



Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

First Week

Student Arrival/Dismissal Times

In order to make the transition back into the building with all the new protocols, the first three days of school will require us to review these protocols with small groups of students.

Full day instruction will begin on Monday, September 14, 2020.

After School program begins.

It is important that students adhere to arrival times to avoid overcrowding while waiting to have temperatures taken and walking up to their classrooms. **All students must be wearing face coverings in the building.**

Before leaving home, review the “**BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME, ASK YOURSELF AFFIRMATION QUESTIONS**”. If you answer yes to any of these questions, please keep your child at home and contact the main office at 718-631-3153 or by email dwisdom@dwcaonline.org and your health care provider. It is our shared responsibility to keep everyone safe and healthy.

All students will have their temperature taken before proceeding to their classrooms.

Early Morning Drop Off - Academy doors will open at 7:00am at Father Smith Hall. Parents planning to drop their children off the first day of school must contact the office by Tuesday, September 8th so that children may be assigned a seat.

*Please note, there will be **NO OPT bus service** on the first day of school.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 for 6, 7, 8 grade and Pre-K students only!

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

This is the first official school day for all students in **grades six through eight and Pre-K for All Students.**

Sixth grade students are to enter and exit the building using the **main entrance on Alameda Avenue.**

Arrival time : **7:45 am**

Dismissal time: **11:45 am**

Seventh grade students are to enter and exit the building using the **245 Street entrance** closest to Alameda Avenue.(Alameda door)

Arrival time is **7:55 am.**

Dismissal time: **11:45 am**

Eighth grade students are to enter and exit the building using the **245 Street entrance** closest to Alameda Avenue. (Alameda door)

Arrival time is **7:45 am.**

Dismissal time **12:00 pm**.

Pre-K for All students should follow their abbreviated schedule as discussed during orientation. Parents will receive a separate communication.

Thursday, September 10, 2020 for grades 3, 4, 5 ONLY!

8:00am – 12:00 pm

This is the first official school day for all students in grades three through five students.

Grade 3 and Grade 5 will enter and exit through the **main entrance on Alameda Avenue.**

Grade 3 will enter at **8:00 am**.

Dismissal time: **11:45 am**.

Grade 4 will enter and exit through the **Statue of Mary door.**

Grade 4 will enter at **7:55 am**.

Dismissal time: **11:55 am**.

Grade 5 will enter at **7:45 am**

5-1 will enter and exit through the **Statue of Mary door.**

5-2 will enter and exit through the **main entrance on Alameda Avenue.**

Fifth grade dismissal time: **12:00 pm**

Friday, September 11, 2020 for grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 only!

This is the first official school day for all students in grades three through five students.

Kindergarten students are to enter and exit using the main entrance.

Arrival time: **8:20 am**

Dismissal time: **11:30 am**

Grade 1 students are to enter and exit using the Statue of Mary door (follow the walkway by the Church on 245 Street)

Arrival time: **8:00 am**

Dismissal time: **11:45 am**

Grade 2 students are to enter and exit using the Statue of Mary Door.

Arrival time: **7:50 am**

Dismissal time: **12:00 pm**



We make plans and God laughs... Please be patient and flexible as we navigate through these uncharted waters. We have planned arrival and dismissal times to reduce the number of students that are congregating either outside of the building, travelling up and down staircases and through the hallways.

If we find that we have to readjust the times, we will communicate that to you as soon as possible. These plans will be reviewed weekly to ensure that we are planning for all possible scenarios. We have a shared responsibility in keeping everyone safe.

If you suspect that your child is not well, err on the side of caution and keep him or her home for the day.

A trip to the nurse's office this year is going to look a lot different. If a child gets sick during the day, an adult with PPE, will escort him to the isolation room to be evaluated by the nurse. The nurse will determine if the child needs to be picked up due to fever, stomach upset, etc. Your child will remain in the isolation room until you arrive. You must come to the main office first and sign your child out and then pick your child up from the isolation room and exit by the Church side door. Please note that you will be exiting on the 245 Street side of the building.

Monday, September 14, 2020 First full day for ALL students Pre-K - 8.

8:00am – 2:45 pm

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8 MUST BRING LUNCH AND A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE NO LARGER THAN 16 OUNCES. WATER FOUNTAINS WILL ONLY BE USED TO REFILL WATER BOTTLES.

Full day instruction begins today for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Nursery

This is the first day of school for our youngest students. **Nursery students will enter and exit using the exterior Nursery door.**

*Please note that during the day there is **no access** to the class or main office from the exterior Nursery door.

AM students arrival time: **9:00am**

Dismissal time: **10:00am**

Full Day students arrival time: **10:30am**

Dismissal time: **11:30 am**

*** Please note, Tuesday, September 15, 2020 will follow the same schedule.**

Regular class schedule begins on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Arrival time: **8:10 am**

Dismissal AM students: **11:00 am**

Dismissal Full Day students: **2:30 pm**

Pre-K for All Students

Pre-K students are to enter and exit using the Portico entrance (next to Nursery.)

Arrival:

Pre-K-2 **7:50 am**

Pre-K 1 **8:00 am**

Pre-K 3 **8:10 am**

Dismissal time:

Pre-K- 2 **2:00pm**

Pre-K-1 **2:10pm**

Pre-K-3 **2:20pm**

The **Academy's after school program begins today.** Registration forms need to be completed and handed into the Administrative office prior to a child attending the program.

Important Reminders...

Please note, when dropping off, or picking up your children, **do not park in the school bus stop.** Please do not double park, park in our neighbors' driveways, nor on or near the center median on Alameda Avenue or on the wrong side of the street. **There will be no bus service on the first day of school.** Bus service TO BE DETERMINED. The NYCDOE Office of Pupil Transportation authorizes all bus eligibility.

Half-day dismissal time on the first Friday of each month, and any other designated day is 12 noon for grades 1 through 8, and 11:45am for Kindergarten.

Important Dates to Remember...

Back to School Night... Wednesday, September 16, 2020 A detailed correspondence, including the meeting agenda can be found in the *Back to School 2020* folder, on the **Academy's** website.

Catechetical Sunday... Sunday, September 13, 2020 is the day when those designated to serve as catechists are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry during Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Please keep all our catechists in your prayers.

Arrival and Dismissal Times and Doors

Grade	Door	Arrival	Dismissal
Nursery	Exterior Nursery door	8:10 am	AM students- 11:00 Full day- 2:30 pm
Pre-K 1	Portico door	8:00 am	2:10pm
Pre-K 2	Portico door	7:50 am	2:00 pm
Pre-K 3	Portico door	8:10 am	2:20 pm
Kindergarten	Main entrance	8:05 am	2:30 pm
Grade 1	Statue of Mary door	8:10 am	2:30 pm
Grade 2	Statue of Mary door	8:05 am	2: 40 pm
Grade 3	Main entrance	8:00 am	2:40 pm
Grade 4	Statue of Mary door	7:50 am	2:45 pm
Class 5-1	Statue of Mary door	7:45 am	2:50 pm
Class 5-2	Main entrance	7:55 am	2:40 pm
Grade 6	Main entrance	7:45 am	2:45 pm
Grade 7	Alameda entrance	7:55 am	2:40 pm
Grade 8	Alameda entrance	7:45 am	2:50 pm

Main Entrance- Alameda Avenue next to schoolyard

Portico door- Alameda Avenue around the corner from main entrance

Statue of Mary door- 245 Street, next to Church entrance

Alameda Door- 245 Street, door closest to Alameda Avenue (also used for after care pick up)