Divine Redeemer SCHOOL

Handbook Highlights

CONTACT CHANNELS

- **ClassDojo:** It is like Facebook! Download the app + activate notifications + check it! You can see everything we post in any language.
- **WhatsApp:** Download the app and let us know so We can add you to our groups. Please check the community announcements (+573209803002).
- Check our website (drcs.co) and our social media content.
- **You can always call our office. We are always ready to help you!**

ATTENDANCE

- Regular attendance is crucial to your child's success. **South Carolina State law requires 170 of 180 days of attendance**. If a child misses over 10 days of school without an excuse, the school has the right to retain the child for the next school year and/or release him/her from the school. Also, the school will refer *truancy* to DSS/ legal authorities.
- Students must attend school for at least half of the school day (3 ½ hours) to be counted "present" for the day. Students in grades K5-8 leaving school before 11:30 AM or students arriving at school after 11:30 AM will be counted as "absent" for the day.

SCHOOL HOURS

- Drop-off hours are 7:40 to 7:55 in the morning. **Activities start at 7:55 with morning prayer and finish at 3:15 with dismissal prayer.**
- **Morning Care is available from 7:00 a.m. After-School Care (ESP) is available until 6:00 p.m**. This is an additional service, and weekly charges will apply.
- Students who arrive at school after 7:55 AM are considered tardy. A parent must park and sign the tardy child in at the main school office. **Chronic tardiness will result in a conference with the principal and subsequent consequences.**

WHAT TO PACK?

- Water and snacks/lunch **(Water bottles MUST be clear. No metal bottles allowed)**
- Materials/Supplies (check the supply list for your student's grade).
- K4 students should bring a blanket and pillow, a change of clothes, and water.
- Please label everything!

UNIFORMS

- **Please check the updated Uniforms Policy file.** There you will find ALL the details.
- You can buy our uniform items at our local provider *Your Business LLC* and at *Lands' End*.
- The dates the school closet will be open are: July 30- July 31ST- August 6th & 7th (5PM-6PM)

SNACKS & LUNCH

- K4 students have breakfast, snacks, and lunch included.
- K5 - 8th students need to bring their snacks. They also need to bring their lunch or buy the school's hot lunch (we will give you instructions on this later).
- **Please abstain from bringing fast food and sodas to your children.**

HEALTH NEEDS & STUDENT CARE	• Do not send your child to school if he or she has had vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever within the past 24 hours or has a contagious illness. **Students must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.** • If a student needs medication during the school day, the **Medication Form** must be completed by the parent/guardian, signed by a licensed healthcare provider, and returned to the school office along with the medication. • **Students may not have any over-the-counter medications in their possession at any time.** This includes, but is not limited to, cough drops and pain relievers such as Tylenol.
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE	• All parents must complete **Virtus certification and background check** from the Diocese of Charleston to be on campus.
SACRAMENTS	• Students in 1st grade start the preparation to receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade. • Students in 7th grade start the preparation to receive Confirmation in 8th grade. • If you are interested in your child receiving these Sacraments through the school, make sure you communicate with the school office at the beginning of the school year to give you guidance on this and include them in our preparation groups.
TUITION PAYMENTS	• All families have their Payment Plans set up from July 1st in FACTS. Make sure you keep your payments up to date. **Failure to show financial responsibility may result in suspension from the school and loss of any financial aid unless the account is brought up to date through a financial agreement with the school.** • First Steps students have their tuition covered automatically. ESTF students may use the funds of the grant to cover their tuition expenses and more guidance will be provided on this later.

YOU WILL FIND THESE AND MANY OTHER TOPICS IN THE FAMILY & STUDENT HANDBOOK WHICH YOU CAN ACCESS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW. WE WILL ALSO REVIEW THESE KEY POLICIES DURING OUR FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHTS:

August 6th- Family Information Night in English 6:00-7:00 PM in Caddell Hall

Agosto 7th- Noche informativa para familias en Español 6:00-7:00 PM en Caddell Hall