

The dePaul School

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Trunk or Treat October 31

The annual dePaul School Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31. Parents are encouraged to decorate their trunks with a Halloween theme and bring some treats to hand out to our strolling trick-or-treaters! Students are encouraged to bring their costumes to school and will change into them in the afternoon. Parents can start setting up their trunks in the car circle at 1:15. Students will come outside at 1:45 to Trunk or Treat! Dismissal will be at the regular times (2:30/2:40) for parents unable to attend and after-school program vans.

No weapons or costumes portraying gruesome or violent characters please!

Curriculum Corner

During the first few months of school, I have had the opportunity and privilege to spend time in the classrooms. Each day, the students at dePaul impress me with their hard work and determination to succeed. As I watch their perseverance develop each day, I am reminded that as educators we are here to capitalize on our students' strengths, encourage them to be the best they can be, and prepare them for the future.

I look forward to seeing our students' continued learning, growth, and success during second quarter!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carley, Head of Instruction



Thank you to Sam Burmood's dad, Matt, for coming to school to teach the students about fire safety and letting them explore a fire truck!

Upcoming Events

October 26

Alpha Fieldtrip
Pumpkin Patch

October 29

Open House for Prospective Families, 8:30 am

October 31

Trunk or Treat
Parent Set Up 1:15
Students Outside @ 1:45

November 1

Traditional Fieldtrip
Florida Aquarium

November 13

Dangers of Social Media
Parents Only Presentation
by PC Sheriff's Office
Countryside HS, 6:30-8:30 pm
-AND-

November 15

White Chapel, Palm Harbor
6:30-8:30 pm

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Break

November 26

Delta Fieldtrip
Big Cat Rescue

Late Pick-Up Now Available

The dePaul School has a new policy regarding afternoon pickup after 2:50 pm. Parents who need to pick-up their children between 2:50-3:10 may do so for a fee of \$5/day. Parents will be charged each Friday for the number of days that week. Fees are payable via credit card kept on file or ACH/debit from a designated account. Please contact Ms. Boortz for either of these forms. Parents picking up students later than 3:10 will be subject to the late pick-up fee as listed in the Handbook.

Carline Concerns

Several parents have expressed safety concerns regarding the carline, noting excessive speed and lack of patience. For the safety of all, please enter the school via South Street, even if you are arriving early or late (and be sure to tell anyone who may be picking up your child to do the same), drive slowly and be alert in the parking lot and please be patient as students (especially carpools) exit and enter vehicles.



Friday Assembly

Friday morning assemblies are a gathering time for all the Traditional students. These weekly assemblies provide an opportunity for positive recognition of students, leadership skills, community bonding, and reinforcement of character building through stories, poems, and interactive student participation.

Students lead the Pledge of Allegiance, fold the American flag, and share in group discussions based on a monthly theme. These public speaking opportunities support the academic classroom by creating confident, young people who can express their thoughts with clarity and confidence.

In August, the theme focused on the importance of an "I Can" attitude. We built upon this virtue in September by discussing "Hard Work" and "Enthusiasm." During October, our discussions will include the importance of every dePaul community member and how unique and special each of us are.

Class Notes....

One of **Mrs. Stanziani's** social studies classes is studying the United States presidents, learning facts about each president and learning the president song. Other classes are learning about famous Americans, finishing up Benjamin Franklin then exploring Helen Keller....In semantics class **Ms. Sutherland's** students are studying antonyms and synonyms to help develop vocabulary...Following a word processing assessment, **Mr. Kenny's** technology classes will be doing some real life basic financial simulations and beginning to learn coding...**Coach P** has Delta PE students learning to play Pickleball and will be completing the mile run in the next few weeks, followed by a volleyball unit...In reading and phonics, **Mrs. Barbaro's** students are learning letter sounds and improving phonemic awareness skills. They are beginning to read words and sentences with their learned sounds!...**Mrs. Barlow's** Delta science students are beginning a new unit on Earth Science, studying how the moon affects Earth's tides, how Earth's tilted axis affects seasons and much more! Traditional students are learning about animal adaptations and how they help animals survive where they live...**Mr. D's** math students are off to a great start in the 2nd quarter. The Delta classes are learning about rounding, integers, and fractions, the Traditional students are working on rounding and estimation...**Ms. Barlow's** math students are doing arrays and practicing multiplication and her writing classes are working on solid sentence formula in preparation for a special writing project...**Ms. Brown's** Just Words classes are hard at work reading, writing and spelling multi-syllabic words and practicing fluency passages and comprehension while her writing students are writing narrative mysteries...**Mrs. Schorr's** composition classes are writing descriptive papers about a haunted house and will be presenting their papers to the class.