



De Sales Details and Updates



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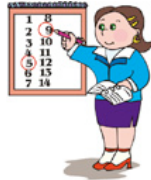
Principal Update

Happy New Year!!! What a dynamic year we have waiting ahead of us. We all will spend the year being dedicated to our students, parents, friends, family and faith.



Getting Ready for School Schedule

Now is the time to start getting your children's systems back on "school time". Start with earlier bedtimes and wake up times. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will help get their "internal systems" back on track. Try on last year's uniform to see how much growth took place this summer.



Important Dates

New Parent Meeting was on Friday, Aug. 5 in the Family Life Center. The PTO provided a wonderful welcome for a huge crowd of new Valiant parents! Food, fun and new families! PTO officers Maria Kong, Sylvia Spivey, Annette Wierschem, Helen Phu and Teresa Squires provided information for a successful new year. Tony Dwoarczyk and James Kong from the Booster Club and School Board invited parents to "get involved"!

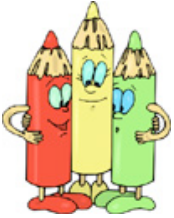
*****Meet the Teacher Night is on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5:00-6:30 pm.*****
The "highly guarded" class lists will be posted on the homeroom windows. The doors will open at 5:00 pm. Please take this opportunity to bring supplies to the homerooms so that the first day of school is easier for your child.

Take time to say hello to your child's teachers and help him or her match faces with names. If you have specific information about your child please write it down and give it to the teacher that night. You can also email information! Try to let the teachers meet ALL of the parents that night.

At 6:00 pm we will move over to the cafeteria for our Friend-Raiser Meal. Buy a hot dog dinner (with all the trimmings-hot dog, chips, cookie and drink) for \$5 for each of your family members. Picnic out in the courtyard, Liturgy Garden (between the two buildings) or bleachers. Enjoy a summer night with friends.



**August 15- (First day for 1st – 8th Grade) is a Holy Day of Obligation
Students will attend the 8:15 am Mass.
Students should be in full dress uniform.**



Supplies

If you pre-ordered (on-line) the school supply packet you will find your child's packet in homeroom on the evening of Meet the Teacher.

If you still need to get school supplies you will be able to take advantage of the many great sales at Houston stores.

The school will sell nappers, PK backpacks, Bibles, Valiant pencil bags and items from the spirit shoppe in the cafeteria on Meet the Teacher Night.

P.E. shorts and t-shirts will be on sale in the library on the evening of Meet the Teacher.



Uniform

Parker Uniform Store sells all pieces of the school uniform.

Shirts and sweaters (in this heat??) must have the embroidered school logo.

Shoes may be purchased at any store.

Casual shoes must be SOLID black. NO other colors – ANYWHERE on the shoe.

Dress shoes-

Boys should wear solid black leather tie up shoes. The older boys (4th-8th) may wear solid black PENNY loafers. Make sure that they are penny loafers and not simply slip-ons or plain loafers.

Girls should wear plain, solid black MARY JANE shoes. Please make sure that they are the UNIFORM Mary Jane shoes. They are “chunky”. Last year we had MANY shoes that did not fit the school's requirements in the handbook. Please help your daughter follow the rules. PLAIN means that there are no frills, flowers, sparkles, bows, buttons, stitching, etc.

Girls in the 4th-8th grade may wear the “Faith” strap shoe from Payless -or- the “chunky”, girls' Mary Jane. The American Eagle strap shoe does not fit the “uniform” requirements. These girls may also wear black penny loafers.



Handbook

Hair-

Over the summer many students have enjoyed “sporting” different hairstyles. It is time to get ready for the first day of school and the classy SFdS hairstyles.

**Hair color should be the student’s solid, natural hair color.
(Streaks, highlights, multi-colored extentions, etc.
need to be brought back to their natural color.)*

**Hair shape- should be neat. Boys please have your hair trimmed this next week to be extra classy! Hair length should be above the eyes and above the shirt collar.*

Jewelry-

Girls may wear stud type earrings. No earrings should dangle below the earlobe.

Students may wear one simple ring per hand, a simple watch and one plastic “cause band”. (No bracelets, please). One religious necklace may be worn.

Length of Clothing-

The bottom of the hem of the skirts and shorts should TOUCH the top of the knee. We are so happy to see our students grow during the year. Hems will need to be changed as needed.

Socks-

This is probably the simplest but most confusing for some reason.

Plain (no frills or logos)

Solid White (hmmm....solid white!)

*Crew Length or Longer (regular crew is about half way up the calf;
longer would be knee-socks)*



Parking Lot and Drive Through

*While it is fine to park and come IN with your students in the morning the first few days, it is **SO MUCH BETTER** if you use the car line to pick up your students. We will make sure that your child(ren) understand the process and get to you safely and quickly. Children going to parked cars is a huge hazard. Please help us keep your children SAFE!*



First Days of School

The gates will open at 7:30 am. Parents are welcome to park along the perimeter of the parking lot and then walk their primary student into the building. Please model safe practices for your children. Do NOT walk across traffic! Safety first.

Students in the primary building are welcome to come in and sit in the hallway outside their homerooms.

