HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR NEWSLETTER 2021-2022

Dear Families,

I want to thank you for what has been an exceptional beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Last year was one for the history books and as I mentioned at our Back-to-School parent meetings, it was a success by any measure. We are still dealing with the ramifications of the Covid-19 pandemic. Enclosed in this bulletin is the "Diocese of Des Moines 2021-2022 School Year Mitigation Plan" detailing the steps we are taking to minimize Covid spread within the confines of Holy Family Catholic School. Also enclosed is a "Welcome Back" letter from Superintendent Donna Bishop, as well as our monthly lunch and breakfast menus. Please note that Wednesday Notes will be sent electronically monthly and also accessible on our school website https://hfcsdm.org/ under the "Wednesday Notes" tab at the top of the page.

Please do not hesitate to call me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Flaherty, Principal

Facebook

Holy Family Catholic School has a Facebook page, please give us a like and join us! Share our page with grandparents and friends! Find us under "Holy Family Catholic School Des Moines."

Upcoming Events...

SCHOOL MASSES
School Mass will be held every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at Our Lady of the Americas.

PRE-K CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 26th
We look forward to welcoming our young students to Holy Family School!

CLASSROOM FUNDRAISER OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS
As class fundraisers, special out of uniform day will be held. Kindergarten through eighth grade students may dress out of uniform on these designated dates for $1. All money collected will benefit a different classroom each month. The first out of uniform fundraiser date is **Friday, August 27th**, if a student chooses to dress out of uniform on this day, they must bring $1 for the fundraiser. Please refer to page 24 of the parent/student handbook for appropriate Out of Uniform Day dress. **Reminder: each family must return the form located in the back of the holy family handbook signed by parents and students in order to participate in this first jeans day. Please turn your form in.**

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL READING NIGHT! THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2!
Reading Night at Holy Family School for parents and students will be held on September 2nd, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this very fun and educational family event!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are Friday, September 3. Student may wear dress clothes this day. Please refer to page 27 in your handbook for appropriate dress clothes for this day. No casual clothes, no jeans, no sweatpants, no athlete apparel are to be worn. Order forms will go home with your students closer to that date. Flyers with ordering information will be sent home with your student. If you would like to order pictures, complete the form on the attached envelop and place the appropriate money in the envelope. Students are to bring these order forms to school on picture day with the appropriate money enclosed.

CLASSROOM FUNDRAISER JEANS DAY

Friday, September 10th, will be a jeans day benefiting the 7th grade classroom. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform on this day, they must bring $1 for the fundraiser. Please refer to page 24 of the school handbook for appropriate Out of Uniform Day dress.

LABOR DAY

There will be no school on Monday, September 6, due to Labor Day.

CLASSROOM FUNDRAISER JEANS DAY

Friday, September 10, will be a jeans day benefiting the 7th grade classroom. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform on this day, they must bring $1 for the fundraiser. Please refer to page 24 of the school handbook for appropriate Out of Uniform Day dress.

MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS

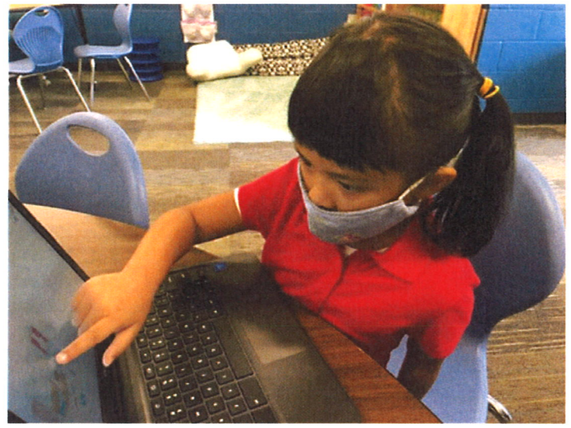
Midterm grades will be sent home September 15th with your students. Please review these grades and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Other Information...

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT
Attention to all parents who live over 2 miles from Holy Family School and reside in the Des Moines School District: Attached is a form that you MUST complete online for you to receive transportation reimbursement. To qualify for this reimbursement, you must live over 2 miles from the school and have students in grades Kindergarten-8th grade. http://dmschools.org ***If you live in a school district other than the Des Moines Public district (i.e.: Saydel, West Des Moines, Urbandale, etc.), please contact the school and Mrs. Lechuga will help you get the reimbursement form that you need to submit for that school district.***

Dear Parents / Guardians,
Ms. Dopheide helps parents with the DHS application for assistance. If you have questions regarding your application or need to apply for childcare assistance please contact her. She is available to meet with you from 6:00AM - 8:00 AM and 3:00PM -3:30PM daily. She is also available by email jdopheide@hfsdm.org, and by phone at 515-262-8025 ext. 123.

