

# Rising Kindergarten Parent Orientation

April 28, 2021

# Zoom Meeting Practices

- Press mute when you are not speaking to minimize background noise.
- Use the chat box for questions.

# Opening Prayer

## **SAA-SDS School Prayer**

Loving God, Let Thy blessings be upon St. Agnes Academy - St. Dominic School. Help us to seek the truth, to stand up for the rights of others, and to promote justice, respect and peace, in our school and world communities. Inspire with love and goodness both those who teach and those who learn. Give us the grace to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and forgiving of others. We ask these gifts in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**St. Dominic...Pray For Us**



# Who's Who-Hollywood Squares



Kelly Mungle- [kmungle@saa-sds.org](mailto:kmungle@saa-sds.org), **SDS Kindergarten Teacher**



Diane Pirozzi- [dmpirozzi@saa-sds.org](mailto:dmpirozzi@saa-sds.org) & 901-435-5801, **SDS Administrative Assistant**



Chris Burke- [cburke@saa-sds.org](mailto:cburke@saa-sds.org) & 901-435-5821, **SDS Dean**



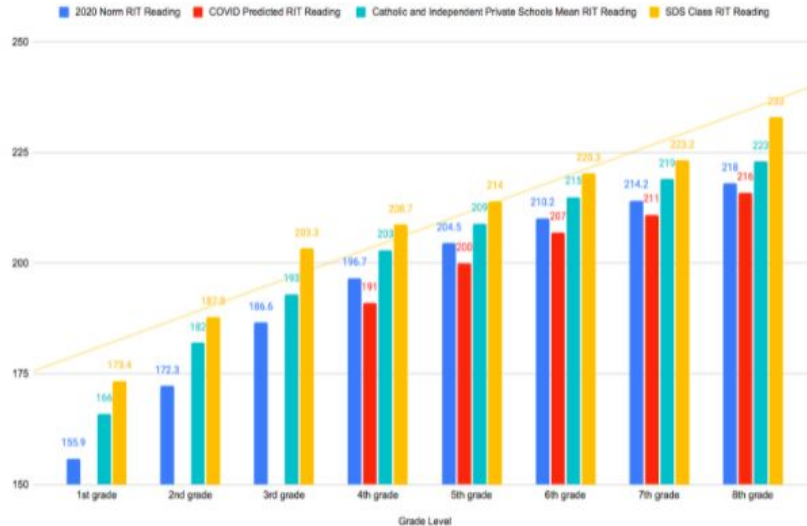
Rosa Tutor- [rtutor@saa-sds.org](mailto:rtutor@saa-sds.org) & 901-435-5801, **SDS School Counselor**



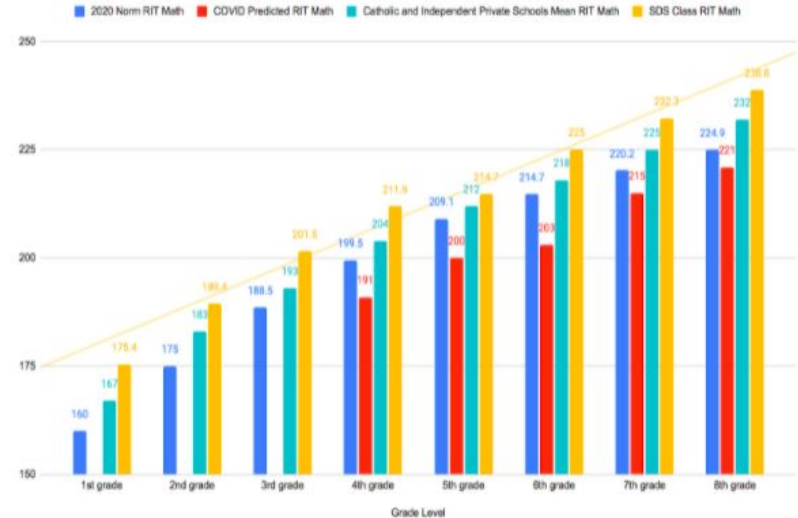
Jackie Harrison- [jharrison@saa-sds.org](mailto:jharrison@saa-sds.org), **SDS Kindergarten Teacher Assistant**

