



Grades 1-6 New Parent Orientation

May 13, 2020

Zoom Meeting Practices

- Press mute when you are not speaking to minimize background noise.
- Let's see your faces!
- Use the chat box for questions.

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 SDS Brotherhood!

Miguel Rangel-SDS'28

Blaine Johnson-SDS'25

Tomas Rangel-SDS'27

Bernardo Rangel-SDS'25

Jean Pear Puerto-SDS'26

Campbell Grafton-SDS'24

Daniel Wilemon-SDS'26

Gabe Terrell-SDS'23

More Suns will join the Brotherhood as we go through the summer.

Who's Who-Hollywood Squares



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Who's Who-Hollywood Squares



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Re-Entry Planning

- VUCA world on steroids-Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous
- “Plans are worthless, but planning is everything”
- Family choice
 - On campus learning
 - Remote learning
- On Campus
 - Your child (ren) will begin the 20-21 academic year on campus with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures will be required. In the event that Shelby County authorities close schools or initiate a “safer-at-home’ order, students will transition to remote learning/blended learning.
- Remote Learning
 - Your child (ren) will continue with SAA-SDS’ s blend of synchronous (live instruction) and asynchronous (teacher directed) remote learning with regular modifications to ensure that students are receiving a well balanced and academically fulfilling experience.
- We are planning for interruptions to on campus learning

Re-Entry Planning

- Physical campus-strategies being discussed based on the most up to date public health guidelines
 - Temperature/symptom checks
 - The use of masks during classes and in public gatherings
 - Capacity limits to allow social distancing in large and small campus spaces
 - Changes to campus access for parents and visitors
 - Modifications of programs and events in compliance with limits on crowd sizes and social distancing measures
 - Sanitizing and cleaning processes

Re-Entry Planning

- Questions that are hard to fully answer at this moment.
 - Arrival and dismissal procedures
 - Dining Hall
 - Summer Camps
 - Summer Get-Together
 - Back-to-School Night
 - EDA
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Class Schedule
 - School Schedule

Re-Entry Planning

- What you can expect in the 20-21 school year
 - A place where all will be **SAFE**
 - A robust **EDUCATION** that is focused on **GROWTH** and **JOY**
 - **CHOICES** about the educational environment that will meet the needs of your family

Orientation Information

New Parent Orientation Information can be accessed on the school website under [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
 - Directory information

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- K-6 single gender experience on a co-ed campus
 - Academic instruction tailored to how boys learn best
 - They are navigators of their own learning and have independent choice
 - Given clear goals and timely feedback
 - Provided competitive learning opportunities within a friendly, cooperative learning framework
 - Given opportunities for healthy risks and to build resilience
 - Authentic relationships are built with their teachers
 - Movement is incorporated throughout the day
 - Brotherhood
 - School Mass
 - Service projects
 - Weekly assemblies
 - Prayer Buddies
 - Community Lunches
 - Schedule is designed for boys

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **First Day of School**
 - The first day of school is Thursday, August 13.
- **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 will 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 school year
 - Date is TBD
- **Technology**
 - Teachers will assign iPads to students during first week of school

Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Dress code and Uniforms**

- Flynn O'Hara is the school uniform provider. We have a Standard Uniform and Dress Uniform. Dress codes can be accessed on the Parent Portal.
- Access <https://www.flynnohara.com> to order uniforms.

- **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*

Communication During School Year

- **Teachers**
 - Email, weekly newsletters, PowerSchool Learning, and SeeSaw
- **School**
 - Email, website, social media, Wednesday Wire, and Parent Portal

Summer Communication

The primary modes of communication over the summer will be email, the Parent Portal on the SAA-SDS website, Zoom meetings and the Summer Spotlight. [The Summer Spotlight access will be available on our website under the Academics tab.](#)

- Grade level parent meetings via Zoom
 - Week of June 22
 - Week of July 20
- [Parent Portal](#)
- Emails used for parent communication are the emails submitted for re-enrollment or enrollment contracts
- Summer Spotlight will help answer questions about the preparation for the 20/21 academic year

Summer Assignments

- [Summer assignments can be accessed on the Summer Spotlight.](#)
 - Summer reading is required
 - Summer math is required
 - Reading, Writing, and Math Bingo is optional, but encouraged

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.



Questions?

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

