



# ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

## OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

*"Dominican believes that actions should reflect a belief in God and a respect for the dignity of all God's creation."  
(from the Philosophy Statement of STMDHS)*

August 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! As you plan for the coming academic year, this letter will provide you with information that will be helpful in preparing for a safe return to school. As communicated earlier, our focus is to create a learning and school environment centered on the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Registration for eighth grade will be held this Thursday, August 13. Seniors will register on Friday, August 14. Juniors registration will be on Monday, August 17, followed by Sophomores on Tuesday, August 18. Freshmen will register on Wednesday, August 19. The registration process should last about an hour. Parents will not be allowed on campus during the registration process. Please see the attached registration information. Groupings and times were communicated earlier through email. Should you have questions about registration, please contact Mrs. Katey Alexander, Dean of Student Services at [kalexander@stmdhs.org](mailto:kalexander@stmdhs.org).

The first day of school for all students is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, at 7:30 A.M. Eighth graders will attend on-campus classes every day in a Traditional School Setting (TSS) while 9, 10, 11, and 12 graders will alternate on-campus classes with virtual classes according to last names, A-K and L-Z. This is a Hybrid School Setting (HSS), allowing for synchronous learning. The school day begins at 7:30 A.M. (first bell) and concludes at 3:15 P.M. daily. Please see the attached temporary daily schedule. All students must be off campus by 4:30 P.M. daily.

This year, the 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook will be communicated electronically. Prior to the start of school, we ask students and parents to carefully read and give special attention to the sections on Academics, Grading, Uniforms, the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Discipline.

All students are required to bring a personal computing device to campus daily. The Dominican Technology and Telecommunication policy is included at the back of the DHS 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook. Both you and your daughter are asked to review the policy and sign the AUP Student/Parent Consent Form indicating that you have read, understand, and will follow the policy.

The AUP form and the Student/Parent Handbook form, found on pages 81 and 83 in the handbook, along with the COVID-19 Consent Form and Liability Waiver on page 82 must be downloaded, signed and returned on registration day. Each student and parent(s) must sign all three (3) forms in order to be able to register. Please note that your daughter must also return the Health History Update Form and the COVID-19 waiver form on Registration day.

As we plan to begin the academic year, let us continue to pray for each other and ask for God's grace and blessing during these challenging times. We also ask our Blessed Mother, Mary, patroness of St. Mary's Dominican High School, to protect us and keep our school community safe always.

Peace and Blessings,

Carolyn Favre, M. Ed.  
Principal

### ATTACHMENTS:

2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook Form  
2020-2021 AUP Form  
2020-2021 COVID-19 Waiver  
Health History Update

Daily Schedule  
Registration Checklist  
August Calendar