

Grades 1-6 New Parent Orientation

April 27, 2021

Opening Prayer

Prayer of St. Dominic

May God the Father, who made us, bless us. May God the Son, send his healing among us. May God the Holy Spirit, move within us, give us eyes to see to with, ears to hear with, and hands that your work might be done.

May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all. May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.

Amen.



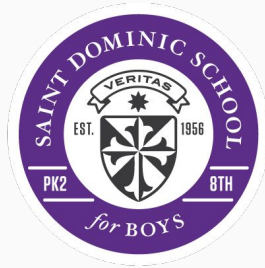
Welcome to the Brotherhood!

Jamie Michie-SDS '26

Grayson Gatere-SDS '25

Louis Paxton-SDS '25

Brett Sipniewski-SDS '24



Finn Daugherty-SDS '23

Jacob Holmes-SDS '23

Noel Mireles-SDS '23

Landon Mullen-SDS '23

**More Suns will join the Brotherhood of Dominic as we go
through the summer!**

Who's Who-Hollywood Squares



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Who's Who-Hollywood Squares



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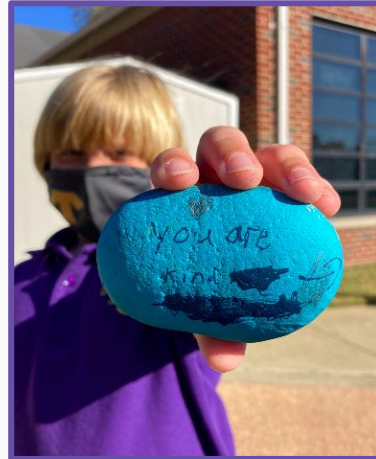


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Student Wellness

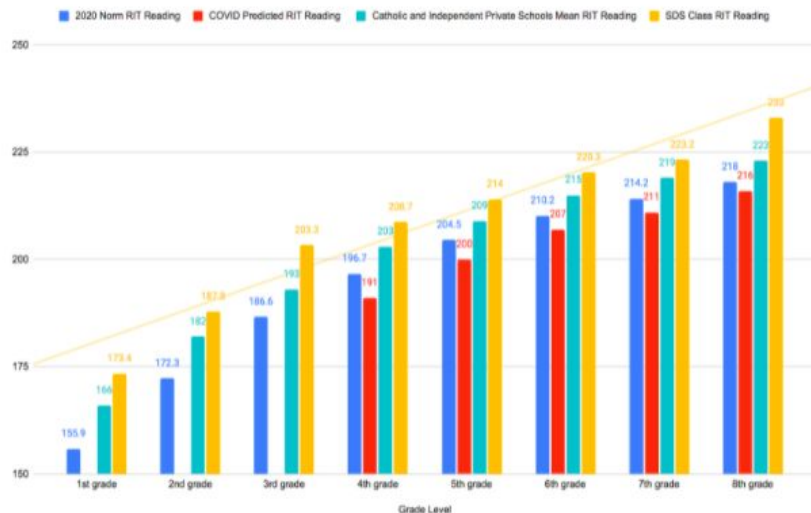
- **SDS Wellness Survey Data**

- From September to March, an average of **96.3 %** of boys report they belong and feel included at St. Dominic School.
- **92.5 %** of boys reported they have a teacher they can count on, trust, and go to for support and help.
- **92.3 %** of boys report they have a friend and/or group of friends at SDS they can count on no matter what.

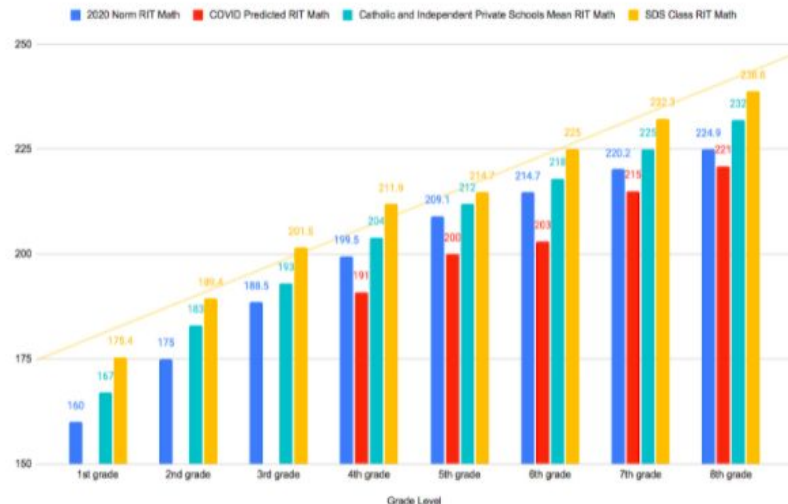


Academic Achievement

SDS Grades 1-8 FALL MAP Growth: Comparative Data for All Categories: Reading



SDS Grades 1-8 FALL MAP Growth: Comparative Data for All Categories: Mathematics



Orientation Information

Orientation Information can also be accessed on the school website at
[Admissions, Now That You Are Accepted](#)

