



St. Didacus Parish School
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116
A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter
August 20, 2019

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. (Psalm 127:3)



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year here at St. Didacus Parish School! Some of you are returning while others of you are here for the first time. No matter which is true for you, you are all a very important part of our St. Didacus School Family and we're so happy to welcome you. We know it will be a great year!

To start things off, our **Back to School Night** is on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30pm. Come on in, meet your child's teacher, see what they have to say about their policies and procedures, and get to know some of the other parents. Remember, at least one parent **MUST** attend, as you'll be receiving important information that you'll need to know for this school year.

This summer we've been working so hard and have accomplished so much. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen for all they did this summer to help get the building ready for all the students. Big thanks as well to Mr. Boeh for all his hard work and time coordinating so much of the big projects that have been completed this summer. He was instrumental in keeping everything organized and making sure all the jobs were done. To wrap up the summer to-do list, our annual Re-Creation Day on August 10th was a huge success, thanks to the work of so many parent, student, and faculty volunteers who came out. Here's just a partial list of things we got done this summer:

- Auditorium and stage ceiling repaired, primed, and painted
- Preschool yard cleared of over grown plants
- Weaved fence between the preschool yard and the alley
- Repairs to all fences
- Removed the fence between the alley and Mercy Hall.
- Removed all cluttered stored around Mercy Hall
- Replace broken blinds
- Screens fixed
- Boys bathroom near the auditorium repainted
- Wood floors refinished
- Touched up paint in all main classrooms in the main building.
- Brightened up the preschool by painting all the cabinets white.
- Repaired and resurfaced the padding under the preschool play structure and the bars in the big yard.

We are so grateful for all of the parent volunteers who have helped, and who continue to help. We are looking for volunteer helpers for the library, and recess and lunch supervision. If you're interested, please let Eileen know in the office.

Today in the Family Envelope you will receive the updated 2019-2020 Family Handbook. Please read this carefully with your child, as there are some changes from last year. Once you have read it, please return the signed form on the back side of the handbook. It is due back to your classroom teacher by Monday, August 26th.

Don't forget that each Wednesday this year will continue to be **Full-Dress Uniform** days, but our first one will not be until September 4th (this is due to the hot weather – if we need to make this date later because of continued warmth, we'll let you know; but for now, it's September 4th).

Tomorrow, August 21st, students 6th through 8th grades will be taking their **math placement tests**. All those who qualify for Advanced Math will receive a letter on Thursday. Please make sure you sign and return it to school on Friday so we can place your child in the proper math class.

This Friday, August 23rd, all those with August birthdays will be allowed free dress. Happy birthday to each of them!

The Altar Society is collecting slightly-used or new shoes to help raise money for their operating budget. If you clean out your closets and find some shoes that you don't need anymore, we'll be collecting them at school. Thanks for supporting them!

The first Altar Society meeting of the year is September 4th – complimentary lunch is at noon, and the meeting begins at 1:00. Please come and join us!

Attention all soccer players: More shoes are needed! Global Health Team is collecting used soccer cleats for students in Haiti. If your child has outgrown their cleats and you'd like to donate them to help the Haitian boys players, please bring the cleats in to the school.

Dates to Look Forward To:

August 20 – 23 Minimum Days

August 20 Development Committee Meeting at 6:30

August 23 - August Birthday Celebrations (Free Dress)

August 27 Back to School Night at 6:30pm
(Mandatory Evening for at least one parent)

August 28 Mass Day for 3/8 grade

August 30 Morning Assembly – 8th grade
Music Assembly by Paul Effman Music at 1:00 to demonstrate the different instruments for each grade level. (Introduction to the School Band)

September 2 Labor Day No School

September 3 Advisory Board Meeting at 6:30

September 4 All School Mass- Student Council Induction
Altar Society Meeting in the church hall at 12:00 (all are welcome)

September 6 Morning Assembly 7th grade
Adoration 3/8 grade at 8:30
Band Forms due

September 8 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 – 12:00

September 21-22 Adams Avenue Street Fair – looking for volunteers

September 26 First Band practice

September 28-29 Electronic recycling in the big yard

Fall Sports:

Boys Football

Girls Softball

*Be looking for sign-ups soon.