# Academic Achievement

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



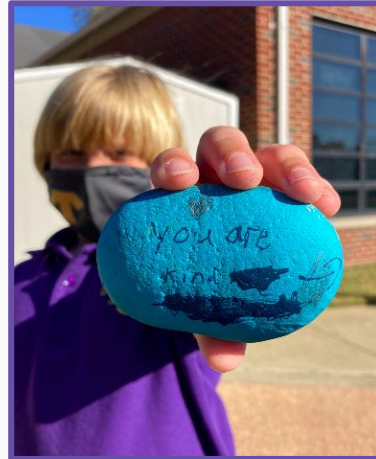
SDS Grades 1-8 FALL MAP Growth: Comparative Data for All Categories: Mathematics



# Student Wellness

- **SDS Wellness Survey Data**

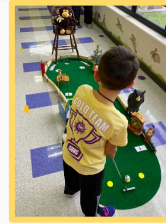
- From September to March, an average of **96.3 %** of boys report they belong and feel included at St. Dominic School.
- **92.5 %** of boys reported they have a teacher they can count on, trust, and go to for support and help.
- **92.3 %** of boys report they have a friend and/or group of friends at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



# Brotherhood of Dominic

## Community of Brothers

- Greet the Week Assembly
- Friday Thank You's Assembly
- Purple and Gold Cup
- HEY Day
- Prayer Buddies
  - Flashlight Friday Read
  - Community Lunches
- Kindness Week
- Campus Kindness Rocks



# Boys and Learning

## SDS Pillars of How Boys Learn Best

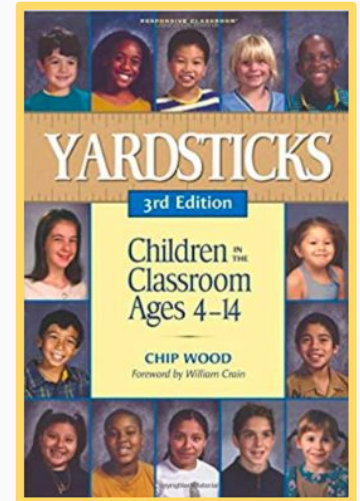
- Navigators of their own learning
- Given clear goals and timely feedback
- Provided competitive learning opportunities within a friendly, cooperative learning framework
- Given opportunities for healthy risks
- Authentic relationships are built with their teachers
- Movement is incorporated throughout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





# Welcome to Kindergarten!

- We understand this is transitional year from the ECC to SDS K
- Kindergarten Yardsticks
- Similarities between ECC and SDS K
  - Trimester grading with skills based report card
  - PTC's every trimester or scheduled as needed
  - KinderSUNS participate with ECC
    - Chapel
    - Farm visit
    - Fire Truck visit



# 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**
  - The Kinder classroom has an iPad cart with individual iPads for Suns
  - iPads are used for independent learning
  - KinderSuns will need a good set of headphones

# Life at St. Dominic School for Boys

- **Dress code and Uniforms**

- [Flynn O'Hara](#) is the school uniform provider
- Access the [SDS K-6 Dress Code](#) here
- Dress uniform is not required for Kindergarten until November/December when Kindergarten students begin attending Mass
- K boys change for PE
  - Kelly decides when they are ready

- **Tote bag and nap materials**

- Due to the size of the Kindergarten cubbies and lockers, students must use the purple and gold SDS tote bag provided by the school.
- All nap items must be manageable for the child. A thin roll-up mat with pillow and blanket attached, small blanket, or small beach towel would be appropriate.

- **Lunch/Snacks**

- KinderSUNS eat lunch in the Dining Hall
- Pack 2 snacks a day with a water bottle

# 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 for students
- 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 (\$175 a month) or 5 day plan (\$230 a month)

# 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
- The Library will be open on Tuesdays in the Summer from 9-11 a.m.
- Continue to read and write; incorporate math into everyday life.

# 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.



# SAA-SDS Website and Parent Portal

[www.saa-sds.org](http://www.saa-sds.org)





# 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 for the 21-22 academic year
  - 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.***