Students in the main building are welcome to congregate in their grade level areas:

**4th Grade- At the picnic tables under the big tree in the courtyard.*

**5th Grade- At the picnic tables in the center of the courtyard.*

**6th Grade- Along the brick wall outside the microwave area.*

**7th Grade- Along the brick wall outside of the kitchen.*

**8th Grade- Along the OUTSIDE of the front gates on the porch.*

The students will enter their classrooms at 7:50. Technically, students are tardy after the 7:55 am bell. (Like I said....technically. We will not record tardies until after Labor Day).

*Remember that the first two days of school have noon dismissals AND **NO** after school program. Teachers will be supervising the school dismissal so that everything runs smoothly for you.*



Parent “Welcome Home” Coffees

Parents of 1st – 8th Graders - Monday, Aug. 15--- 8am

*Come to the Cafeteria for fellowship and a morning snack to go with your coffee.
Meet our new parents! See friends!*

Parents of PK and Kindergarteners - Tuesday, Aug. 16--- 8am

Come to the Scout House for fellowship and a morning snack to go with your coffee. Meet new friends! This helps take the sting out of “breaking away” from your little ones. Your friends need your support!



Front Office Remodel

Take down a wall here, put a window in there, move file cabinets in there and our office says, "Welcome!" Leyda Riedle will be the smiling face that greets you in the office over our new, beautiful granite reception window.

Ms. Piskura, our dean of students, has moved "across the hall" and has a window to the 4th and 5th grade hall.

Mrs. Overbeck, our director of admissions and advancement, moved from her "closet" and has decorated her friendly office with Bert and Ernie.

Mrs. Giovenco has a brand new office that was fashioned from half of the former Book Room-Math Lab-RE Office- BASP Office. You can find her next to the clinic and she has a huge window to the 4th and 5th grade hall.

The BASP (Before and After School Program) office is right where it was last year. New blue carpet and "First Frost" blue paint finishes off this home away from home..

The Valiants' Round Table Room is right outside the principal's office. Many small meetings will take place here.

Thank you to Mr. Wooten for his excellent work and dedication



New Faces at St. Francis de Sales

*Amanda Barker
Mary Dobecka
Richard Garza
Leyda Riedle
Randy Graham
Malinda Cully*

*PK-3 Teacher
7th and 8th Grade Literature / 7th Grade Homeroom
PE and Sports Program Coach
Administrative Assistant
Music/Reading Lab Teacher
Kindergarten Aide*

Look for biography articles in future De Sales Details.



Athletics in Action

Soccer

This co-ed sport for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will start up soon after the beginning of school. Look for announcements for practices, tryouts and game schedules.

Volleyball

This sport for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls will start up soon after the beginning of school. Look for announcements for practices, tryouts and game schedules.

Pom Squad

This spirit group is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. They provide spirit dances for soccer and basketball seasons. Mrs. Freeman will sponsor this group! She already has the new dance routine ready for you to learn. Look for announcements for practices.



Do Dads

August 13—Let's Spread Mulch!!!

First "Do Dads" project of the year is to spread mulch in the playground. The mulch will be delivered and we will spread the mulch at 8am on Sat., Aug. 13.

Bring your shovel, rake and gloves. Continental breakfast will be provided!!



Parish Youth Ministry

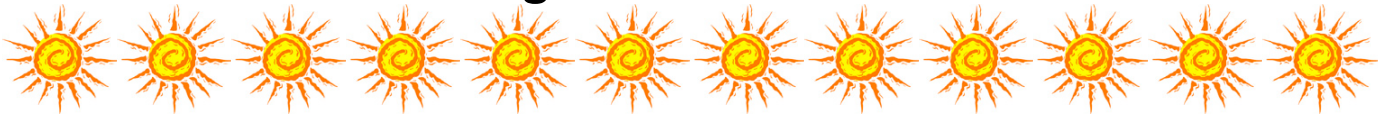
Parish cookbook coming out in November! Submit your favorite recipe to be included in this bestseller.

Online Submission: www.typensave.com

Group login: sfdshouston

Password: arqx6

August Details



Masses and Faith Experiences for August

Mass at 8:15 am Aug 15, 19, 26

Aug 5 New Family Welcome 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center

Aug 8 Teachers Return for In-Service

**Aug 9 Used Uniform Sale Drop Off
PTO Meeting at 7 pm in the school library**

**Aug 11 5-6:30 Meet the Teacher
Supply Sale Used Uniform Sale
6-7pm Friend-Raiser Event in Cafe**

**Aug 15 First Day of School for Grades 1-8
8:15 Mass- Holy Day of Obligation- Assumption of Mary
8am Welcome Home Coffee for Parents- Cafeteria
Noon Dismissal for all Students**

**Aug 16 First Day of School for PK and K
8am Welcome Home Coffee for Parents- Scout House
Noon Dismissal for all Students**

**Aug 17 First FULL DAY of School 3:15 Dismissal BASP
7 pm Keeping the Promise Alive - FLC**

Aug 18 7pm School Board Meeting in School Library

Aug 19 8:15 am Mass

Aug 23 7pm Booster Club Meeting in School Library

Aug 24 7 pm Keeping the Promise Alive - FLC

Aug 26 8:15 am Mass

Aug 27 10:30 am CWO Style Show

Aug 31 8:15 am Keeping the Promise Alive