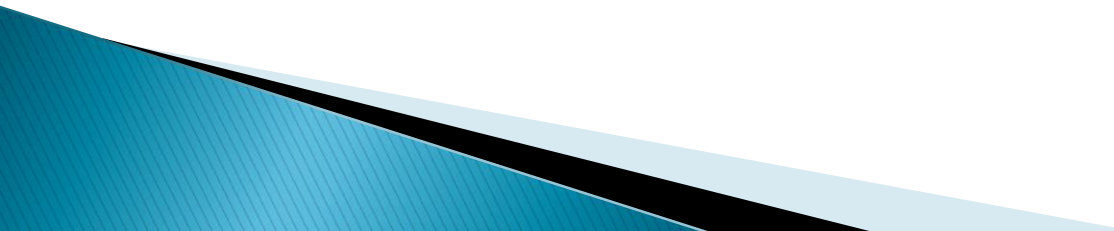



New Families Orientation Night



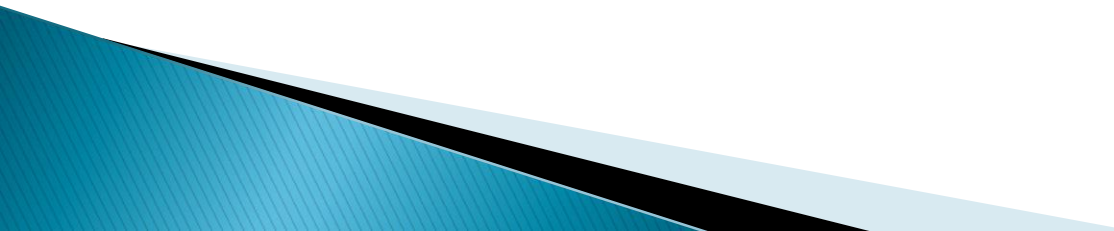
Opening Prayer

- Father,
We thank you for the opportunity
to begin this new school year,
and we ask that you bless
the students, faculty, and student families
that make our school a great place.
We pray that you will guide us in all ways,
so that we will seek your will
in everything that we do.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen
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Welcome

- ▶ Principal's Welcome
 - ▶ General Comments to Begin the Year
 - Growth, Portables, and New Construction
 - The Body Matters Program – Theology of the Body
 - Pikmykid Dismissal Program
 - My Hot Lunch Box Program – lunches delivered to campus from local restaurants.
 - Pizza Fridays – done by school
 - No cell phones or smart watches will be allowed on campus this year. If found on campus, they will be collected by the principal. To return to owner, a fine of \$50 must be paid.
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Mission of St. Martin De Porres Catholic School

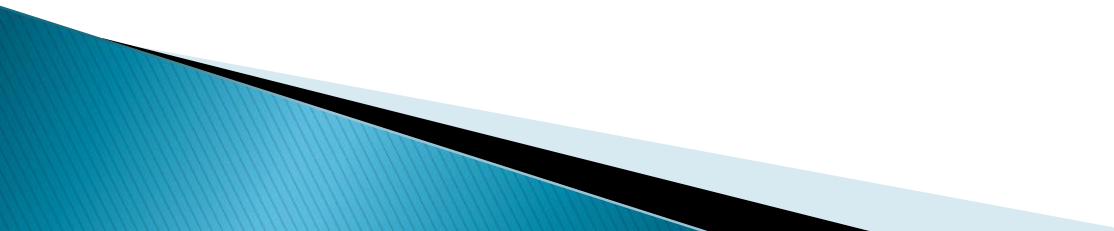
- ▶ St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is dedicated to the growth of our students in mind, body, and spirit. The school community will promote holiness and truth through Catholic Christian discipleship, knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a classical education program, while embracing the spirit of St. Martin de Porres through its diversity and humble commitment to service.
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Our Catholic Identity


- ▶ St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is Catholic because:
 - It undertakes to educate the whole child.
 - It provides an education in the intellectual and moral virtues.
 - It prepares for a fully human life at the service of others and for the life of the world to come.

- ▶ The specific purpose of a Catholic education is the formation of students who will be good citizens of the world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the gospel, and who will also be citizens of the world to come, thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints.

