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Dear St. Damian Families,

I hope your summer was relaxing with time for great family memories. I would like to welcome all our new families to our St. Damian family, and to our returning families, we're glad you're here. Summer was busy at St. Damian! The front hallway of school is much brighter with new floor tile and a new ceiling too. Our before/after school care room was updated with new cabinets, refrigerator and TV. The church has a beautiful new floor and altar. Most exciting – the new student iPads have arrived!

Important dates coming up soon:

Packet Pickup	Friday, August 11	12 - 4 PM & 6 - 7 PM
*Backpack Blessing/Mass	Sunday, August 20	11 AM
*School Open House	Sunday, August 20	12 - 1:30 PM
First Day School	Monday, August 21	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM PreK - Gr 1 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Gr 2 - 8
Full Day All Students	Tuesday, August 22	8:15 AM - 3:15 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO BUS SERVICE AUGUST 21 – 25.

Bus service begins Monday August 28.

Packet Pickup is August 11 in Shaw Hall. If you are planning to be away please make arrangements for someone to pick up your packet. Please note that all financial obligations (book & technology fees) must be fulfilled before packets will be released. Dental and medical forms are also due at this time. Your packet contains important information, please read through it carefully and complete all necessary forms prior to the first day of school. It is vital that you complete the yellow emergency information card and Home Language From and return it the first day of school.

***Mass / School Open House** - We will start our school year off as a school family celebrating Mass on Sunday, August 20 at 11:00 AM. Students can bring their filled backpacks to Mass and we will have a special blessing for them. After Mass I invite you to come to school for an Open House and to meet your child's teacher. You can take advantage of dropping off supplies at this time. You will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer hours, family and school programs, and register for before/after school care. We look forward to seeing everyone Sunday, August 20.



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Drop off / Pickup - Please see the Student/Parent handbook and review the procedure for morning drop off and school dismissal in place for student safety. Your patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Tardy Policy – All students must be in their classrooms by the 8:15 AM bell or they will be marked as tardy. During inclement weather, please plan accordingly so your student arrives on time.

School Uniforms - School uniforms include navy blue pants/shorts for boys and girls. They must be dress pants, no cargo style are allowed, with a light blue polo shirt that must be tucked in for the boys. Girl's jumpers and uniform skirts can only be purchased from Schoolbelles at 773 Harlem Ave in Bridgeview or online at www.schoolbelles.com. They also have boy's school pants and uniform shirts available along with the gym uniform required for grades K-8. Gym shoes can only be worn on gym days; dress shoes are required for the other days.

Preschool age 3 & age 4 also have requirements on what they can wear. They can wear jogging pants and a St. Damian School T-shirt or Sweatshirt. These items can be ordered online (link on our school website) through August 20 from Marathon Sportswear in Blue Island.

Hoodies are not allowed to be worn in school for any grade level.

Our school website <http://stdamianschool.org/> includes our school calendar, school supply lists (please label items), uniform requirements, teacher websites and other useful information.

St. Damian Block Party & \$50,000 Raffle Please join in the celebration at the annual ST. DAMIAN BLOCK PARTY, Saturday, August 26th from 12:00-11:00 pm. This is a great time to reconnect with friends after the summer break, and includes activities for the kids, a DJ, Car Show, Face Painting, and the \$50,000 raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are still available! Split a ticket with a group, buy several tickets and increase your chances! See attached block party flyer.

Our Mission at St. Damian School is to ensure that individual students reach their potential through the development of their Catholic faith, character, citizenship and academics.

Once again welcome back!

God Bless,

Dr. Marian M. Stockhausen
Principal