Residential Life at St. John’s – in 1920
Rules of Discipline

General Rules

DISCIPLINE is essential to the good order of any community. It is very necessary for the proper spirit in the student body that all students take the right attitude toward the rules of discipline.

Rules are made not for their own sake, but for the welfare and happiness of all concerned.

All should regard the rules, therefore, as instruments of happiness, not of tyranny and torture.
The following rules of discipline apply to all:

1. All students must attend the daily Mass. Catholic students must receive Holy Communion at least once a month.

2. Silence must be observed at all times in the toilets and dormitories. Except during recreation, silence is to be observed in the study halls.

Mass / Silence
4. Running and boisterous behavior within the buildings are at all times prohibited. …
   Anyone molesting passing automobile parties will be severely punished.

5. Students injuring any property of the Institution must pay for the damage.

6. …Association between students of the Junior Hall and others, and between Seminarians and other students, is forbidden.

Boisterousness/damage/associations
7. Students are not allowed to leave the assigned University grounds without the permission of the Rector.

Riding off the grounds in an automobile or any other conveyance, without permission, will subject the offender to the danger of expulsion.

If anyone absents himself from the dormitory at night to leave the premises, he will be summarily dismissed.

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8. The use of tobacco is prohibited.

Students above the age of eighteen, however, will be permitted to smoke under certain restrictions, provided they can present a written permit from their parents.

Smoking in the building will be severely punished.

Cigarettes, snuff and chewing tobacco are absolutely prohibited.

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When We Get

Our Aeroplanes:

Chasing Smokers will be the Prefects’ Diversion— as usual!!

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Chasing smokers cartoon
9. All incoming as well as outgoing mail is subject to the inspection of the authorities. All letters, therefore, shall be mailed unsealed.

All objectionable printed matter will be confiscated.

Before placing a subscription for a magazine, inquire of the Rector whether it is on the approved list.
10. Gambling is strictly prohibited.

Students are forbidden to raffle and to bet money or valuable articles.

No student shall open an agency of any kind without the permission of the Rector.

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Gambling
11. The time for reading newspapers and magazines received through the mail is restricted to Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Story books may be read only during these periods and during the evening study hour.
N. B.
Flagrant insubordination,
habitual idleness,
habitual disregard
or contempt of the above rules,
not to mention grosser offenses,
will be punished with dismissal
from the School.
Special Rules for Occupants of Private Rooms (Benet Hall)
1. No student shall use the Seminary toilet.

Toilet/shower
2. Private room students are not permitted to receive other students in their rooms; neither are they permitted to visit with one another.

If for reasons of study they find it necessary to confer in their rooms, they must leave the door open.

Such a conference shall not last longer than five minutes.
3. Silence must be observed after 7:30 p.m. …
   All lights must be off at 9:30 p.m.

5. Each one shall make his own bed before 8 a.m., and keep his room at all times neat and tidy.

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Silence/making beds
10. Failure in two subjects in any quarter will entail forfeiture of the room

"The saddest words of tongue or pen
Are these: "My boy, you've flunked again."
—D. N. S. in Fleur de Lis.

12. Reading of magazines and newspapers in the rooms, except those expressly approved by the authorities, is forbidden.

13. All shall assemble in the common study hall for night prayers.
Special Rules for Members of the Squads

2. Failure in one fourth of his class work shall disqualify any member from intercollegiate athletics.

3. Any member whose monthly conduct note falls below D twice during the athletic season shall be put off the team.

4. Any member who has conducted himself in a manner which would bring dishonor to the School…shall not receive a letter "J."

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