- SDS Grades 1-6 NPO Slides Presentation
- SDS K-6 Uniform Policy
- Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company
- School Calendar
- FACTS Tuition Management
- MyBackpack Login Portal/Parent Portal



Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

SDS Pillars of How Boys Learn Best

- Navigators of their own learning
- Given clear goals and timely feedback
- Provided competitive learning opportunities within a friendly, cooperative learning framework
- Given opportunities for healthy risks
- Authentic relationships are built with their teachers
- Movement is incorporated throughout the day



Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

Community of Brothers

- Greet the Week Assembly
- Friday Thank You's Assembly
- Morning Movement
- Purple and Gold Cup
- HEY Day
- Prayer Buddies
 - Flashlight Friday Read
 - Community Lunches
- One Brotherhood Strong
- Kindness Week
- Campus Kindness Rocks
- SEL: Morning Mindset



Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **First Half Days of School**

- The first half days of school are **Thursday, August 12** and **Friday, August 13**.
- Your son will be assigned a half-day orientation on either Aug. 12 or Aug. 13
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- First full day of school is **Monday, August 16**

- **Books and Supplies**

- All books and supplies will be at school for your child on the first day of school
 - Includes textbooks, PE shirts (2), digital subscriptions, paper, binders, pencils, etc.
- Parents pay the books and supplies fee on their FACTS account

- **Meet-the-Teacher**

- Grade level Meet-the-Teacher meetings will be held at the beginning of the 21-22 school year
- Dates are TBA

- **Technology**

- Teachers will assign iPads to students during the first half days of school
- Grades 3-6 iPads have an attached keyboard

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Dress code and Uniforms**

- Click here to access the [SDS K-6 Dress Code](#)
- [Flynn O'Hara](#) is the school uniform provider

- **Homework**

- Get outside and play--*that does not mean more screen time*
- Eat dinner with your family--*and help with the setting and cleaning up*
- Read just-right (Lexile appropriate) every night (school expectation is 20 minutes nightly)--*and have your parents read to/with you*
- 10-60 minutes of purposeful academic work (will vary upon grade level)
- Get a good night's sleep--*research suggests/recommends boys at this age need 9-11 hours*

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Communication During the Academic Year**
 - **Teachers**
 - Email, phone, weekly newsletters (K-4), Learning Management System, and SeeSaw (K-2)
 - **School**
 - Email, website, social media, Wednesday Wire, and Parent Portal
- **Pedestal Food Services**
 - Access [MySchoolBucks](#) to add money to your child's dining account. Enter your child's name and birthdate to access their account. (After July 1)
 - Monthly menus are posted on the Wednesday Wire
 - We are a peanut safe campus.

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Arrival**

- Morning carline is from 7:30-8:00 a.m. and is located in the circular drive in front of the St. Dominic School off of Avon Rd.
- You can park at IPC and walk your son to the SDS school building

- **Dismissal**

- Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. on M, T, TH, and F
- Early dismissal on W at 2:15 p.m. for faculty professional development
- Pickup is located in the circular drive in front of St. Dominic School (same as arrival)
- All Suns need to be picked up by 3:15 p.m. unless they are signed up for EDA
- You can park at IPC and walk to pick up your son

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Extracurricular Activities**

- K-6 Athletics
 - Sport offerings vary by grade level and we offer soccer, tennis, basketball, golf, flag football, cross country, baseball, swimming, and track
- Arts clubs and contests
- Seasonal book clubs and Battle of the Books
- St. Dominic Choir for Boys-this is a select choir chosen by the Performing Arts teacher
- Grades 4-6 Lego Robotics

- **Extended Day Activities**

- Available until 5:30 pm and is held in the Dining Hall/SDS Playground
- No drop ins
- 3 day plan (\$180 a month) or 5 day plan (\$240 a month)

Justice, Respect, and Peace (JRP)

1. We are **KIND** to everyone.
2. We **STAND UP** for others.
3. We **REACH OUT** to those who are left out.
4. We find an adult who will **HELP** if we cannot.



Summer Communication & Assignments

Summer Communication

- The primary modes of communication over the summer will be email, the Parent Portal on the SAA-SDS website, and Zoom meetings.
- [Parent Portal](#)
- Emails used for parent communication are the emails submitted for re-enrollment or enrollment contracts

Summer Assignments

- Summer assignments can be accessed on [Beanstack](#)
- Summer content for Reading and Math will be available on May 15
- New students in grades 1-5 will receive a hardback book in the mail that goes with their summer assignments
- The Library will be open on Tuesdays in the Summer from 9-11 a.m.

Quick Links

[SDS K-6 Curriculum](#)

[School Counseling Services](#)

[Library](#)

[Health Services](#)

[Athletics](#)

[Extended Day Activities](#)

[Summer Camps](#)

[Dining Hall](#)

[Dominican Community Connections \(Parents Club\)](#)

Hard To Answer Questions Right Now

- Questions that are hard to fully answer at this moment.
 - Back-to-School Night
 - Masking
 - Physical distancing
 - Remote learning availability

Questions?

St. Dominic School is a school where every boy is needed and known for their passions and interests.