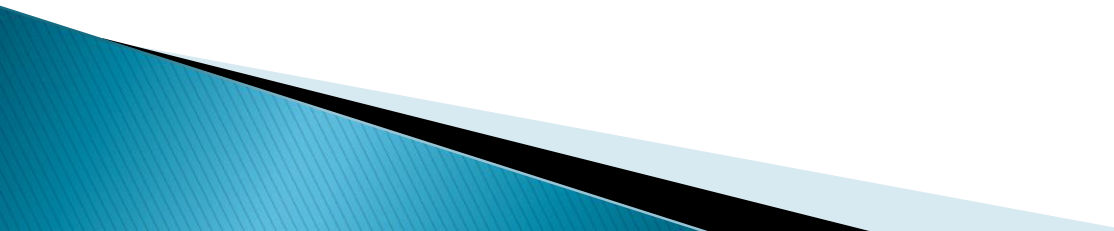
Parent/Student Handbook

- ▶ The handbook is on the school website. This needs to be read and kept handy for easy reference.
 - ▶ Diocesan Handbook Acknowledgment forms must be signed and returned to school.
 - ▶ Especially note the Parent Witness Statement which outlines your commitment to your child's education and the partnership between your family and St. Martin de Porres Catholic School.
 - ▶ Revisions will occasionally be made to the handbook. The most updated version will be on the school website. Any major revisions will also be communicated with our families.
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Tuition and True Cost

- ▶ True cost to educate one student based on current enrollment is \$9,312.00.
 - ▶ The difference is covered by our Parish Subsidy, Donations, Grants, and Fundraising.
 - ▶ Everyone is asked to give of their time and talents by volunteering so that our fundraising & community events are successful.
 - ▶ Volunteer Hours – 25 per family
 - ▶ Tuition Assistance – 40 hours per family
 - ▶ Hours not completed = \$10 per hour
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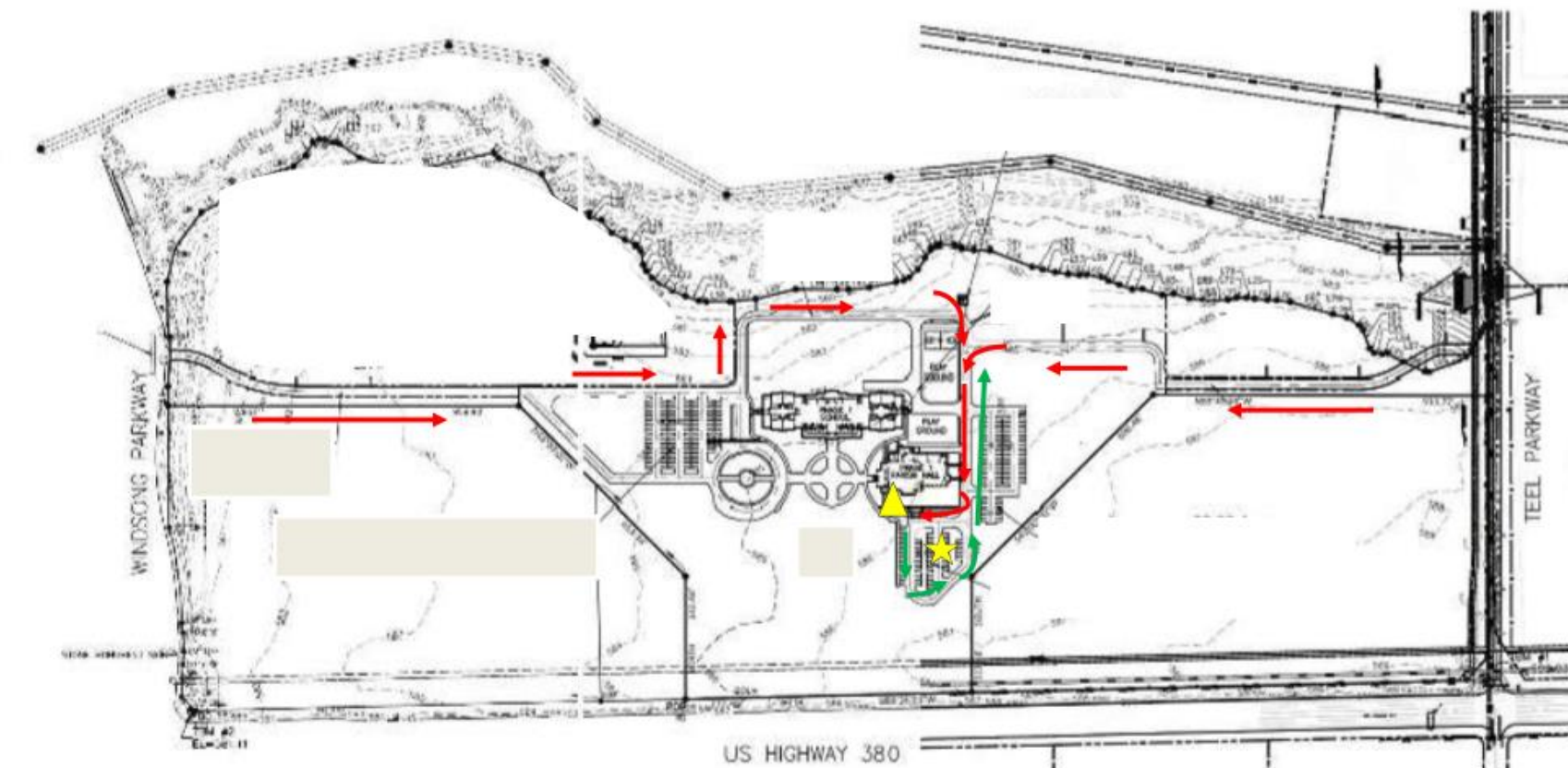
2023–2024 Major Fundraisers