Attention Parents: For the safety of your children, the state of Iowa has a web site that lists the names of registered sexual offenders. This information is provided from the Iowa Sex Offender Registry to the public pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 692A. The purpose of this information is to allow members of the public a means to protect themselves from individuals who have committed an offense that requires registration on the Sex Offender Registry. Log on to www.iowasexoffender.com for more information.



Here are a few pictures of what has been going on around Holy Family!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DIOCESE *of* DES MOINES

August 9, 2021

Dear Diocese of Des Moines Catholic School Families,

On behalf of the entire Catholic Schools Office and all who work with and support your children, I want to welcome you back for a new school year. This is a time of new beginnings and as we prepare for the start of school, I'm filled with gratitude and optimism. I am truly looking forward to this school year and the opportunity to work with our administrators, faculty and staff to serve students across the diocese.

The challenges we faced last school year have changed our schools for the better. We are more agile, collaborative, compassionate, and inspired. I am confident that we have the resources and support in place so that our more than 6,300 students will experience the levels of achievement, growth and development they need for the next stage of their educational journey and beyond. We continue to find new ways to support the overall well-being of our students and sustain academic progress. Thanks to the diligence of our administrators, faculty and staff, our students demonstrated continued academic growth despite the barriers presented by COVID-19.

During the summer months, our educators have been busy attending professional development workshops and exploring leading-edge instructional methods to best reach and teach children of all abilities. This is an exciting time for our Catholic schools. Considering the dynamic nature of education, I invite you to visit our website at dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools and follow us on social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) for up-to-date information.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to do our very best for your children. They deserve it, and we simply cannot do this important work without you. The home-school connection is an invaluable partnership that benefits all students. By building on our collective strengths, we can support the academic success and social-emotional wellbeing of each and every student in the Diocese of Des Moines.

While the conversations that continue for mitigation strategies are discouraging for us all, this is a Spirit-filled opportunity for charity, sacrifice and patience. Jesus reminds us that we'll be known as his disciples by our love for one another (John 13:35), and as Christians, we can recognize that it is when we are drawn out of ourselves in love that we most vividly manifest God's Kingdom. Let us extend grace to one another, *whether masked or not,* during this challenging time. House File 847 prohibits schools from mandating masks. Parents should discuss with their child(ren) their family's decision and the importance of respecting the face-covering decisions of others. We are asking all parents to stay diligent in keeping students home when ill. School staff will also be asked to stay home with any sign of infectious illness. The Diocese of Des Moines schools will not offer sustained virtual learning. As you have throughout the pandemic, please continue to strive for, and witness to, unity and selfless care for others.

It is my great honor to serve as your superintendent and I look forward to seeing you and your children soon. May the light of Christ shine upon you and your family throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

Donna Bishop

Donna Bishop, ED.S
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS
DIÓCESIS *de* DES MOINES

9 de Agosto de 2021

Estimadas familias de las Escuelas Católicas de la Diócesis de Des Moines,

En el nombre de toda la Oficina de Escuelas Católicas y de todos los que trabajan y apoyan a sus hijos, quiero darles la bienvenida para un nuevo año escolar. Este es un momento de nuevos comienzos y mientras nos preparamos para el comienzo de la escuela, estoy lleno de gratitud y optimismo. Realmente espero con ansias este año escolar y la oportunidad de trabajar con nuestros administradores, profesores y personal para servir a los estudiantes en toda la diócesis.

Los desafíos que enfrentamos el año escolar pasado han cambiado nuestras escuelas para el mejor. Somos más ágiles, colaborativos, compasivos e inspirados. Estoy seguro de que contamos con los recursos y el apoyo necesarios para que nuestros más de 6,300 estudiantes experimenten los niveles de logro, crecimiento y desarrollo que necesitan para la siguiente etapa de su viaje educativo y más allá. Continuamos encontrando nuevas formas de apoyar el bienestar general de nuestros estudiantes y mantener el progreso académico. Gracias a la diligencia de nuestros administradores, profesores y personal, nuestros estudiantes demostraron un crecimiento académico continuo a pesar de las barreras presentadas por COVID-19.

