

The dePaul School

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WELCOME NEW TEACHERS & STAFF!

Mr. Defaria-Basurco. We are so happy that “Mr. D” has returned to dePaul School fulltime as a math teacher. Mr. D was a popular PE teacher here while pursuing his Bachelor’s degree at USF. Mr. D. has been well trained in JUMP Math and attended an intensive math teacher training at the prestigious Landmark School in Boston this summer. Mr. D has a thorough understanding of our students and a passion for helping them succeed.

Ms. Meek joins dePaul as a recent graduate from FSU where she earned her Bachelor and Masters Degree in Exceptional Student Education, specializing in Learning Disabilities and EBD. Ms. Meek completed her teaching internship working in the K-2 resource room at a school in Tallahassee. She also interned at Churchill Center and School in St. Louis, MO., an independent LD school similar to dePaul, where she was also a student for several years! Ms. Meek’s education and experiences make her a perfect fit for dePaul and we are excited to have her join our team.

Mrs. Carley has joined the Administrative team at dePaul, serving as the fulltime Head of Instruction. Mrs. Carley has extensive teaching and administrative experience as well as training and certification in Orton-Gillingham and Lindamood Bell programs, Daily CAFÉ teaching method and many other valuable curriculums and programs. Mrs. Carley has been working extensively with the teachers, doing training, providing additional resources and offering classroom support. Mrs. Carley will also be working with individual students, administering assessments and offering 1:1 support for those who need it. Mrs. Carley We are so fortunate to have her at dePaul! Her knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will be a huge benefit to students and teachers alike!



Upcoming Events

August 30

Individual Student Picture Day
(Students wear uniforms for pictures)

September 3

Labor Day - **School Closed**

September 5

Back to School Night
Delta Program
6:30-8:00 pm

September 6

Back to School Night
Traditional Program
6:30-8:00 pm

September 9

Family Pool Party
Highlands Family Aquatic
Center, 2:30-4:30

September 20 & 21

Parent-Teacher Conference
Days – **NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS**

After School Enrichment Programs Set to Begin

There is still time to register for the After-School Enrichment programs. All programs are 2:45-3:45

- **Homework Power Hour**, Mondays, September 10-October 8
- **ACT-UP! Drama Club**, Tuesdays, September 4-October 9
- **Art After School**, Wednesdays, September 5-October 10
- **dePaul Chorus**, Thursdays, September 6-October 11

Contact Ms. Boortz at admin@thedepaulschool.org for additional information.

AFTER SUMMER SPLASH! ***Family Pool Party***

All dePaul students and their families are invited to this fun afternoon swim party. We have rented out the entire Highlands Aquatic Center for this awesome back-to-school event. There is no cost to attend, just bring a snack to share, drinks are supplied. This is a great way for our kids to socialize outside of school and a great way for parents to meet as well. Thank you to the dePaul Parent Group for organizing the event!

Sunday, September 9, 2018

2:30-4:30

**Highlands Family Aquatic Center
400 Highland Avenue
Largo, 33770**

Plan to attend Back to School Nights!

We hope to see everyone at Back-to-School Night. Parents will be presented with general information and then follow their child's schedule, meeting the teachers and learning about teacher expectations, class content and homework. Sign-up sheets for Parent-Teacher conferences will also be available at both Back-to-School Nights.



Just a reminder – Please do not send soda with your child's lunch. If you are picking up fast food, please order water or milk. We want to encourage healthy eating habits among our students!

New Math Curriculum

dePaul School has adopted a new math curriculum for the 2018-19 school year. All dePaul teachers will be using JUMP Math as the core curriculum for math classes this year. We are very excited about this program and how well it fits with the philosophy, structure and methodology of dePaul.

JUMP Math draws on the latest cognitive science research to build upon the best aspects of math programs from around the world to provide a unique combination of depth, careful scaffolding, continuous assessment and a variety of innovative instructional approaches. Please read the attached flyer to learn more about this innovative program.

Focus on Sight Words

Sight word knowledge is crucial for all students to increase fluency which in turn increases comprehension. To continue to increase sight word knowledge the teachers are utilizing the Seeing Stars program by Lindamood-Bell. Each student has their own individualized set of sight words that they practice daily in class. Each student's set will be continuously updated as they master increasingly difficult sets of sight words.

Parents are encouraged to practice sight word recognition at home. More information will be available at conferences.