



# THE ACADEMY DISPATCH

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## Upcoming Events

**September 3 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL!**

**September 8 - PTO Sharing Night - 7 pm**

**September 19 - School Picture Day**

*Please visit our website for a complete calendar of events!*

### PowerSchool

You should have already received an email about how to set up your PowerSchool account. **Please follow the directions to set this account up** to ensure that you are able to track your child's grades throughout the year. If you need assistance with your account, please email Jennifer Hartzell at [jennifer.hartzell@divinesavioracademy.com](mailto:jennifer.hartzell@divinesavioracademy.com).

### Adult English Classes

Adult English classes begin **September 4**. This class is for adults of all levels who want to practice conversing in English. Class is Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 pm in the high school media center. All classes are free! If you are interested, please email [erika.biesterfeld@divinesavioracademy.com](mailto:erika.biesterfeld@divinesavioracademy.com).

### Chess

Students in grades PreK to Grade 12 who are interested in chess now have 2 options. In addition to after school practices for our nationally recognized chess team, this year, we are also offering a Chess Club. The Chess Club is intended for all new chess players and students looking to better their skills after school. **The deadline to register is Friday, August 24**. Chess Club and team **practices for grades 1-12 will begin on Wednesday, August 22**. **PreK and Kindergarten chess will begin Monday, August 27**. For details and to register please go to <http://dsa.link/chess18-1>.

### Forgotten Items

The following items **will NOT be allowed** to be dropped off in the school office:

- lunches/snacks
- iPads (students will use textbooks for the day and be given a consequence for each time they forget their iPads)

Items such as homework, projects, PE uniforms, and athletic gear will be accepted in the school office, but students will not be called from class to be notified. It is the responsibility of the students to come down to the office and check for their items.

### Class Rings

The time has come for you to order your class ring. Herff Jones representatives will be on campus on **Thursday, August 23 and Friday, August 24 during lunch time** to receive your orders and deposits.

### High School Choir

Students who are interested in joining high school choir should contact Ms. Scharf at [charis.scharf@divinesavioracademy.com](mailto:charis.scharf@divinesavioracademy.com). **The deadline to join choir is August 24th.**

### COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

Welcome back, students!

The 2018-2019 school year is here and we are working hard to make it a great year for DSA families. New friends, new subjects, new opportunities – all that and much more will contribute to a successful year for all!

Parents please remember to access the DSA college planning web page often throughout this year to find helpful information. Organized by grade level, you will easily be able to locate checklists, calendars, forms, and resources. Please look over grade-level checklists now to add dates of special events to your family calendar.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### 2018-2019 GRADE-LEVEL COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

[Gr. 9](#) [Gr. 10](#) [Gr. 11](#) [Gr. 12](#)

### SENIORS

Welcome back, seniors! Mrs. Jimenez is looking forward to guiding you throughout your exciting college admissions journey. We will be having a **Senior Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, August 23, at 8 am in the auditorium**. Come enjoy some good food while learning important information about college application procedures and deadlines coming up. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for one-on-one meetings with Mrs. Jimenez. This is an important mandatory meeting for all seniors so please plan to attend!



Please note the date of **September 13, for the senior parent-student college planning meeting at 7 pm**. Being **MANDATORY**, it is marked with an asterisk (\*) in the calendar below.

#### Tasks Seniors should be working on:

- Begin to follow DSA Senior Year College Admissions Timeline.
- Finalize list of Safety, Target and Reach Schools you'd like to apply to.
- Make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Jimenez.
- Begin filling out college applications.
- Register NOW to take your final SAT and/or ACT.
- Request recommendation letters.

#### NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Please return the Parent Agreement Form and the Student Agreement Form provided to you during orientation to the front office. The College Planning Program also in that folder explains how Divine Savior Academy complies with [2013 Florida SB 1076](#). This bill requires all Florida seniors to have college and career planning credit on their transcript in order to graduate. To meet this four-year requirement, each grade level (9-12) has been assigned specific college planning tasks (e.g., meetings, exams, events, etc.) that must be completed (see grade level checklists).

#### COLLEGE COUNSELING CALENDAR

Stay aware of upcoming events by checking the calendar regularly.

##### AUGUST 2018

23 - Senior college planning breakfast - 8 am

##### SEPTEMBER 2018

7 - Registration deadline for SAT exam & SAT subject tests October 6

8 - ACT exam - 8 am

\*13 - Senior parent-student college planning meeting - 7 pm

28 - Registration deadline ACT exam October 27

#### COLLEGE COUNSELING WEB PAGE

More college resources at [www.divinesavioracademy.com](http://www.divinesavioracademy.com)!

#### COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

##### Grades 9 & 11

Mr. Tom Welch, Director of College Counseling

(305) 597-4545 ext. 4117

[tom.welch@divinesavioracademy.com](mailto:tom.welch@divinesavioracademy.com)

##### Grades 10 & 12

Mrs. Sarah Jimenez, Director of College Counseling

(305) 597-4545 ext. 4118

[sarah.jimenez@divinesavioracademy.com](mailto:sarah.jimenez@divinesavioracademy.com)

## ATHLETICS NEWS

#### FHSAA Forms

All students in grades 6-12 who wish to participate in a sport season must first complete the two required Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) forms. These forms can be found on our website, in any of our school offices, or in Coach Unke's office in the athletic wing of the high school building. The two required forms and a brief description are listed below.

**FHSAA Form EL2** - Preparticipation Physical Evaluation: This form requires a doctor visit so please take the form with you to your doctor's appointment. You fill out page 1 of the form and the doctor will complete page 2 and 3.

**FHSAA Form EL3** - Consent and Release from Liability Certificates: This four page form reminds parents and student-athletes of the dangers associated with playing sports. Insurance information and signatures are required on page 1 and then only signatures are required on pages 2, 3, and 4.

#### Upcoming Athletic Events

##### Tuesday, August 21

- High School Volleyball at Hialeah Educational Academy (Bucky Dent Park)
  - JV - 6 pm
  - Varsity - 7:30 pm

- Varsity Golf vs. Sagemont at Trump National Doral - 3 pm

##### Thursday, August 23

- Varsity Golf vs. SLAM at Trump National Doral - 3 pm

##### Friday, August 24

- High School Cross Country at The Twilight Kickoff at St. Thomas University
  - Girls Race at 5:45 pm
  - Boys Race at 6:20 pm
- High School Volleyball at Gulliver
  - JV - 3:30 pm
  - Varsity - 5 pm

