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PK FAQs

Fall 2023

What is the Summer Spotlight?

The Summer Spotlight provides important information for parents to help prepare for the upcoming school year. You can find a link to the Summer Spotlight on the main page of our school website.

When will classes be assigned?

Per school policy, we do not take teacher requests. The school will email a letter in late July that assigns each child to a class. In addition, the letter will indicate the day your child is assigned for his/her half-day orientation. **Half-day Orientation Days** are August 9th or August 10th. Your child will only attend one of these days. EDA is only provided for those students registered in Active for EDA after their orientation day. We are unable to provide full day EDA on the day your child is not attending their Orientation Day. The first full day of school is August 11th.

What are the arrival and dismissal procedures?

Arrival

Early morning care is from 7:00-7:45 a.m. and is located in room 160 in the ECC. Park in the circle drive (carpool lane) and walk your child directly to the early morning care room.

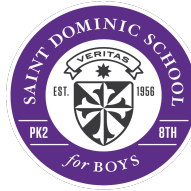
Morning carpool is from 7:45-8:00 a.m. and is located in the circular drive in front of the Early Childhood Center. Cars are not to be left unattended in the carpool lane. Teachers will be in the drop-off area to receive children and bring them to their classrooms. Please do not get out of your car to unbuckle your child.

Should you choose to walk your child into his/her classroom, park in the Independent Presbyterian parking lot. Due to safety concerns, there is NO parking on Avon Rd.

Dismissal

Full-day dismissal (2:45 p.m. except on Wednesdays when it is at 2:00 p.m.) is located in the circular drive in front of the Early Childhood Center. Cars are not to be left unattended in the carpool lane. Please remain in your vehicle and allow the ECC teachers to help your child into the car. Please do not get out of your car to buckle; you may pull up to the end of the driveway to do so.

If you choose to walk in and pick up your child from the ECC foyer, please park in the Independent Presbyterian parking lot. Please do not park on Avon Rd.



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Extended Day Activities (EDA) are available until 6:00 p.m. and is held in the ECC classrooms. Any child not picked up by 3:00 p.m. is escorted to EDA and a \$30 drop-in fee is applied. You may park in the St. Dominic circular driveway and enter through the ECC entrance. Sign your child out at the front desk and pick him/her up from the classroom.

What are the lunch options?

Food service and milk are available five days a week, except half days. Details for meal/milk plan options will be available on the online Summer Spotlight. Weekly menus are posted on the *Wednesday Wire*. All orders are done on a weekly basis. Orders must be placed by Saturday night the week prior.

If you are providing your child's lunch, please send it in a reusable container and packed in a thermal lunchbox. The school provides the reusable container for you to use. Please remember SAA-SDS is a **peanut-free** campus.

What about snacks?

Students will be assigned a day to bring snack for the entire class. Snack assignments will be posted on the monthly calendar. Please send 18 individually packaged snacks. Snack suggestions will be sent home by your teacher. Please send a water bottle each day labeled with your child's name.

What nap materials do we need?

According to the TN Department of Education, both the mat and the child must be covered at rest time. All new students will be provided a rest mat and a cover. The rest mat cover will be yours to keep. Please do not send in any nap materials that are too large for the cubbies or for your child to carry alone.

Can I buy a regular backpack for my child?

Due to the size of the ECC cubbies, students must use the ECC tote bag provided by the school. Should you need to replace this bag at any time, a new one can be purchased from the school. School tote bags will be handed out at Meet the Teacher night.

Can my PK child wear a pull-up at school?

Children must be fully potty trained and in regular undergarments in PK. Every child should be self-sufficient in toileting. Please refer to the SAA – SDS Bathroom and Self Care Policy for more information.