



SDS K-6 Summer Town Hall

July 30, 2020

Zoom Meeting Practices

- Press mute when you are not speaking to minimize background noise.
- Chat box can be used for questions.

Prayer

Prayer of St. Dominic

May God the Father, who made us, bless us. May God the Son, send his healing among us. May God the Holy Spirit, move within us, give us eyes to see to with, ears to hear with, and hands that your work might be done. May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all. May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.

Amen.

Uncertainty is the Norm

- Not certain everything we have planned will go off without a hitch
- I am certain of our collective good intentions, collective goodwill, to do no harm, and to serve our Suns and your families overrides any necessity for complete certainty
- Our confidence during this time will be sustained by the power of our good intentions

A Little Levity

- The dumbest thing I ever purchased was a 2020 planner.
- I am on my second guardian angel. The first one quit and is in therapy.
- COVID 19 Health Tip: If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't touch your face.

Important Dates

July 31: Phase announced

August 5: Deadline for families to opt for On Campus/In Person Learning or Remote Learning

August 7: Stars and Suns Caravan

- New families @ 12:00 p.m.
- Remote Learners @ 1:00 p.m.
- On Campus Learners @ 3:00 p.m.

August 13-14:

- Orientation Days, 8:00 a.m.-noon
- No EDA

August 17:

- First full day of school, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- EDA begins

***On all days teachers will be ready to receive students at 7:30 a.m.**

Family Choice

- **Family choice**
 - On campus/In Person Learning
 - Remote learning
- **On Campus**
 - Your child (ren) will begin the 20-21 academic year on campus with enhanced health and safety protocols.
- **Remote Learning**
 - Your child (ren) will participate in SAA-SDS' s blend of synchronous (live instruction) and asynchronous (teacher directed) remote learning with regular modifications to ensure that students are receiving a well balanced and academically fulfilling experience.
- **We are planning for interruptions to on campus learning during the academic school year**

Family Choice

Learning Choice Dates:

- Aug. 5 for Aug. 13 start
- Parents will have a two week opt in option for on campus learning after the start of school
 - Aug. 28 for Aug. 31 start
- Sept. 11 for Sept. 14 start
- Oct. 16 for Oct. 19 start
- Nov. 20 for Nov. 30 start
- If a student begins on campus/in-person learning and opts to return to remote learning they need to commit to 4 weeks of remote learning from the date of opting out of on campus/in person learning.

Campus Safety Protocols

- **Staggered start times/Arrival**
 - **K-8:** 8:00 a.m. & **PK2-JK:** 8:15 a.m.
 - Morning car line for SDS, JH, and SAALS will run from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
 - Early morning care will not be available
 - No walk ups
- **Dismissal**
 - Students will dismiss from their classroom to carline
 - No walk ups
- **Late Arrival/Early Dismissal**
 - Please call Mrs. Pirozzi prior to pickup
 - Student will dismiss to your car only to people who are on the emergency list
- **Dining Hall/Food Protocols**
 - Lunch will be available on campus with modifications
 - Please pack a snack for your child each day, may be two (they are boys)
 - No outside food drop offs to start the school year
 - Pedestal Dining Service is working on Birthday packs that can be ordered for students with birthdays

Campus Safety Protocols

- Desks are arranged to meet 6 ft recommendation, some classes may increase distance with remote learning option available
- Group sizes are reduced to individual grade level cohorts
- Contact tracing is possible in the individual grade level cohorts
 - A high level of logistics and discipline will need to be asked of everyone at SDS including students
- Face coverings are required.
 - Face covering breaks are built in to the schedule during the day
- Isolation room has been created at SDS
- We will begin the school year by strictly limiting access to campus buildings to students, teachers, and essential personnel
- Water bottle fillers are accessible and students will need to bring a water bottle each day
- Hallway traffic patterns and waiting spots are marked in the hallway

Campus Safety Protocols

- To limit cross group/cohort contact, students will remain in their classroom with their teachers
- Special area teachers will travel between classes or deliver instruction virtually
- Modified PE and recess
 - Outside as much as possible
 - PE teachers will not breach close contact definition at anytime
- Staff helpers will not breach close contact definition at anytime
- Lunch is served with modifications in place that include classroom delivery
 - Outside as much as possible
 - The search for shade
- Frequent disinfecting and increased healthy hygiene practice
- Bathroom protocols
 - Limited number of children per the amount of stalls in bathroom

Classroom Safety Protocols

- Teach and Reinforce
 - Washing hands
 - Covering coughs and sneezes
 - Reminding students not to touch their face
- All classrooms are stocked with supplies to support healthy hygiene.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located at the doors of all the classrooms for use upon entering and leaving the classroom.
- Bringing personal items to school will be limited: stuffed animals, sports equipment,
- Students can bring backpacks
- Still evaluating locker usage with teachers
 - Will not be used at all
 - Or only in morning to unpack, to get lunch box, and at end of day to take home
 - Also considering hooks in hallways

Classroom Safety Protocols

- Crayons, pencils, and instructional tools will be provided by school through the books and supplies fee to ensure minimal items are brought from home.
- School items will not be shared and each student will have their own instructional items box.
- Student desks will be cleaned when needed throughout the day, midday and at the conclusion of the school day
- There will be an increased amount of age appropriate student shared responsibility in order to support a healthy and safe classroom. Teachers will need and are counting on students to support their classroom.

