



St. Didacus Parish School
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116
A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter
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Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. (Psalm 127:3)



Dear St. Didacus Families,

One more week before the 2020-2021 school year begins! As you already know, we're starting with the Distance Learning program, per the orders of the State of California. The Distance Learning plan will be up on the website today, and we ask that you please read it so you are familiar with what our plans will be. Don't forget - preschool WILL be opening on-site, as they are not part of the Distance Learning program. Grades K-2 will use the Seesaw platform, and grades 3-8 will use Google classroom. Please remember that students must wear their daily uniforms during the Distance Learning program.

Although we're starting with Distance Learning, we are applying for a waiver so that we can get back to in-person learning. We will continue to offer a Distance Learning plan for any families who are not comfortable with sending their children to school just yet. We can't promise anything, but we're hopeful that we will be able to open up within the next few weeks, if our waiver is granted.

Don't forget that tonight at 6:30 is our Zoom meeting to explain both our distance learning plan and our re-opening plan. Please plan to join us to get the important information you'll need.

Part of the application process for obtaining the waiver is a parent survey. It's very important that we get a large section of our parent population to fill out the returning-to-school survey, which will help us to be able to get back to in-person learning. The link is [here](#), and we ask that you do it either tonight or tomorrow, so that we can send the application in as quickly as possible. We'll need at least 50% of our school families to do the survey in order for the waiver application to be accepted.

This Saturday is the preschool Informational Day on Zoom at 10:00. Mrs. Enciso will send the link via email. The Kindergarten Informational Day will be at 11:00, and Ms. Kirk will send that link.

Don't forget that Father Rey will be saying class masses for the first two weeks of school. Please be sure that your child wears full dress uniform and be on time in the little yard. Parents must accompany their child, and the back lot will be open for parking. The class mass schedule is as follows:

August 18 - 8th Grade

August 19 - 7th Grade

August 20 - 6th Grade

August 21 - 5th Grade

August 22 - 4th Grade

August 25 - 3rd Grade

August 26 - 2nd Grade

August 27 - 1st Grade

August 28 - Kindergarten

This Friday, August 14th, is pick-up day. It will go from 8am to noon in the big yard. This is the time to pick up your child's books so that they can be as successful as possible during Distance Learning. All children are required to have some form of electronic device in order to do their schoolwork. If you don't have one, please contact the school office ASAP and we will save a Chromebook for you. This would be a great day for you to deliver your child's summer work. If you are ready to drop off any hand sanitizers, wipes, reams of paper, etc. we are ready to collect it. We're also in great need of small lunch-size paper bags; this is how the students will be storing their masks when not in use.

SchoolSpeak: We still hope to send out your invitation email to sign up for our new Student Information System, SchoolSpeak. As soon as you receive the email, please fill out your profile and other required information. We'd like to get this platform up and running as soon as possible, as it will be the main form of communication between school and home.

Reminder: for the Back to School Night schedules, teacher will be sending you a Zoom invitation for these meetings. Here's the schedule:

Monday, 8/24: 6:30 1st Grade -- 7:00 2nd Grade

Tuesday, 8/25: 6:30 3rd Grade - 7:00 4th Grade

Wednesday 8/26: 6:30 5th Grade - 7:00 6th Grade

Thursday 8/27: 6:30 7th Grade - 7:00 8th Grade

There's a great informational session put on by the Diocese called "My Church, My Story: Overcoming Racism." If you'd like to sign up for the session on Wednesday, August 12th from 6:30- 8:30, [here's the link](#).

Yours in Christ,

Christine Dean

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