- ▶ Nighthawk 5 K Run – September 23, 2023
 - ▶ Charleston Wrap – October 2–13
 - ▶ Wreaths Across America – early November
 - ▶ iGive Catholic – November 28, 2023
 - ▶ Nighthawk Gala – January 26, 2024
 - ▶ Golf Tournament – May 2024
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Morning Arrival

- ▶ Arrival begins at 7:15 a.m. There will be three teachers outside the Parish Hall by the Bell Tower to help students out of vehicles. Three teachers will monitor students in the hall.
 - ▶ The school day begins with Morning Assembly promptly at 7:45 a.m. Students are tardy if not in their seats in the hall by that time. Students arriving after 7:55 a.m. need to be escorted into school by an adult and signed in.
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St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Carpool Morning Drop-Off Plan




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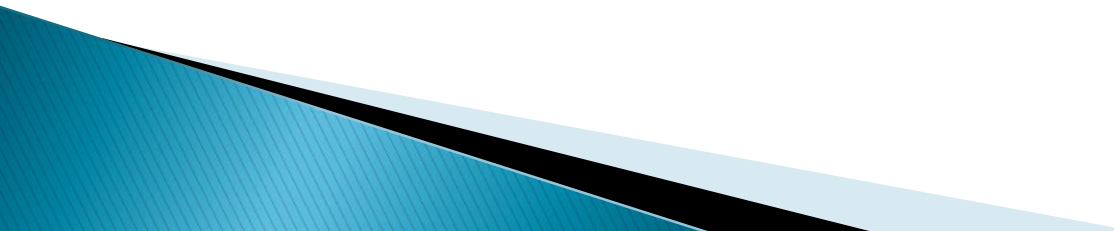
- Red Arrows – Drop Off
- Green Arrows – Exiting Drop Off
- ★ Parking for Mass/Assembly
- ▲ South door Entrance

