



Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

First Week

Student Arrival/Dismissal Times

Welcome to the new school year! This is an exciting week for the Academy as we welcome back all our students in person. Please read the information as there is information for all our students regarding arrival and dismissal times during the first week of school.

It is important that students adhere to arrival times to avoid overcrowding while waiting to be checked in. There will be a teacher at each entrance checking that each child has completed the daily health screening. **All students must be wearing face coverings in the building and will not be allowed to go to class without a health screening.**

We ask that you err on the side of caution and contact your health care provider if your child wakes up with any symptoms, has been in contact with a friend or family member that tests positive or is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, loss of taste or smell. Report an absence by calling the main office at 718-631-3153 or by email at dwisdom@dwcaonline.org.

It is our shared responsibility to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Early Morning Drop Off - Academy doors will open at 7:00 am at Father Smith Hall beginning on Wednesday, September 8th. The teacher on duty will check in each child. You must complete the daily health screening before dropping off your child or sending your child on the bus.

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

This is the first official school day for all students in **grades one through eight, 3K 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: **11:50 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: **11:50 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.**

Grade 3 and Class 5-2 will enter and exit through the **main entrance** on Alameda Avenue.

Grade 3 and 5-2 will enter at **7:55 am**.

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

Grade 4 and Class 5-1 will enter and exit through the **Statue of Mary door**.

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

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

Class 5-1 will enter at **7:55 am**.

Dismissal time: **11:55 pm**.

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**

3K and Pre-K for All students will enter and exit through the **Portico door**.

***These students will receive a separate communication with arrival and dismissal times.**

Thursday, September 9, 2021

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

This is the first official school day for kindergarten students.

Kindergarten students are to enter and exit through the main entrance on Alameda Avenue. Arrival time is 8:20 am and dismissal is 11:30 am.

Half day for all students in Kindergarten- 8th Grade.

Friday, September 10, 2021

3K and Pre-K for All students will follow their abbreviated schedule. Half day for all students in Kindergarten- 8th Grade.

Students in Grades K-8 will gather in the schoolyard at 11:30 am for the 20th Anniversary Prayer Service. Parents are welcome to join us at the fence.



"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Roman 12:12

*... be patient and flexible as we continue to navigate through these difficult times. 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 you suspect that your child is not well, err on the side of caution and keep him or her home for the day. If a child gets sick during the day, he or she will be escorted to the nurse's office to be evaluated by the nurse. The nurse will determine if the child needs to be picked up due to fever, stomach upset, etc. If deemed necessary, your child will wait for a parent to arrive in the isolation room. You must come to the security desk 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 13, 2021

First full day for ALL students 3K through grade 8.

8:00 am – 2:45 pm grades 1-8

8:00 am - 2:30 pm Kindergarten and 3K

8:00 am - 2:20 pm PreK for All

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

3K and Pre-K for All Students

Arrival and dismissal through the Portico entrance. **BUS LANE MUST REMAIN CLEAR AT ALL TIMES, CARS LEFT UNATTENDED WILL BE TICKETED.**

3K for All Students

8:10-2:30 pm

Pre-K for All Students

8:00- 2:20 pm

Arrival:

Pre-K 1 **7:55 am**

Pre-K-2 **8:00 am**

Dismissal time:

Pre-K-1 **2:15 pm**

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

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 nor on the wrong side of the street. **There will be no bus service on the first day of school.** 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 half-day is 12 noon for grades 1 through 8, and 11:45 am for kindergarten.

Important Dates to Remember...

Back to School Night... **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** A detailed correspondence, including the meeting agenda can be found in the *Back to School 2021* folder, on the **Academy's** website. Zoom links will be provided at a later date.

Ring Day for 8th Graders... **Saturday, September 25, 2021** at 11:00 am in St. Anastasia Church.

Catechetical Sunday... **Sunday, September 26, 2021** 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. Consider joining us for Mass at St. Anastasia Church at 10:00 am.

Eighth Grade High School Information Meeting... **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** Seventh grade parents are also invited to participate. Zoom link will be provided at a later date.





Arrival and Dismissal Times and Doors

Grade	Door	Arrival	Dismissal
3K-1 3K-2	Portico door 3K-2 outdoor door	8:10 am	2:30pm
Pre-K 1	Portico door	7:55 am	2:15pm
Pre-K 2	Portico door	8:00 am	2:20 pm
Kindergarten	Main entrance	8:00 am	2:30 pm
Grade 1	Statue of Mary door	8:10 am	2:40pm
Grade 2	Statue of Mary door	7:50 am	2:40 pm
Grade 3	Main entrance	7:55 am	2:40 pm
Grade 4	Statue of Mary door	7:55 am	2:45 pm
Class 5-1	Statue of Mary door	7:45 am	2:45 pm
Class 5-2	Main entrance	7:55 am	2:45 pm
Grade 6	Main entrance	7:45 am	2:45 pm
Grade 7	Alameda entrance	7:55 am	2:45 pm
Grade 8	Alameda entrance	7:45 am	2:45 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