Durante los meses de verano, nuestros educadores han estado ocupados asistiendo a talleres de desarrollo profesional y explorando métodos de instrucción de vanguardia para alcanzar y enseñar mejor a los niños de todas las habilidades. Este es un momento emocionante para nuestras escuelas católicas. Teniendo en cuenta la naturaleza dinámica de la educación, los invito a visitar nuestro sitio web en Des Moines Catholic Schools o Escuelas Católicas de Des Moines y seguirnos en las redes sociales (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) para obtener información actualizada. Facebook Escuelas Católicas de Des Moines.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo mientras nos esforzamos por hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo por sus hijos. Se lo merecen y simplemente no podemos hacer este importante trabajo sin usted. La conexión entre el hogar y la escuela es una asociación invaluable que beneficia a todos los estudiantes. Al aprovechar nuestras fortalezas colectivas, podemos apoyar el éxito académico y el bienestar socioemocional de todos y cada uno de los estudiantes de la Diócesis de Des Moines.

Si bien las conversaciones que continúan sobre estrategias de mitigación nos desaniman a todos, esta es una oportunidad llena del Espíritu para la caridad, el sacrificio y la paciencia. Jesús nos recuerda que seremos conocidos como sus discípulos por nuestro amor mutuo (Juan 13:35), y como cristianos, podemos reconocer que es cuando nos sacamos de nosotros mismos en amor cuando manifestamos de manera más vívida la del Reino de Dios. Extendamos gracia unos a otros, *ya sea que usemos una cubreboca o no*, durante este tiempo desafiante. House File 847 prohíbe a las escuelas exigir cubrebocas. Los padres deben discutir con sus hijos la decisión de su familia y la importancia de respetar la decisión de usar o no una cubreboca. Les pedimos a todos los padres que se mantengan diligentes en mantener a los estudiantes en casa cuando estén enfermos. También se le pedirá al personal de la escuela que se quede en casa con cualquier signo de enfermedad infecciosa. Las escuelas de la Diócesis de Des Moines no ofrecerán aprendizaje virtual sostenido. Como lo ha hecho a lo largo de la pandemia, continúe luchando y testificando la unidad y el cuidado desinteresado de los demás.

Es un gran honor para mí servir como su superintendente y espero verlos pronto a usted y a sus hijos. Que la luz de Cristo brille sobre usted y su familia durante este año escolar.

Donna Bishop

Donna Bishop, ED.S
Superintendente de Escuelas Católicas

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Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools 2021-22 School Year Mitigation Plan (August 11, 2021)

FACE COVERINGS	The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools are accredited schools with the Iowa Department of Education and are required to follow all guidance directed from the DE and the Governor's Office. House File 847 (noted below) prohibits schools from mandating masks for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. 280.31 Facial coverings. The board of directors of a school district, the superintendent or chief administering officer of a school or school district, and the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school shall not adopt, enforce, or implement a policy that requires its employees, students, or members of the public to wear a facial covering for any purpose while on the school district's or accredited nonpublic school's property unless the facial covering is necessary for a specific extracurricular or instructional purpose. The Diocese of Des Moines encourages mask wearing; it is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep our students healthy. Parents should discuss with their child(ren) their family's decision and the importance of respecting the face covering decisions of others. Bishop Joensen 8-5-2021 release: Effective immediately, masks will again be recommended for all parishioners over the age of five, vaccinated and unvaccinated, during all indoor liturgies and other parish events.
HAND WASHING	The Diocese of Des Moines schools will promote consistent hand washing throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school building.
CLEANING AND DISINFECTION	The Diocese of Des Moines schools will continue cleaning and disinfection efforts throughout the school day including increased cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces, and eating areas.
VENTILATION	The Diocese of Des Moines schools have routine HVAC checks. Windows will be open and outdoor space will be utilized when possible.