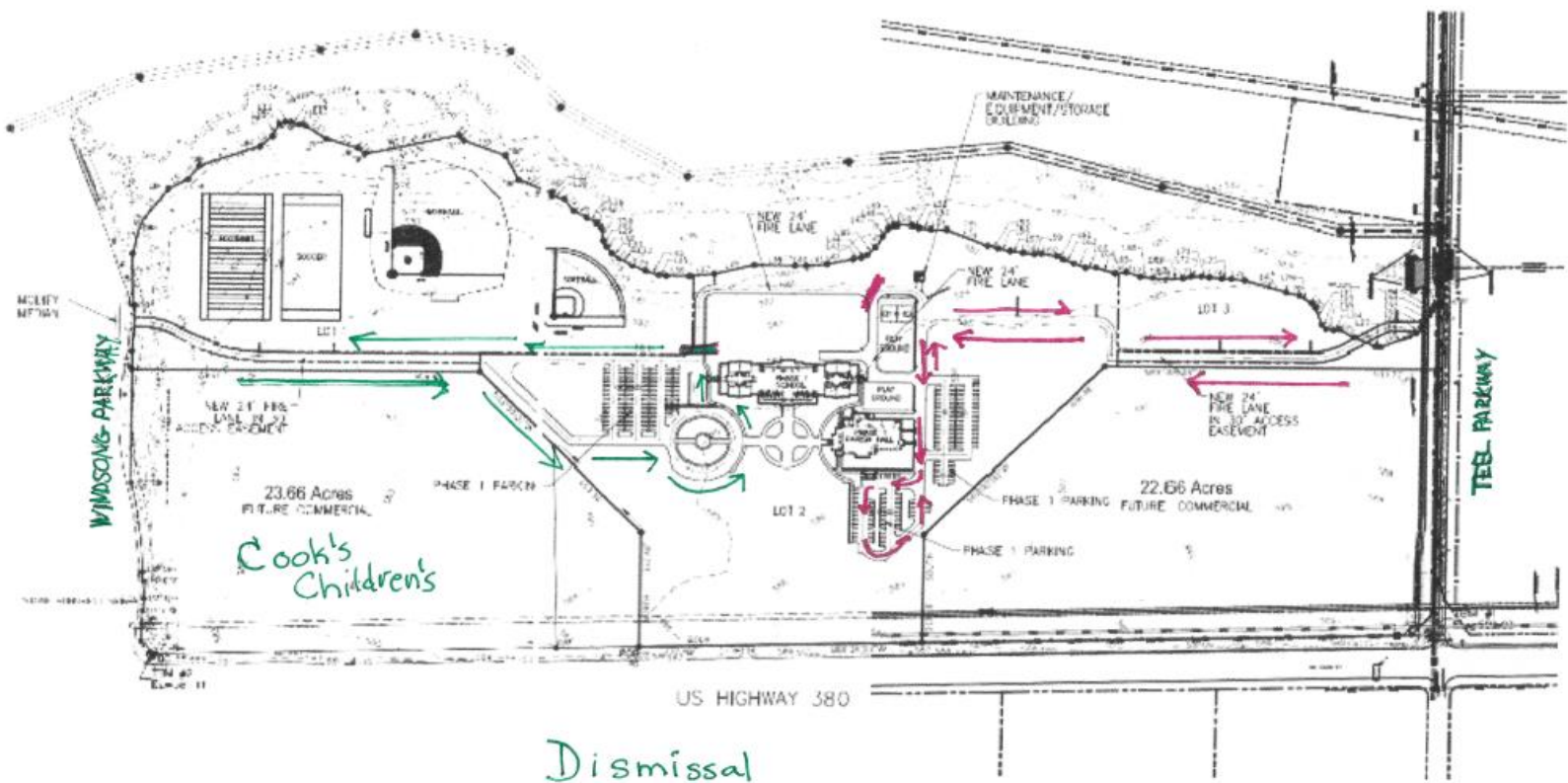
- Drivers may enter from either the Windsong Parkway (West Side) or Teel Parkway (East Side) Drives.
- From the Windsong Parkway entrance proceed toward school and turn left. Proceed to the east side of the school building. Turn right and then left into the South parking lot. Pull to the unloading area in front of the Parish Hall South door. Listen to school staff. Students exit the car, adults do not exit the car.
- From Teel Parkway, turn left at the "T" in front of the basketball court. Turn left into the south lot. Pull to the unloading area in front of the Parish Hall South door. Listen to school staff. Students exit the car, adults do not exit the car.
- To exit drop off, turn left and follow the loop around the south parking lot. Proceed to Windsong Pkwy or Teel Pkwy.
- For those attending Mass or Assembly, please park in the south lot. Wait for instruction from school staff before crossing through carline traffic.

