Soccer	Division III
Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Class C
Football Co-op	Division IV

WINTER

Girls' Basketball	Division II
Boys' Basketball	Division III
Boys' Swimming	Division I
Girls' Swimming	Division I
Boys' Hockey	Division I
Competition Cheerleading	Co-op

SPRING

Girls' Softball	Division II
Boys' Baseball	Division II
Boys' Tennis	Division II
Golf	Southern Division
Boys' & Girls' Outdoor Track	Class C South
Girls' Lacrosse	Division I
Boys' Lacrosse	Division II

REMINDER: In order to participate in athletics on any given day, a student must be at school. An excused tardy or dismissal is acceptable if the student is present more than half of the day.

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

The Prout School provides technology resources to its students and staff for educational and administrative purpose. School technology resources include but are not limited to the intranet, internet access, fax, e-mail, computer programs, and telephone. The goal in providing these resources is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication with the support and supervision of parents, teachers, and support staff. The use of these technology resources is a privilege, not a right. Student use of such resources will be monitored and students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their use of resources.

The Prout School fully endorses the use of the Internet and related technology resources as educational tools. Access to information, research sources, people and computers throughout the world is available to students. The school is committed to restricting access to questionable material and to limiting inappropriate use by having installed filtering software, direct supervision and student education. Control of all on-line activities is impossible. Therefore, all users who have access to the school's Internet and related technology resources are required to adhere to strict ethical and legal guidelines. It is the expectation of the faculty and administration that all students will adhere to the regulations stated below. If the Prout School users violate any of these provisions, their access via the school may be terminated, and the use of the school's technology resources in the future may be denied. In addition, a student who violates these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion from school.

The Prout School recognizes that parents and guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information resources. We encourage parents and guardians to enforce the same standards when their child uses their home computer. If a student's behavior on social media forums outside of the school, on their personal devices, may still result in discipline by the school if such conduct reflects poorly on the school or harasses other students.

Student Compliance Agreement

All students must understand that access to the Internet and related technology resources from the Prout School must be in support of education and research, and all students must adhere to the following:

- All students must refrain from accessing any news groups, links, list-servers or other areas of cyberspace that would be offensive to any students, teachers or parents due to racial, ethnic or minority disparagement, or pornographic, violent, illicit or illegal content.
- All students must understand that they are responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting materials, links, dialogue and information accessed or received by me. If any material appears on screen that is unacceptable or makes me uncomfortable, they will close out of such materials immediately or, if the system will not allow them to close out of the materials, shut off the monitor and notify the supervising teacher.
- Students accept responsibility for keeping copyrighted software from entering the school via the Internet. Therefore, they must not download games, music, graphics, videos or text materials that are copyrighted.

- Students must understand that plagiarism is unacceptable and accept responsibility for using downloaded text in an appropriate manner. They will not post, distribute or use without permission material that was created by someone else.
- Students will be courteous and use appropriate language, refraining from swearing or using any forms of obscene, harassing or abusive language. If they are a victim of such harassment, they will report the abuse immediately to the supervising teacher or principal. If another user asks that they no longer communicate via email, they will stop all contact immediately.
- Students will not reveal personal information including addresses (home/email) and phone numbers of others or myself.
- Students will not lend any assigned user accounts or passwords to others.
- Students will understand that system operators and the administration will have access to all user accounts.
 - If students are not sure of how to do something on the computer, they will ask the supervising teacher.
- If students suspect a security problem related to my school's accounts or on the Internet, they will notify the supervising teacher or principal and cease using such functions
- Students must understand that any user legitimately identified as a security risk or with a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet through the Prout School.
- Students must understand that any user attempting to maliciously harm or damage data of another user or an area of the Internet, including the introduction of computer viruses and the unauthorized use of debit or credit cards, will be denied access to the Internet through the school and will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

To the extent a student's participation in social media while outside the School reveals his or her identity as a school student or contains content about the School, the student must strive to protect the reputation of the School. Like in all forums, when a student's conduct online reflects poorly upon the school, the school may take disciplinary action.

The following are specific guidelines governing social media participation and use of social communications outside the school:

- Nothing is private and anything a student posts will remain public for a very long time. A student should not rely upon privacy settings in websites. Online conduct can easily fall into unintended hands – teachers, other students and strangers - when those settings fail, the website is tampered with or when intended viewers share the content with other individuals.
- Unless a student's social media participation is explicitly for a School-approved reason, social media identities, online profiles, logon ID's and user names should not specify the identity of the student as a student of the school.
- Protect school information. Refrain from sharing examples of classroom situations or personal information about other students.
- To the extent there could be any confusion as to whether the student is speaking on behalf of the school, the student should make clear that the views expressed are the student's alone.
- Students may be disciplined for inappropriate or harassing conduct even when not at school or using school property.
- Students should not respond directly to a journalist online regarding issues that concern the School. Refer the inquiry to appropriate School personnel.

The Prout School is dedicated to cultivating a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, positive social connections, and personal growth. Recognizing the significant role technology plays in both education and future career paths, we strive to approach its use with intention and consistency. This cell phone policy reflects our commitment to fostering responsible digital citizenship and self-regulation, while reducing distractions and preserving a school culture centered on purposeful learning, meaningful relationships, and active engagement throughout the day.

If a student chooses to bring a personal device onto school grounds, it must remain powered off and stored away for the entirety of the school day. Personal devices may not be used at any time, including during passing periods, lunch, or instructional time.

This policy applies to all privately owned electronic devices capable of sending, receiving, storing, or accessing digital content or data. This includes, but is not limited to, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, headphones, air pods, smart glasses, and portable gaming systems. Regardless of the device type or intended use, personal technology must remain off and out of sight throughout the school day to support a focused, respectful, and distraction-free environment. Laptops are allowed during class time for academic purposes at the discretion of the teacher.

Students who violate or refuse to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.