WATER FOUNTAINS	The Diocese of Des Moines schools encourage students to bring their own water bottles to reduce spread of illness. Water fountains and bottle fillers will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
VACCINATIONS	The Diocese of Des Moines schools do not require staff or students to be vaccinated, but encourages all those eligible to give it their fullest consideration.
COVID TRACKING & QUARANTINING	The Diocese of Des Moines values parents as partners therefore they will receive notification of COVID positive cases. Due to the wide range of school sizes the local entity will determine how the contact will be given. Following IDPH guidance, the Diocese of Des Moines schools will track all student illnesses (Influenza, COVID-19, Norovirus, etc) on a daily basis. Schools will communicate with the school community and IDPH when more than 10% of students are absent due to illness.
STAYING HOME WHEN ILL	The Diocese of Des Moines schools are asking all parents to be diligent in keeping students home when ill. School staff will also be asked to stay home with any sign of infectious illness.
VIRTUAL LEARNING	The Diocese of Des Moines schools will not offer sustained virtual learning.
STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE	Those testing positive for COVID must be excluded from school for 10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms). The Diocese of Des Moines schools students and staff will follow the guidelines after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.
FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE	If a household member tests positive, student/s cannot attend class or activities for a ***minimum*** of 24 hours. If students within the household remain asymptomatic, students may return to school. If the student in the household becomes symptomatic we strongly encourage testing.
TRANSPORTATION	The Diocese of Des Moines schools will follow federal law requiring masks to be worn when on school bus transportation. Many Catholic school students utilize public school bussing options, in these situations they will be required to follow the public school protocols. Students are not required to wear face coverings in private vehicles.

LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 2021

Holy Family School

WG Breads Served
Skim Milk Served

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Romaine Lettuce Lite Ranch Rosy Applesauce	2 Chicken Sandwich Potatoes Green Beans Strawberries Oatmeal Cookie	3 Breakfast Pizza Smiley Fries Carrot Coins Fresh Oranges
6 No School	7 Pepperoni Pizza Corn Peaches Gold Fish Cracker	8 Italian Dunkers Marinara Sauce Broccoli Melon	9 Chicken Strips Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fruit Slush WG Roll	10 Turkey Sandwich Three Bean Salad Baked Cheetos Apple Juice
13 Corn Dogs Carrot Sticks Cucumbers Peaches Lite Ranch	14 Crispitos Rice Refried Beans Salsa Fresh Pineapple	15 Hamburgers Oven Fries Green Beans Applesauce	16 Popcorn Chicken Potatoes Corn Watermelon WG Breadstck	17 Hot Dog Baked Beans Pretzels Mixed Fruit
20 Mac&Cheese Carrots/Celery Sticks Pears Lite Ranch	21 Rib Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Peas Peaches	22 Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Tomatoes Refried Beans Rice Melon	23 Pizza Crunchers Broccoli/Cauliflower Bananas WG Cookie	24 Egg Omelet Hash browns Carrots Toast Oranges
27 No School	28 Chicken Strips Tator Tots Baked Beans Applesauce WG Roll	29 Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice California Veggies Tropical Fruit	30 Cheese Sticks Romaine Lettuce Marinara Sauce Pears Granola Bar	

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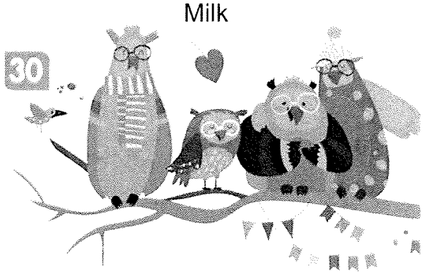
MySchoolBucks.com

BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 2021

Holy Family School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Apple Frudals, Pears, O.J., Milk	2 Pancakes, Applesauce, O.J., Milk	3 Cereal, Oranges, Apple Juice, Milk
6 No School	7 Blueberry Muffins, Applesauce, O.J., Milk	8 Minni Cinnis, Peaches, O.J., Milk	9 Breakfast Corn Dog, Melon, O.J., Milk	10 Eggs, Toast, Pears, O.J., Milk
13 Oatmeal Bar, Applesauce, O.J., Milk	14 Blueberry Waffles, Peaches, O.J., Milk	15 Cherry Frudals, Pineapple, O.J., Milk	16 Breakfast Pizza, Strawberries, O.J., Milk	17 Granola Bar, Trix Yogurt, Oranges, Grape Juice
20 Choco Muffin, Go Gurt, Raisins, O.J., Milk	21 Strawberry Pancakes, Pears, O.J., Milk	22 Breakfast Burrito, Peaches, O.J., Milk	23 Apple Frudal, Melon, O.J., Milk	24 Biscuit, Eggs, Bananas, O.J., Milk
27 No School	28 Cereal, Apples, O.J., Milk	29 Pancakes, Applesauce, O.J., Milk	30 Breakfast Pizza, Oranges, Apple Juice, Milk	



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Go to dmps located at dmschools.org.