Dismissal Procedures

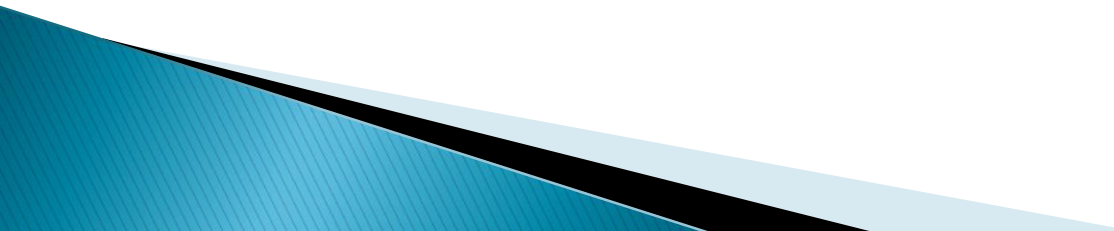
- ▶ PikmyKid Dismissal Program
 - ▶ Students will be dismissed out of the West Entrance and Parish Bell Tower doors.
 - ▶ Be sure to hang your CAR TAG on the rearview mirror.
 - ▶ Please do not park and walk up to the dismissal line to get your child. **All dismissal is done via drive-through.**
 - ▶ Those exiting the West side will use Windsong Parkway and those exiting the East side will use Teel Road.
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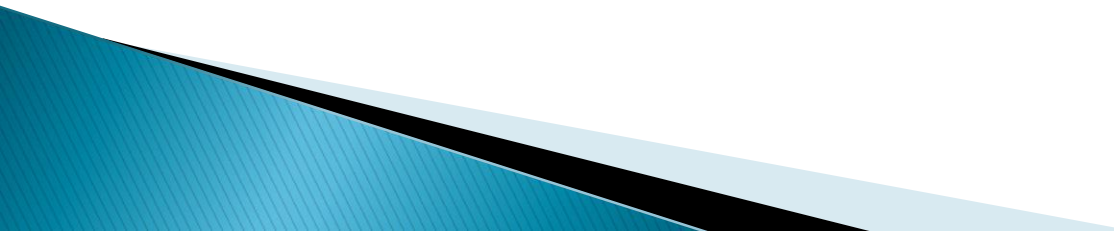
- ▶ All students will be put into their vehicles by a staff member.
 - ▶ For children who need to be placed into car seats, please secure the car seat on the curb side so no one needs to walk around your vehicle.
 - ▶ If your child needs to be buckled in, please pull up to an empty parking lot space to do so away from the traffic flow.
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Lunch

- ▶ Lunches can be ordered through My Hot Lunch Box. The link can be found on our school website. Cost varies depending upon the lunch chosen and vendor: Chick fil A, Jersey Mikes, Torchy's, and Whataburger. We use Joe's Pizza for the Friday lunches which will be prepared by the school.
 - ▶ PreK & Kinder will eat in their classrooms. Everyone else will eat in the lunchroom or out on the picnic tables. Lunch times are staggered to allow for more space.
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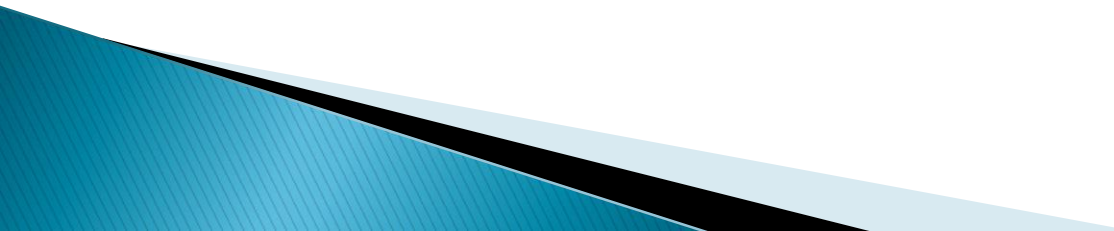
Lunch & Snacks

- ▶ Students should bring at least two snacks each day. We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL due to many students with allergies. 7th Grade is also Dairy-free.
 - ▶ Students should bring re-fillable water bottles labeled with their names. Lunch kits should also be labeled.
 - ▶ Lunches should not need to be heated up. Please include napkins and utensils in your child's lunch.
 - ▶ Students going to aftercare should bring an additional snack.
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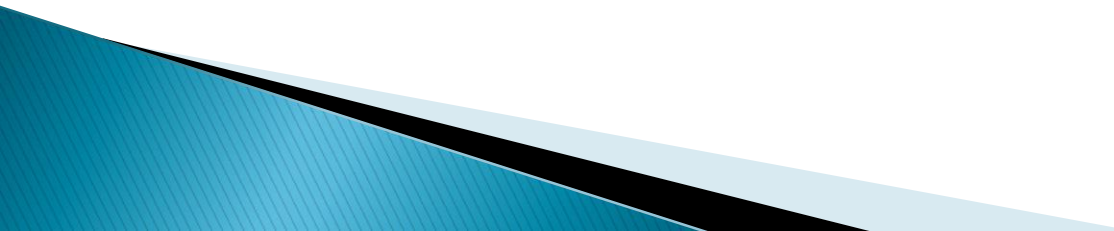
After School Care

