

## St. Didacus Parish School

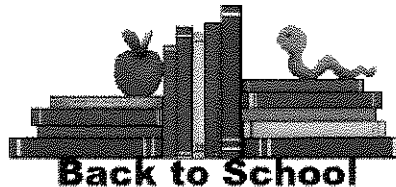
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*Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love*

Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter

August 21, 2018

*May our Lord keep His loving hands upon us so that we may learn and grow.*



Welcome to a new school year here at St. Didacus Parish School! We have many things to look forward to this year. As the students enter the classrooms they will learn to be a Christ-Centered Person, a Life-Long Learner, an Effective Communicator, and a Responsible Citizen. We ask that you help your child work hard and succeed throughout the school year. We will continue to work together with you to fully educate your child. We know that it will be a great year!

We accomplished so much this past summer, getting ready for the new school year! Here's just a partial list:

- New sound system installed in the auditorium!
- New ramp built at the Kindergarten building
- New "Ball Wall" installed in the big yard
- New pads installed on basketball poles
- Trees trimmed
- Screens fixed
- Wood floor repaired in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom
- Touched up paint in all classrooms, art room, science lab, and hallway in mercy hall
- Kindergarten Building power-washed
- Play structures power-washed
- Picnic tables and benches power-washed
- Carpets cleaned

Many thanks go out to the parent volunteers who have helped, and who continue to help, as we further improve our school buildings and grounds. We are looking for volunteer helpers for the library. If you are interested, please let Eileen know in the office.

Today in the Family Envelope you will receive the updated 2018-2019 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 27.

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 5<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup>).

Please note that at morning drop-off, between 7:00 and 7:30 the entrance is only through the red porch near the auditorium. At 7:30 the drive-through will open, and students may enter through there. The south gate will no longer be open in the morning (although it will be open for afternoon pick-up). Each student who arrives before 7:55 must be in the auditorium, and nowhere else in the school. Parents may enter the main middle door, but all students must follow these directions. At 7:55 students will be directed to line up in the little yard, and at 7:59 the first bell will ring as students get ready for Morning Assembly. At 8:00 the final bell will ring, and Morning Assembly begins. **Any student arriving after the final bell must get a tardy slip from Mrs. Lepis in the school office.** It's important to work on building good school attendance habits, so I ask all parents to make sure their children are ready each morning on time in order to minimize the number of students who are tardy.

**Dates to Look Forward To:**

August 21 - 24 Minimum Days

August 24 - August Birthday Celebrations (Free Dress)

August 27 Annual Fund Committee Meeting at 6:00pm

August 28 Back to School Night at 7pm

(Mandatory Evening for at least one parent)

August 29 First Knitting Club Meeting 3:00 - 4:00pm

August 31 1:00pm Music Assembly by Hutch Effman

(Introduction to the School Band)

September 3 Labor Day No School

September 5 All School Mass- Student Council Induction

September 7 Minimum Day (Staff Meeting)

**ST. DIDACUS SCHOOL BAND**

**Aug. 31 @ 1:00pm**-Music Assembly to demonstrate the different instruments for each grade level.

**Sept. 7 - All band forms due**

**Sept. 27-First Band Practice**

**Fall Sports:**

Boys Football

Girls Softball

\*Be looking for sign-ups soon.