

## Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School

"Continuing the Drexel Dream since 1915"

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Happy New Year, Parents!

We pray that your family experienced a joy-filled Christmas Holiday season! We are grateful for the many blessings God continues to bestow upon the Drexel Prep Family. We ask that you keep eighth grade student, Chaylin LaBranch and her family in prayer. It is with great sadness that we inform you of the loss of her mother, Ms. Chandra Prevost. We hold fast to the assurance that the Holy Spirit will comfort her family.

*Good News!* We are excited to have accomplished one of our primary academic goals for the 2018-2019 school year, which is, to increase academic performance and test scores. Congratulations to our students and teachers!

Tutoring will resume on Tuesday, January 22nd. Students will not be allowed to report to practices, or leave the building, until 4:15pm. Teachers will volunteer to support students and teach test-taking strategies that will improve their test scores. High stakes tests will be administered in March and April.

The SKDP Class of 2019 is certainly looking forward to graduation. Each senior student has worked hard to improve her grade point average and ACT score. Many ACT scores have moved up by 2-4 points. School Counselor, Mrs. Tina Pazos, is working with the members of the senior class to complete the college acceptance process, and she has advised that the class is on pace to receive a record number of academic scholarship offers. Scholarship awards will be posted on the senior bulletin board, near the counselor's office.

In December, English Teacher, Mr. Dylan Hutzler, tenured his resignation. Our faculty, staff and students were introduced to his replacement, Mr. Jordan Dorsey, at the first assembly for the New Year.

Also, parade season is quickly approaching, and students have mandatory band practices and marching unit practices. Practice schedules will soon be distributed to each student. Parents must report to school on time to pick their daughter(s) up no later than 20 minutes after practice ends.

The Advance-Ed (SACS) accreditation team will visit our campus February 4-6, 2019. During the visit, the team will evaluate the school for its official accreditation. We have much to prepare for this visit, and we ask for your patience and consideration if a request in another area is delayed.

Volunteers are needed to help at the school throughout the duration of the Mardi Gras season. Please contact us if you are available and able to assist in January and February.

We pray that your 2019 is filled with Peace, Happiness and Joy!

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Jacob J. Owens, Jr.

Principal