- ▶ After School Care begins at 3:45 p.m. in the designated rooms.
 - ▶ After School Care will be limited this year and is currently full. Families must sign up for the whole year and will be charged a monthly flat rate whether the service is used daily or occasionally.
 - ▶ No drop-ins will be allowed in aftercare this year except on an emergency basis.
 - ▶ Behavior expectations will be in place. After 3 warnings, the student will be removed from ASC.
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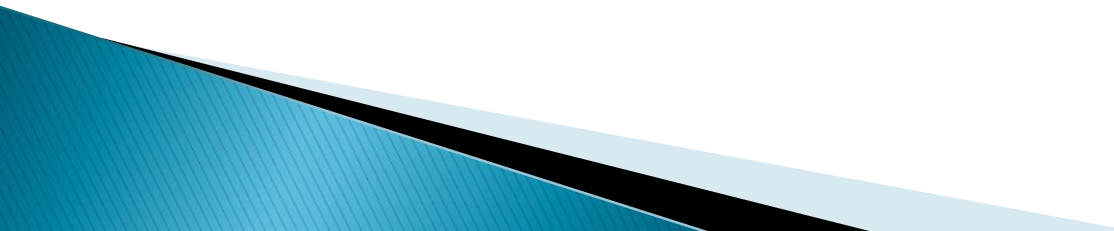
Uniform dress Code

- ▶ Every student is expected to be in full uniform every day. Students who are not compliant will be disciplined.
 - ▶ Read the uniform standards in the Family Handbook; note differences between Mass Day and every day uniform codes.
 - ▶ Spirit shirts may be worn only on Spirit Fridays with standard uniform bottoms.
 - ▶ Birthday Dress – Spirit Shirts with Jeans. No free dress for any occasion.
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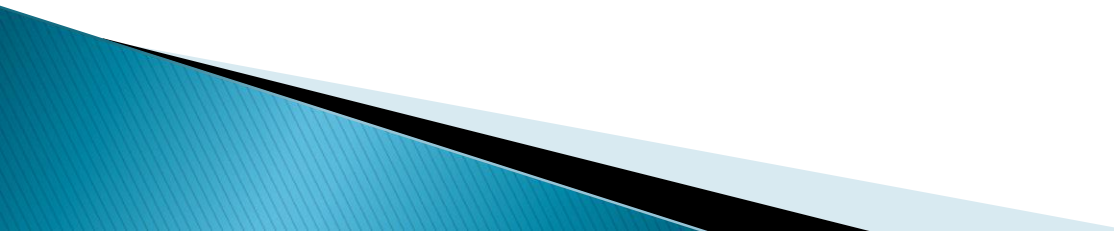
Health Issues

- ▶ If your child is sent home with a fever, they may not return to school until they are **fever free, without medicine**, for **24** hours. We will call you to pick up your child if he/she is sent back too soon. The 24 hour rule also applies to a student sent home vomiting.
 - ▶ Students may not carry on their persons any type of medicine, i.e. cough drops, inhalers, allergy medicine, etc. Medicines must be kept in the Clinic with proper release forms signed by a doctor or parent.
 - ▶ Please inform Nurse Katy of any special health issues or concerns.
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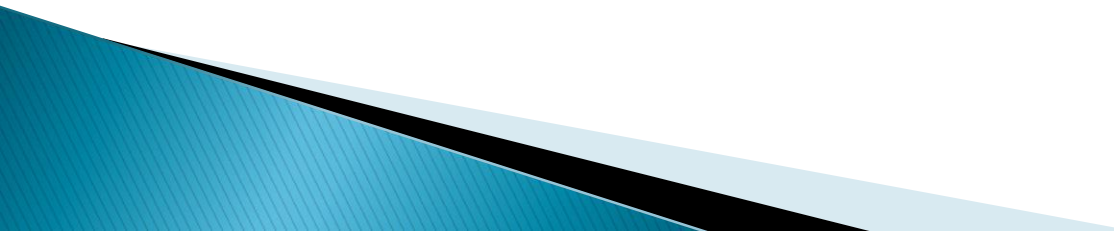
Chain of Command

