

August 18, 2022

Pick Up and Drop Off Routines

For students not riding the bus, we will continue to have Preschool – 8th grade students dropped off and picked up at the front door. This process allows for less congestion in the school hallways and makes for a safer transition.

Please remember to adhere to the following, to ensure the safety and smooth transition of students in our parking lot.

There are **only two lanes for driving** through our parking lot. Do not create a center lane for driving, this is dangerous for our students and parents. There will be two cones near the Parish Office signaling where cars should stop to drop off or pick up their child. Please move up to the cones to prevent a backup on to St. Olaf Avenue.

- **Left Lane is for moving**- The left driveway lane in our parking lot is for parents briefly stopping to let their child out of the car in the morning or into their car in the afternoon. Parents in this lane, are not to park and exit their car to assist their child; this creates a backup.
- **Right Lane is for stopping**- The right driveway lane is for parents who need to stop and help their child in/out of the car.
- **Parking Lot**- If you will walk your child up to the door, or pick them up from the door, you must park in the middle spaces of our lot, not near the basketball hoops.

In the afternoon, Preschool and PreK parents should meet their child's teacher and class just outside the front door of the school. For K-8 students, Mr. Bornhauser will be in the school parking lot during afternoon pick up to ensure that students make it safely to their car.

Everything Marathon!

On Friday, October 7th, St. Dominic School will participate in the Marathon for Nonpublic Education. This event is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate our school, enjoy camaraderie with friends, and raise money for our academic programs!

Just like past years, the marathon is one of St. Dominic School's main fundraising events. The funds raised from this year's marathon will go towards educational enhancements, meaning each child will directly benefit. This year, our school goal is to raise \$31,000.

Families will receive a packet of information at our back to school event on Wednesday, August 31st. Included in this packet is our FAQ. [Click here to view!](#)

Local businesses have a significant impact on the success of our school marathon! This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and support a worthy cause. To become a sponsor or learn more [click here](#). Sponsorship forms are due September 1st! Email sarahbowles@schoolofstdominic.org with questions!

Update Information in TADS

Please login to your family's TADS account and make sure that all of your contact, emergency contact, and health information for your child is up to date. This is the database that our staff and teachers use to gain contact information for our students and families.

Preschool and PreK families: Per our license with DHS, all Preschool and PreK students must have the following information on file in TADS:

- Parent/Guardian information: full name, address, and phone number
- 2 Emergency Contacts (other than parents): full name, address, and phone number.

Please complete this by August 22. Login to your [TADS account here!](#)

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Volunteering at SDS

The success of our school is dependent upon the many volunteers who give generously of their time. As a reminder, our families with students in K-8 are required to work 15 hours and our families with only Preschool/PreK students are required to work 10 hours. Volunteering can happen anytime between July 1, 2022-May 31, 2023. Unworked hours will be billed to your TADS account at \$20 per hour.

This year, we are asking each family to complete a [Volunteer Interest Form](#). This will help us gather names of people interested in volunteering at our school. Then, when that opportunity is available, you will be contacted to be of service.

Questions, please contact the School Office.

Tuition Agreements in TADS were emailed. These must be completed online by September 1, 2022.

Cleaning Protocols and Water Fountains

This school year will look a little different than the past two. We are back to being able to have classes intermix, student desks grouped for collaborative learning, and normal spacing in our lunchroom.

That being said, we will continue with our same cleaning and disinfecting protocols that we had in place last year. The classrooms, hallways, and other common areas will be disinfected at the end of each school day.

We are installing a new water bottle filling station on the Middle School level. We will keep the traditional water spout on our drinking fountains closed. We ask that students bring a clean water bottle to school every day. They may fill their water bottle at anytime at any of our three stations throughout the school.

Welcome new Saint Watch Coordinator!

We are excited to introduce you to our new Saint Watch Coordinator, Lexi Albers! She was a helper in our Saint Watch program last year.

Lexi is a recent graduate of Northfield High School with Honors and AP credits. She also attended preschool at St. Dominic School, welcome Lexi!



Student Illness

We will not be offering onsite Covid testing this school year. Should your child be exposed to or exhibit symptoms of Covid, please keep them home and do an at home test. They may return to school once their symptoms have subsided.

We will continue with our long standing health standards of staying home until a fever is gone for 24 hours without medication and not returning to school for 24 hours since the last time vomiting.

Questions? Contact the School Office at anytime.

Getting Ready for 2022-2023

[School Supplies Lists](#)

[Saint Watch Registration](#)

[Register for Snack Cart](#)

Back to School Open House: August 31 from 4-6pm

Reminder: Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten families...Health Forms, including immunizations, are due BEFORE the first day of school. Thank you!