

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Divine Redeemer School. The newsletter is our way of informing parents and guardians of all important events, changes and necessary notices and applications required for the school year. The newsletter will be sent home monthly in our Take Home Folder and can also be found on our school website www.divineredeemer.org.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, September 6	First Day of School for Preschool & K-6
Wednesday, September 6	Mass 9:00am
Tuesday, September 12	First Day of School for Terrific Twos
Wednesday, September 13	Mass 9:00am
Wednesday, September 20	Mass 9:00am
Wednesday, September 27	NO SCHOOL/IN SERVICE DAY
Friday, September 29	Dress Down Day- \$1.00/students \$2.00/staff PLEASE FOLLOW DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Just a note re: financial supports for tuition...

Please help us so we can make fair and objective financial decisions by completing your **FACTS Management** application for grant and aid. This is an important first step in determining tuition support...if you have questions on **FACTS** or other tuition assistance please call Zarah at 724-763-3761. (**FACTS** grant and aid does not apply to preschool students)

*APPLY FOR FACTS FINANCIAL AID AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR WEBPAGE divineredeemer.org.

VOLUNTEERS

Keep in mind...all volunteers are required to supply a copy of all required clearances to the office. ALL REQUIRED CLEARANCES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. We always rely on parental volunteer help throughout the school year. **Please call the office to check on your clearances. Volunteers needed to help in the cafeteria with lunch.**

PICK UP/DROP OFF

When picking up and dropping off your child, please use the **FRONT ENTRANCE**. Please make your stop **brief** as busses access the same entrance. You can park in the school lot between the church and school if you need to do more than a quick drop off or pick up. **ALL YELLOW CURB AREAS ARE NO PARKING AREAS.** **If your child is tardy to school, please sign them in in the office and provide the office with an Excuse/Tardy Blank.**

ABSENCE AND TARDY

If your child is absent or tardy from school, an excuse **must be filled out and returned to the teacher.** If a student does not have an excuse they will be marked UNEXCUSED.

TENTATIVE PARTY DATES FOR K-6

Halloween Party-Friday, October 27, 2023

Christmas Party-Friday, December 22, 2023

Valentine's Day Party-Tuesday, February 13, 2024

More information will follow on all parties.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH COST ALL DAY-PS-6TH GRADE

The cost for lunch is \$3.00-reduced is \$.40.(**All Day PS-6Th Grade**)

Breakfast(Grab & Go) is Free (**K-6th Grade**)

Extra milk is \$.50.

Please return your Free and Reduced Form as soon as possible.

We will not be using the Breakfast/Lunch Purchase sheet this year.

Instead, a bill will be sent home at the end of each month for lunches purchased by your child(ren). If you would like to send money in weekly/monthly, it will be credited to their account.

You can also view your child's(ren) bill on Power School.

WELLNESS POLICY

Our Wellness Policy is in full effect for the PA Department of Education. Please refer to the enclosed handout.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday -Music - Mrs. Bernot

Tuesday -Gym - Mr. Smail

Wednesday -Computer - Mrs. Bernot

Thursday -Art - Mrs. Karns

Friday -Health - Mrs. Bish

PRAYER PETITIONS

Please send in prayer requests for our use during daily morning classroom announcements. The enclosed form can be used for prayer requests.

www.divineredeemer.org

Remember that you will be able to check your child's grades through **PowerSchool** (shortcut on Home Page). If you did not sign the **Acceptable Use Policy**, please use the link on our Home Page to sign. **Your child will not be permitted to use any internet until this is signed.**

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to "like us" on FaceBook, and "share" our school news with family and friends.

Please be respectful of what is posted on social media concerning DRS.

Please address any issues to the principal 724-763-3761.

God Bless,

Dr. John A. Giancola Jr.

Principal

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"Where You Can Grow Mind and Soul...and Find Your Place"