- ▶ Grievances that pertain to a classroom issue should first be taken up with the classroom teacher.
 - ▶ If not satisfactorily settled, only then should the principal be contacted.
 - ▶ Only after all school parties have been involved in solving an issue should the Superintendent or Pastor be contacted.
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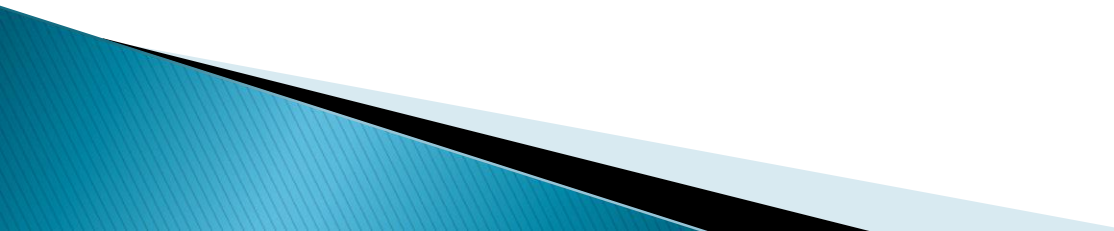
Communication

- ▶ Twice monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, the ***Nighthawk News*** will be sent home via email. The Wednesday folder will contain only those items which have to be sent home via hard copy.
 - ▶ Look for other important reminders on the school website main page.
 - ▶ Please read all communication sent from the office or teachers so you can stay informed about what is going on at your child's school.
 - ▶ Teachers will send home weekly newsletters about class news, projects, tests, assignments, etc.
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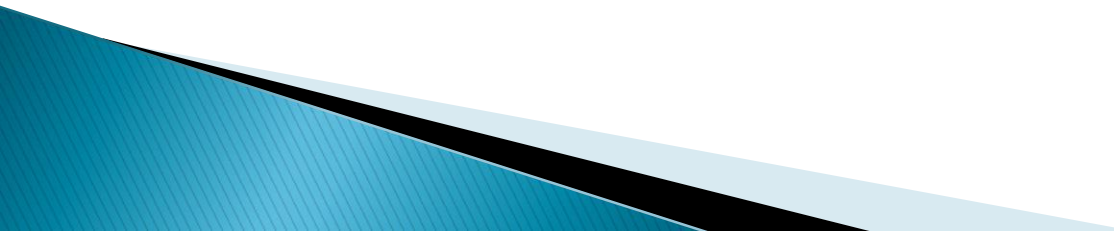
Standardized Testing

- ▶ Purpose: To identify students' strengths and weaknesses as compared to other students taking the same test at the same time of year. It is used as a **diagnostic** instrument to drive instruction for the upcoming year.
 - ▶ The Iowa Assessments will be given in the Fall for Grades 3 – 7. The 8th grade will take the CLT exam. The Classical Learning Test will be given to 3rd – 8th grades in the spring as well as the Assessment of Religious Knowledge Test (ARK) to grades 2nd, 5th, and 8th.
 - ▶ Results will be sent home to the parents once they are reviewed by the school staff.
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Safe Environment Certification

- ▶ *Virtus* is a nationally developed program that explains how to keep our children safe from sexual predators.
 - ▶ Any regular volunteer who comes in contact with SMDP students must take the 3 hour, *Virtus* training.
 - ▶ Any chaperone or field trip volunteer must take the training. Parents planning to visit for lunch or school events need the training.
 - ▶ You can select a class and sign up via the Diocese of Fort Worth website under the Safe Environment tab.
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Other Important Information

- ▶ School Mass will be every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. beginning on August 24th.
 - ▶ Spirit Days will be every Friday. Students may wear a school spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.
 - ▶ We will have a School Spirit Store this year. A link is posted on the school website.
 - ▶ There will be a Safety Resource Officer on duty each day during school hours again this year.
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Upcoming Important dates

- ▶ August 16th –18th – Early Dismissal at Noon
 - ▶ August 29th – Parent Band Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
 - ▶ September 4th – Labor Day Weekend
 - ▶ September 6th – Curriculum Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - ▶ September 14th – Progress Reports
 - ▶ September 15th – Family Picnic
 - ▶ September 23rd – Running with the Nighthawks 5K/Fun Run
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