

August 21, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited to begin the 2009-2010 school year, and we are so blessed to be working with you and your children. This year St. Francis de Sales School celebrates its 45th anniversary, and we continue to be dedicated to providing an excellent academic and spiritual foundation to all of our students.

“Teamwork- Makes the Dream Work” is our theme for this school year. It should be our goal to “prepare the child for the path” instead of “preparing the path for the child.” Education is a joint effort, and it will take ALL of us to properly prepare “our” children for their path to success. Our success team will be made up of the engaged child, the involved parent and the highly qualified teacher. Together—we CAN make the dream work!

Important Information

Open House and School Information Night

This is the opportunity to come hear and understand the expectations of your child’s classroom teacher(s), ask questions and meet the members of the grade level team members—the parents.

- 6:00-6:45 pm PK- Grade 3 Parents’ Meeting in your child’s homeroom
- 7:00-7:30 pm PK- Grade 8 Parents’ Meeting with the principal in the gym
Sign up for your October Parent/Teacher conference times
- 7:45-8:30 pm Grade 4 & 5 Parents’ meeting in your child’s homeroom
Grade 6 Parents’ Meeting in the Cafeteria
Grade 7 Parents’ Meeting in the Library
Grade 8 Parents’ Meeting in the Gym (don’t miss this!!)

..... More Important Information

Fair Share Program- ALL parents will have the opportunity to choose where and when they will volunteer in the school this year. Each family will have 5 family labels to place on the Volunteer Opportunity Chart. Some families have already completed their “fair share” for the year!!!

Parent-Student Handbook- We are so glad that each family has taken the time to discuss the school’s expectations. When a child knows what is expected of them they are better “able to respond” --- “response-ability”. Thank you for signing and sending in the first page of the handbook to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Safety First!!- Before and after school hours there will be only ONE unlocked entrance to the school. During school hours all entrances will be secured and visitors may ring the front gate bell for easy access to our campus.

Arrival	All EDP	7:00-7:30 am	Waldo Gate
	Walkers	7:30-7:50 am	Waldo Gate
		7:55 am	Waldo Gate Locked
	All students	7:30- 7:55 am	Front Gate Back Parking Lot Gate
		8:15 am	Both Gates Locked
	Visitors	8:15- 3:15	Front Gate Only Use Bell for Entry
Dismissal	PK 3-4	2:45-3:05 pm	Waldo Gate
	“Early Birds”	3:00-3:15 pm	Back Parking Lot Gate
	K-5	3:15-3:35 pm	Back Parking Lot Gate
	6-8	3:15-3:35 pm	Front Gate
	Walkers	3:15-3:30 pm	Waldo Gate
		4:00 pm	Front Gate Locked

EDP/Sports/Extracurricular Activity Pick Up

After 4:00 pm – The ONLY gate that will be open for use
Will be the Back Parking Lot Gate

(There is no one at the front desk to answer the bell!)

WARNING!!! As of September 1, 2009 it will be ILLEGAL in Texas to use a cell phone in a school zone! \$200 fines!! Our carlines are Cell Phone Free Zones!!