

July 12, 2021

Dear Dufrocq Families,

The 2021-2022 school year is already approaching. I hope each of you are having a safe and memorable summer. Thank you to all that came to or viewed the community meeting. I appreciated and felt the warm welcome. For those I have not met yet, we will have plenty opportunities to meet and collaborate.

To begin the year, we will have a **Town Hall meeting on Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00p.m. in the school's auditorium.** The meeting will also be streamed virtually. The purpose of this meeting is for family and community members to share traditions you value and want to continue. Please bring questions or concerns you want addressed. Also, bring your ideas and suggestions for having a successful school year. Ultimately, I want us to have open dialogue as we get to know each other and grow as a school family. To help with keeping within time constraints, a google form will be shared for submitting questions or concerns in advance.

Next, we have our **Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** During this time period, parents and students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and turn in school supplies. The school supply lists are on the school's website or you can pick it up at the school. We will not be able to have parent/teacher conferences during Meet & Greet but you are welcome to schedule something with the teacher if needed.

**The first day of school for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5th is Wednesday, August 11th.** The earliest time that students can arrive on campus is 8:00am. **Morning and Afterschool care begins on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** The morning care arrival time begins at 7:00 am and the aftercare time ends at 5:00pm. Applications and more information will be sent home and posted on the website. **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will have staggered days to report to school.** The Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will contact you, but in the meantime, see attached page with the Pre-K and Kindergarten Staggered Days schedule. The **Carpool line** in the morning and afternoon will be received from the back of the school on S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. See the map for more information. Our priority during arrival and dismissal is safety first. Please do not use S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street for carpool drop offs nor park in the lot on S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street to have the student walk across the street. Also, for safety and security reasons, parents/guardians will not be able to walk students to class during arrival but there will be teachers or paraprofessionals on duty to escort all students to their class. Thank you for your understanding. **Bus route** information will be mailed to your homes during the last week of July by the transportation department.

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Please fill out the attached "How I Get Home" information sheet. Return it to the child's teacher on the first day of school or at Meet and Greet. Additional procedural expectations on these things and more will be posted on our website and sent home in the Student and Family Handbook.

Our Open House will be Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm. We will begin in the auditorium with a general assembly and then break out to classrooms. Teachers will share beginning of the year information, grade level academic and classroom expectations, and other resources.

When I accepted the offer to be your Principal I started thinking of all I already knew about The Dufrocq School. I wanted to find out more about the history and traditions of the school. Then, I envisioned all the opportunities for success I know we will create together. Reflecting on these things led me to create our 2021-2022 school-wide theme for the year as: **"Writing Our Story, One Student at a Time"**. This theme can represent a variety of things: Remembering and learning from the school leaders and community that came before us (the past story); Beginning a new chapter of The Dufrocq School's story; Realizing that we write the story individually and collectively (the present); Most importantly, remaining focused on the reason we are here---the students. Not just "all the students", EACH student (our future). Please be assured that the success of each child is my priority. It is a vast task but it is why I am here. I invite you to share this theme with your family, reflect on it and make the meaning your own throughout the school year.

I hope you are as excited about this new school year as I am and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Your Principal,



