



Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your volunteerism during parade season. It was a very successful season for our band and marching units, and for fund raising! In addition to your help, the 5116 Magazine Street Corporation, the Drexel Prep Foundation, and the Xavier Prep Alumni Association each played a major role in these endeavors, so we would like to say thanks to all. We would be remiss if we did not express our gratitude to Ms. Witherspoon, Ms. Seiber, and Mr. Lockett for their hard work and commitment to the Band and Marching Units. Great job, Mardi Gras Team Leaders!

During March, we look forward to Career Day and celebrations of Women's History Month. You are invited to attend a special program being sponsored by the Southern University Center for African and African American Studies. The featured speaker, Kim Metz, had been pardoned by President Obama after she served 23 years of a "life sentence" for her involvement in the Glenn Metz Drug Cartel. Ms. Metz has recently partnered with Southern University and Tulane University to document her life story, and share it with young women across the country. We hope you are able to come to hear Ms. Metz speak at Southern University, on March 12th, at 9:00 A.M.

Our students will participate in the ACT Boot Camp and the State sponsored ACT. If your daughter receives funding from the State, ACE, or ARETE, and she is a junior or senior, she is required to attend the Boot Camp on March 12th, and ACT testing.

We will schedule mandatory meetings with parents to discuss graduation activities, tuition and fees for the upcoming year, and other plans for the 2020/2021 school year. We will send the meeting dates and times to you in a special letter.

The recent changes to the cell phone policy were necessary due to the actions of a few students who refused to follow the handbook rules and regulations. On behalf of the school, we apologize for recent uploads of inappropriate content to the Internet. We are working toward correcting the inappropriate behaviors of the young women who were in the video, as well as the students who uploaded the video, and sent it to a young man who reportedly posts this sort of negativity on social media. Our students, therefore, are required to turn in their phones during homeroom. Please remind your daughters to surrender their phones in homeroom. If a student fails to comply, she will be suspended. Please also remind your daughters to leave their personal iPads and similar devices at home; only school issued Chromebooks are permitted on campus.

Please review the March calendar for important dates.

We have noticed a significant improvement with tuition payments. This has reduced the negative impact slow payments have had on the school's financial position. Thank you to all the parents who have given their full attention and commitment to handling their obligations in a timely manner.

Finally, we are concerned about the number of students with failures during Progress Reports. Please take the time to review your daughter's grades. Email your daughter's teachers to see if she is working to capacity, reporting to tutoring, and turning in assignments. Please make every effort to attend the 3rd Quarter Report Card Conference on March 12th. The 4th quarter is a critical period for our students, as it will determine whether they will need to attend summer school.

If you have additional concerns, please take a moment to stop by and see us.

Please continue to pray for our students, and their associates, that God will grant them a peace that surpasses all understanding. Hopefully, God will take control of them, so we will all be proud!

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Owens, Jr.

Principal

"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

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