Supporting Health Document

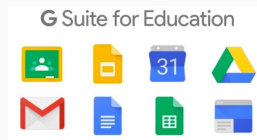
- [Health and Safety Task Force FAQ's](#)

Face Covering Guidance

- Please only buy neck gaiters for your son
- SAA-SDS will be providing each student with a Mission Cooling neck gaiter
- [Mission Cooling Neck Gaiters](#)
- Should not be able to blow out a candle when wearing
- Will need to be **solid color**, sports team, or simple print (plaid for example)
- Please do not let your son wear anything inappropriate or that may cause a distraction
- We will have the daily medical masks for use if student forgets gaiter, gaiter becomes noticeably soiled, or gaiter is lost during the day

Technology and Learning

- To support continued learning, technology will provide access to students learning from another location. Students will be able access the classroom remotely and maintain their daily schedule.
- Remote learning will be supported with cameras, microphones, and speakers to create an engaging experience for students learning remotely.
- If students are unable to be live with their class, core academic lessons will be recorded and available for access at a later time. **The expectation is to be learning in live time with classmates at school.*



Other Important Information

- **20-21 Guide to Reopening** click [here](#)
 - Please familiarize yourself with this document. Shelby County Health Dept. is reviewing our Guide to Reopening. If recommendations are given we will adjust accordingly.
- **Orientation Days**
 - To ensure that our students have a smooth transition into the 2020-21 school year, each child will attend a half-day orientation on either Thursday, August 13 or Friday, August 14.
 - Orientation days will be from 8:00-12:00 for our on campus Suns.
 - Orientation days will be from 1:30-3:00 for our remote Suns.
 - You should have received a letter indicating which day your child's orientation day will be held. If you have not received this letter, please contact Diane Pirozzi at 901-435-5801 or dmpirozzi@saa-sds.org.
- **Immunization Forms**
 - Updated immunization forms need to be on file with the school nurse, Sandra Miller, smiller@saa-sds.org
- **Books and Supplies**
 - All books and supplies will be at school for your child on the first day of school
 - Includes textbooks, PE shirts (2), digital subscriptions, paper, binders, pencils, etc.
 - Parents will be billed on their FACTS account with a books and supplies fee on August 7
 - Please contact Martha Stewart, mstewart@saa-sds.org if you have the need to setup a payment plan

Other Important Information

- **Meet-the-Teacher**
 - Grade level Meet-the-Teacher meetings will be held on August 11 and 12
- **Dress Code**
 - Dress code is still part of school life at SDS. Including our Suns at home
 - The dress day (Mass uniform) has been suspended for the 20-21 school year
- **EDA**
 - Signup on website click [here](#)
- **Carline Cards**
 - Need to be attached to car visor and pulled down when arriving for school dismissal
- **Headset with mic**
 - All children will need a headset with a mic - click [here](#) for suggested purchase

Back-to-School

- Back-to-School Week will be Aug. 3-7 and Aug 10-12
- **Monday, August 3** -- Tech Orientation for New Families (*Required for distribution of devices*)
 - New families Grades 1-6 iPad Responsible Use Policy Zoom Meeting
- **Tuesday, August 4** -- Specialty Zoom Meetings
 - *Parent Tech Training*
- **Wednesday, August 5** -- Specialty Zoom Meetings
 - *Connections*
 - *Athletics*

Back-to-School

- **Thursday, August 6** -- Specialty Zoom Meeting
 - SDS K-8 Parent Conversation with SDS Counselor Rosa Tutor
 - *Topic- Rising Suns: Supporting the Social-Emotional Lives of Boys During a Pandemic*
- **Friday, August 7** -- Stars and Suns Caravan
 - Welcome Back and Tech Pickup for all **new K-8 students at Veritas/Library entrance at 12:00**
 - Welcome Back and Tech/Supplies Pickup for **Grades K-8 students who will start with remote learning at Veritas/Library entrance at 1:00**
 - Welcome Back Pickup for all **returning students at 3:00**
 - SDS K-6 at Avon Rd. Entrance

Schedules

- [K-6 On Campus/In-Person Learning Schedule](#)
- [K-6 Hybrid Learning Schedule](#)
- [K-6 Remote Learning/Safer at Home/Rose Phase Learning Schedule](#)

Call for Substitute Teachers

- Enhancing our substitute list
- If you know someone or if you are able to be a substitute please contact me or Diane
- Remote and on campus teacher substitutes are needed
 - You can do both options or one of the options
- All grade levels availability, PK2-12
- \$100 a day
- Interested applicants will need to do the following:
 - First, contact Dean Burke or Diane Pirozzi to begin the process below:
 - [Complete an SAA-SDS employment application](#)
 - Complete the Catholic Diocese of Memphis' VIRTUS training
 - Pass a background check

Preparation and Your Support

- **Here is how you can start prepping your Sun these next two weeks for the next normal at SDS:**
 - Encourage frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
 - Practice coughing and sneezing into elbow
 - Add temperature checks as part of morning routine
 - Teach and practice keeping six feet apart
 - Practice wearing a face covering
- **Our plan is only as good as your plan at home. We need your help outside the 7:30-3:00 school day.**

In Closing

- What are our intentions as we go into this school year? What will our character be?
 - Adopt the role model mindset
 - Optimize your health and wellness
 - Skill up
- Take away mantras
 - “Surrender to what you can’t control and take bold action on what you can control”
 - “Less is more”
 - “Slow and low”

Questions?

St. Dominic School is a school where every boy is needed and known for their passions and interests.

