



Rising Kindergarten Parent Orientation

May 12, 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.

Our KinderSUNS!

Dominic Akers

Jackson Forbush

Smith Forbush

Buster Hammond

Finn Meeks

Ty Patel

Thomas Sneed

Max Blaylock

Parker Forbush

Philip Gould

Luke Lamey

Ben Ongsingco

Mark Rowland

Walt Worley

SDS Class of 2029

Re-Entry Planning

- Choice
 - On campus learning and 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/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 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. As they are determined we will communicate with parents.
 - Arrival and dismissal procedures
 - Dining hall
 - Summer Camps
 - Summer Get-Together
 - Back-to-School Night
 - EDA
 - Extracurricular activities

Welcome to St. Dominic School for Boys!

- K-6 single gender experience on a co-ed campus
 - Academic instruction tailored to how boys learn best when:
 - 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
 - Weekly assemblies
 - Prayer Buddies
 - Community Lunches
 - Schedule is designed for boys

Welcome to St. Dominic School for Boys!

- We understand this is transitional year from the ECC to SDS K
- [Kindergarten Yardsticks](#)
- Similarities between ECC and SDS K
 - Trimester grading with skill based report card
 - PTC's every trimester or scheduled as needed
 - K boys will participate with ECC
 - Chapel
 - ECC Fall Fest

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-School Website, <https://www.saa-sds.org>
- Emails used for parent communication are the emails submitted for re-enrollment or enrollment contracts
- Summer Spotlight-website created to help answer questions about the preparation for the 20/21 academic year

Summer Assignments

- Summer assignments are accessed on the Summer Spotlight.
 - Summer reading is required
 - The Reading, Writing, and Math Bingo is optional
- Students and parents will continue to have access to Reading Eggs, BrainPop, and Mathseeds.
- Continue to read and write; incorporate math into everyday life.

Beginning of School Year

- **Books and Supplies**
 - All books and supplies will be at school for your child on the first day of school.
 - Parents will pay the books and supplies fee on their FACTS account.
- **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.
- **Meet-the-Teacher**
 - A Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher meeting will be held at the beginning of the school year.
 - Date is TBD

Beginning of School Year

- **Dress code and Uniforms**

- Flynn O'Hara is the school uniform provider. Dress codes can be accessed in the Parent Portal. We have a Standard Uniform and Dress Uniform.
- Dress uniform is not required for Kindergarten until November/December when Kindergarten students begin attending Mass.
- Access <https://www.flynnohara.com> to order uniforms.

- **First Days of School**

- The first day of school is Thursday, August 13. The first two days of school for SDS Kindergarten are half-day orientations, August 13 and 14.
- Your son will be assigned a half-day orientation and communicated to you by email. We will match the same orientation day with your son or daughter in the PK2, PK3, or JK classes.

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.



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Questions?

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

