

## Rules and Regulations Agreement

During the past 26 years, thousands of high school students from all over the country have participated in a Christendom Summer Program. Many of them have said that the program was a life-changing experience as it offered them an opportunity to grow in their understanding of the Catholic Faith, to experience the joy of Christian fellowship, and to make friends for life.

Due to our increasingly secular society, we are experiencing an insensitivity to many Christian values and aspects of Catholic teaching. At Christendom College, we endeavor to find and affirm the good in the midst of the challenges of modern culture. In order for our Best Week Ever participants to more fully immerse themselves in the Christendom experience, we require that they abide by the following rules and regulations, which serve as aids to living a truly Catholic life:

1. Practice Christian Charity: Treat all those around you with respect, honesty, charity and courtesy. This eliminates such behaviors as disrespect, bad language (cussing, swearing, cursing, profanity), gossiping, exclusivity, etc.

The practice of Christian charity also includes chastity and appropriate physical interaction. Students are expected to refrain from any inappropriate and unchaste physical conduct during their time at the Best Week Ever. Such behavior may be a ground for discipline and dismissal from the Best Week Ever.

Further, any sexual harassment or contact may also result in the involvement of law enforcement and reports to appropriate authorities where required, in addition to dismissal. All students are expected to abide by the College's Sexual Misconduct Policy, found on page 18 of the Student Handbook:

<https://www.christendom.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/23-24-Christendom-College-Student-Handbook-1.pdf>.

Participants have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Catholic moral teaching, in particular the Church's teaching on human sexuality. Lewd, indecent, and obscene behavior is addressed in the aforementioned Sexual Misconduct Policy. Intrinsically disordered behavior or expression (see Catechism of the Catholic Church § 2331-2400) can be subject to intervention and further action by the College (disciplinary or otherwise, up to and including dismissal from the Best Week Ever). The advocacy of such conduct or expression will also be subject to action by the College (disciplinary or otherwise, up to and including dismissal from the Best Week Ever). This document from the USCCB provides context for the College's application of this policy: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/promotion-and-defense-of-marriage/upload/Gender-Ideology-Select-Teaching-Resources.pdf>.

2. Best Week Ever Dress Code: As Catholics, we know that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and thus must be treated with respect and dignity. In order to help foster the virtue of modesty, a dress code that recognizes this virtue will always be in effect during your time at the Best Week Ever, as it is



during the school year at Christendom College. In order to foster a professional and academic atmosphere in the classroom and a respectful reverence during Mass, a class dress code will be in effect for all classes, Mass and lunch periods during the Best Week Ever.

The specifications for the Best Week Ever Dress Code are meant as guidelines and not as exhaustive rules. One's dress should reflect the distinction and dignity of one's sex, lending to an understanding and appreciation of men and women in the image of God. BWE counselors and staff will be the judges of whether an outfit is acceptable dress code on whatever occasion. If a student is wearing clothing which does not fulfill the dress code, he or she will be asked to change.

3. Cell Phones & Other Electronics: While cell phones are a wonderful way to stay connected with friends and family while you are away from home, overuse can disconnect you from the Best Week Ever and those attending it with you. **During the week, cell phones must be kept in the residence halls, and cell phone and other electronic usage (iPads, iWatches, MP3, etc) will be limited to the residence halls or to free time period at the discretion of Best Week Ever counselors.** Otherwise these electronic items can hinder true fellowship, which is one of the goals of the Best Week Ever. Counselors reserve the right to restrict cell phone or electronics use and temporarily confiscate devices if it is deemed that such usage has become excessive or disruptive.

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4. Attendance: Since the classes that are taken during the Best Week Ever are meant to introduce students to the academic life at Christendom College, students must attend all classes each day unless there is some extraordinary circumstance. If such a circumstance arises, a Best Week Ever Counselor must be informed so that the student can be excused. In order to fully immerse themselves in the spiritual life offered to them during their time at Christendom, students will attend Mass, Rosary, and Benediction each day that they are offered. Lastly, students must take part in all of the extra-curricular events (dances, trips, excursions, dinners, talent show, etc.) in order to truly participate in the Best Week Ever. Exceptions to these rules must be discussed with and approved by a Best Week Ever Counselor. See tentative schedule for more details.

5. Inter-visitation & Visitors: As always at Christendom College, inter-visitation is not permitted at any time during the Best Week Ever. This means that students are not allowed in the residence halls of the opposite sex at any time. Students may not have visitors (friends or relatives) visit them while they are taking part in the Best Week Ever, unless it has been previously arranged with the Admissions Office.

6. Respect for Authority: In keeping with the virtues of obedience and respect, students must always follow the directives of those in charge of the Best Week Ever, particularly the Counselors who will be living in the residence halls with the students and attending/leading all of the extra-curricular events



with them. Unwillingness to follow counselor direction or consistent, intentional disrespect may lead to expulsion.

7. Smoking/Alcohol/Drugs: As mentioned above, everyone at Christendom endeavors to treat their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. In addition to practicing modesty, all students must treat their bodies with respect by not smoking, drinking alcohol or using illegal drugs at any time during the Best Week Ever. Additionally, possessing and/or consuming alcohol or tobacco under the age of 21 is illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Participants found to be in violation of the alcohol policy will be asked to leave the Best Week Ever.

8. Curfew: Each evening of the Best Week Ever, there will be a curfew in place at which time all participants are required to remain in their assigned residence hall.

9. Discipline/Expulsion: Students who choose to disobey the rules and regulations that are outlined above or who engage or promote activity contrary to Church teaching will be subject to discipline, which could result in a student being asked to leave the Best Week Ever. If a student is expelled from the Best Week Ever, no refund will be offered, and parents are responsible for arranging transportation for their student to be picked up from the campus in a timely manner. This might entail a parent driving to campus to pick up the student or arranging with the airlines to take an earlier flight home. Parents are responsible for any additional transportation costs incurred. Poor behavior and/or willful violation of Best Week Ever policies may negatively affect a student's future application for admission to the College.

**Please make sure that your Best Week Ever experience is a positive one by reviewing the above rules and abiding by them while you are here at Christendom. We want you to have an enjoyable, enriching and fun time – please help us to make that happen!**



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