2019 – 2020
SERVICE HOURS DONATION CREDIT FORM

This form is used by school families to have donations count toward service hours. Using this form will help us improve our event accounting and will also ensure proper credit toward your service commitment.

FAMILY KEY NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

DATE: _____

OLDEST CHILD: _____ GRADE: _____

PATENT NAME: _____

- \$15.00 = 1 hour credit
- Please attach receipt(s)

<u>Description of Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Event</u>
_____	_____	_____
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PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Weekly Family Reflection



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

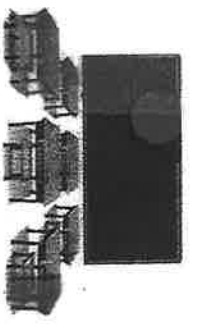
Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Family Connection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

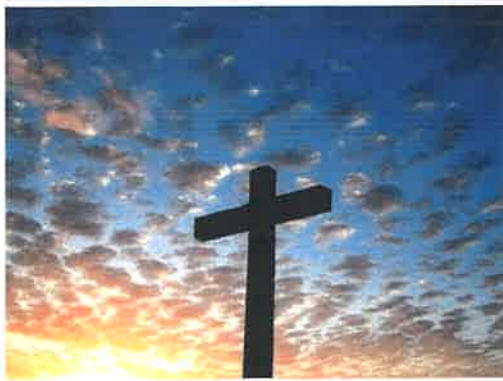
Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).



AUG/SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Choir 3:00-4:00 6:30 Back to School Night	8:30 Mass 3 rd & 8 th	Fall Festival Mtg. 5:30	1:00 Band Demo 1 st - 8 th	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No School Labor Day	Choir 3:00 - 4:00 Advisory Board 6:30	8:30 All School Mass 12:00 Altar Society Meeting @ church		6 12:00 Dismissal Day Care & Hot Lunch available 8:30 Adoration 3&8 Band forms due	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 Pancake Breakfast at church		Choir 3:00 - 4:00 6:00 PTCG Board Mtg.	8:30 Mass 2 nd & 7 th			
STAR Testing All Week						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Catechetical Sunday 10:00 - 7 th Family Mass STAR Testing All Week		Choir 3:00 - 4:00 6:30 Dev. Board Mtg.	Photo Day 8:30 Mass 1 st & 6 th	Cathedral Catholic visit 7 th & 8 th 6:00 - St. Didacus Cares Night	1:45 Sports Rally	Adams Ave Street Fair
22	23	24	25	26	27	29
Adams Ave Street Fair		24 Progress Reports Choir 3:00 - 4:00	25 12:00 Dismissal 8:30 Mass 4 th & 5 th	6:00 Parent Forum	Electronic Recycle Big Yard Saturday and Sunday	





PARENT PRAYER GROUP

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

**EVERY MONDAY AFTER
MORNING ASSEMBLY**

**Pray for requests
from the Prayer
Book located
outside the office**

**Say one decade of
the Rosary**

**Group prays for
your own prayer
requests**

**Reflect on a new
weekly topic**

**Group prays for
our children,
faculty, and staff**

WE NEED YOU!!!

ONLY 10-15 MINS LONG



St. Didacus School Choir

Cost: Free

Practice: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm (until 4:30 as needed)

Meet on the red porch after school at dismissal time

Parents can pick you up on the red porch or in daycare

FIRST PRACTICE - TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019 FROM 3-4pm

Who: All students in grades 1-8 are welcome to join!

What: Sing, dance, play!

Where: School events - Fall Festival, Christmas concert, Fine Arts Night, etc.

Church events - masses, prayer services, etc.

Community events - Christmas caroling, Retirement homes, etc.

Directors: Rachel Miller & Katherine Kamrath

Contact Mrs. Miller at rachel.miller@stdidacusparishschool.org with questions.

Please return this form by Friday, August 23, 2019. An information packet with more details will be handed out at the first practice, next week.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone #: _____