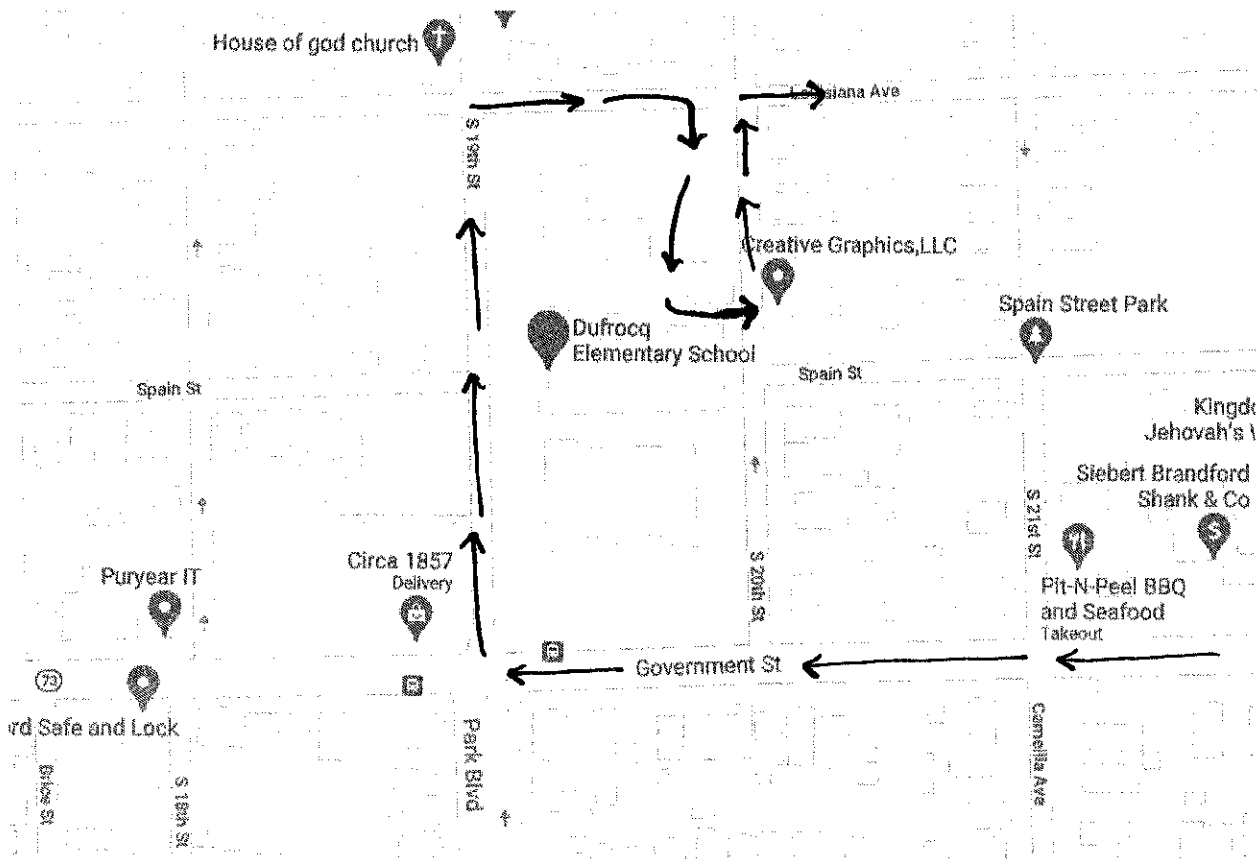
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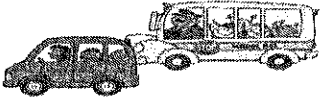
## The Dufrocq School Carpool Map



## Pre-K and Kindergarten Staggered Days 2021-2022

Parent meetings will be held on **Wednesday, August 11, 2021** and **Thursday, August 12, 2021**.  
The staggered schedule days will support pre-kindergarten students to enter the program with ease.

<b>Wednesday, August 11, 2021</b> <b>and</b> <b>Thursday, August 12, 2021</b> <i>Start times vary by school.</i>	All parents will attend a virtual and/or in-person parent meeting hosted the teacher.
<b>Friday, August 13, 2021</b> 8:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/3 of the students will report for 1-day orientation.</li> <li>• The teacher will notify parents for student attendance on this day.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, August 16, 2021</b> 8:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/3 of the students will report in-person for a 1-day orientation.</li> <li>• The teacher will notify parents for student attendance on this day.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, August 17, 2021</b> 8:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/3 of the students will report in-person for a 1-day orientation.</li> <li>• The teacher will notify parents for student attendance on this day.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, August 18, 2021</b> 8:00a.m - 3:30p.m	All pre-k students will report. <i>and kindergarten</i>



## HOW I GET HOME

Please fill out this form and return with the student on the first day of school.

### The Dufrocq School

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings That Are With the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell : \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact or Emergency Phone Numbers:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### How will the student get home? Please Check One Option:

\_\_\_\_ Bus Rider      Morning Bus # \_\_\_\_\_      Afternoon Bus # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Carpool

\_\_\_\_ Walker

\*\*\*\*\*RETURN THIS FORM WITH THE STUDENT. A COPY OF IT WILL REMAIN IN THEIR BOOKSACK\*\*\*\*\*