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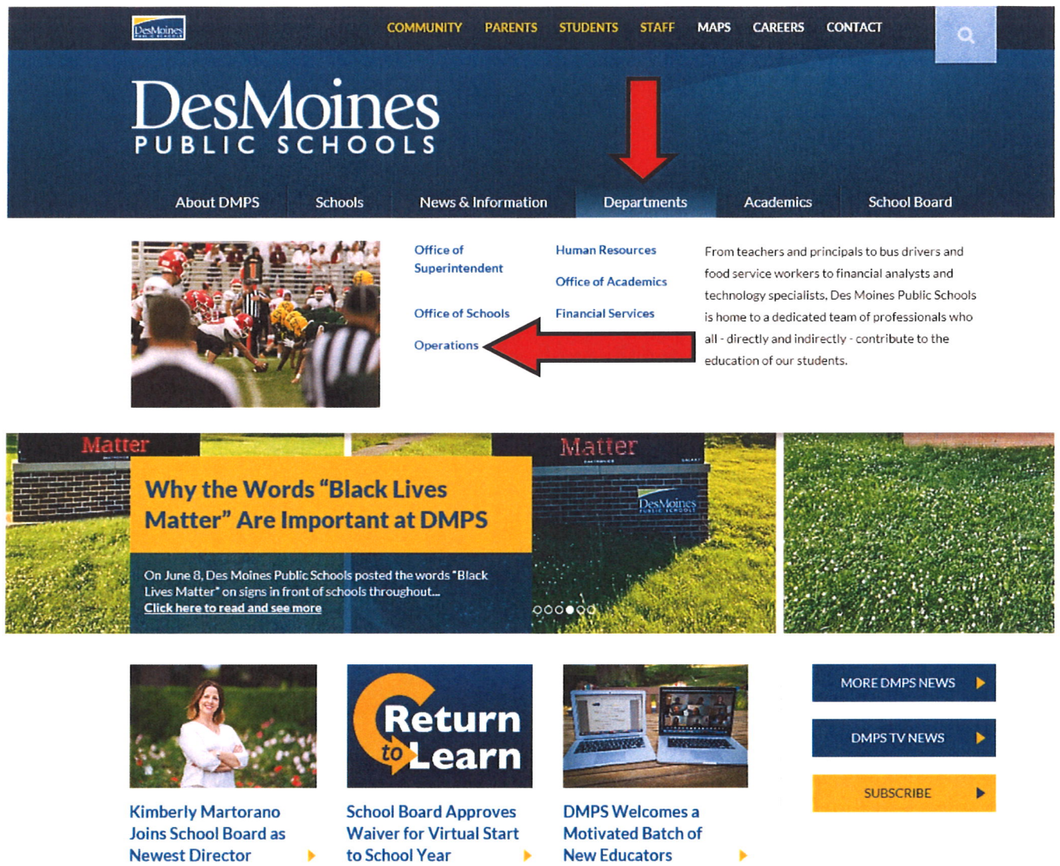

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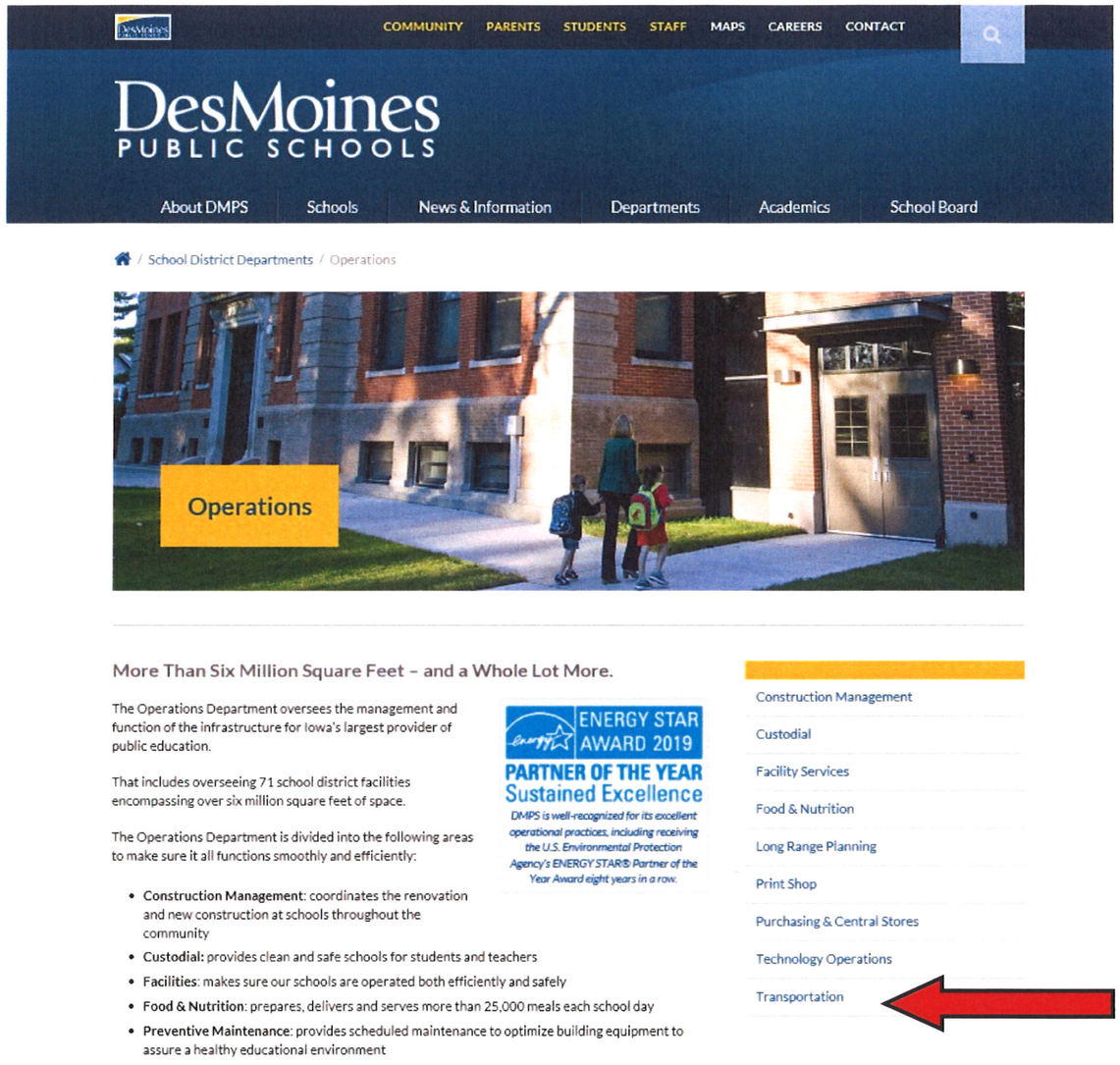

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Safely Delivering Thousands To and From School

The school district's Transportation Department employs 195 people who drive and maintain the school district's busses, safely delivering 11,000 students each day to and from their schools.

Des Moines Public Schools is home to one of the state's largest and busiest transportation programs. To put it all in perspective, here are some facts and figures:

- Number of DMPS buses: 136
- Daily number of bus routes: about 100
- Daily number of individual bus runs: 650
- Number of students transported daily: about 11,000
- Number of miles traveled annually: over 1.6 million
- Number of gallons of diesel fuel consumed annually: about 250,000
- Cost of a 2018 65-passenger bus: $92,000

Director of Transportation

LaShone Mosley

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Click on the arrow to begin the form

CONFERENCIA PARA PADRES DE FAMILIA

Les invitamos a participar en esta conferencia para Padres de Familia con temas de gran interés para la crianza y el desarrollo integral de nuestros niños y adolescentes: ~Manejo de emociones, bullying, autoestima, disciplina con amor, educación exitosa, depresión, ansiedad, adicciones, seguridad cibernética, liderazgo y formación espiritual.

"Nada me causa mayor alegría que el saber que mis hijos viven en la verdad"

~3 Juan 1:4

Sábado 28 de agosto
De las 8:30am a las 2:00pm
Centro Pastoral Católico
(601 Grand Avenue. Des Moines, Iowa)

NO NIÑOS

PRESENTADORES:

Maria Alonzo – Consejera de la agencia Polk County Crisis & Advocacy Services

Antonio Banuelos – Analista de Sistemas por más de 20 años

Marisol Guerra – 28 años de experiencia en educación Maestra de la Escuela Católica de St. Anthony.

Juan Padilla – Consejero de la agencia Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center

Alex Piedras – Director de alcance multicultural y comunitario en la Universidad de Grand View y consejero de la agencia YESS.

Dra. Dora Tobar- Directora de la oficina de matrimonio y familia y de la oficina del ministerio hispano de la diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana.
Autora de artículos y material de formación para jóvenes y padres de familia al misterio del amor en familia.

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