



# DORCHESTER ACADEMY

A College Preparatory School

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**All Dorchester Academy students will maximize their personal potential to become productive, responsible citizens through our academic, athletic, spiritual, and leadership opportunities.**

**Our mission is to provide a safe, Christian environment for educating and training students to become their best selves equipped with the knowledge, skills, and habits for leading a successful life as contributing members of a global community.**

Mar. 10, 2019

Dear Raider Parents,

The week after we lose an hour shifting into Daylight Savings Time is always a challenge, but we are facing it head on *with enthusiasm!* We are happy to be moving closer to spring and the events this season brings.

Following are the issues I want to share, explain, and/or clarify this week:

1. **IMPORTANT CHANGES IN MEETING DATES:** 1) The March PTO meeting, which is when we nominate people to run for our school board, has been changed to Wednesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Please come out to this important meeting. Board member Sam Mullican is vacating his spot, and board members Melissa Burns and Jason Byron will be eligible to be nominated for re-election. We will be accepting other possible nominations for these three (3) board positions at this meeting as well. 2) The April school board meeting will be held early (on Tuesday, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00) due to spring break falling the following week when the regularly scheduled meeting would have been held. The March meeting will be held at the regular time on Monday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
2. **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS COMING HOME WITH YOUR YOUNGEST STUDENT TOMORROW!!!** Please be on the look-out for our 2019-20 tuition contracts, which will come home tomorrow with your youngest student currently enrolled with us. (If you have not completed the financial obligations of your 2018-19 contract, you will not be receiving a new contract at this time. (Please contact Mrs. Lynne' ASAP to rectify this situation so that you can get your contract.) In order to receive the "Early Bird" discount, our current families will need to return completed contracts no later than Monday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>. Since we have a waiting list for some classes, not returning and making a \$250 deposit on your contract by Wednesday, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> could result in your students losing a spot in a class that is already full by that time. For families who opt to pay monthly, the first regular payment for 2019-2020 is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. For families opting to make a one-time full payment, a two-time 60/40 payment, or a quarterly payment, the first regular payment will be due on Monday, Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> (since Jun. 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday). Our contracts this year will involve making a small non-refundable deposit as completed contracts are turned in. This is so that we can be sure that you truly plan to be a part of our family next year. This deposit will be subtracted from your first regular payment. For families who pay monthly, you

will just make the first regular payment. For families who make the first regular payment in June, the deposit will be deducted from this payment.

3. We had a great turn-out at the Booster Club's annual Big Bucks Steak Dinner held in Santee Saturday evening. It was a celebration of the many accomplishments of our athletic teams over our 50+ year history as well as a commitment to keeping the Raider program alive for years to come. The Booster Club presented a \$25,000 check to me to put toward our field house project! This is a huge help and a testament to the strength of our school and athletic program. A BIG thank you to Joe and Tammy Way, Curtis and Melissa Burns, Elizabeth and Travis Almers, Chip and Melissa Marchant, Dennis and Debbie Taylor, Chris and Dawn Mizzell, Trent and Kara Pendarvis, Beau and Tanya Kennedy, and all the other Booster Club/Raider supporters who came out to make this evening fun and successful. We also owe a big thank you to the many individuals and businesses that donated prizes for our event. There is much truth in the adage that "it takes a village to raise a child." This also applies to the schools that play such a large role in shaping the minds and habits of our children. We need our village to support us, and we are so fortunate that ours absolutely does!
4. **Congratulations** to junior Melayna Weathers for being elected Recording Secretary for the SCISA Student Government Association at the annual convention in Myrtle Beach earlier this past week. We know she will represent our school well.
5. Please do not bring your pets to Dorchester Academy events. We cannot assume liability for anything your pet may do nor anything that may happen to your pet. We love animals, but we cannot allow them to attend our school events.
6. We are in the process of determining the need for After Care on the prom holiday (Friday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>) and during spring break (Monday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>). Please be sure you get a copy of the survey from Mrs. Sara and that you let her know as soon as possible about your children's needs. We will make decisions based upon the responses we get from you. These surveys are due back no later than Friday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. Information for Summer Camp 2019 is going out. If you are interested, please be on the look out for information coming home. Dorchester Academy families will be given first option to participate, but this will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will offer any remaining spots to the public. Please contact Mrs. Bailey McAlhany ([bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org)) if you have questions.
8. Don't forget to "LIKE" our Dorchester Academy Facebook page so that you can stay abreast of all our latest news and happenings. Mrs. Julie and her helpers work hard to share with our Raider family and friends the many fun, educational, athletic, etc. events that we have going on at our school.
9. Please help us get our school day started off right by making sure that your students are here by 7:55. Our first class begins at 8:00. Tardy students hold us all up, whether they are seniors or kindergarten students.

In sports news, Athletic Director Chris Myers reports that our spring sports maintained their excellent early-season momentum this past week. Thursday night our varsity softball team hosted Branchville High School and came away with a 9-1 victory over the Yellow Jackets to improve to 3-0 (2-0) on the season. Our baseball teams hosted Patrick Henry on Thursday as well, with our JV team winning 7-5 and our varsity team winning in a thriller in walk off fashion when Wyatt Judy singled to drive in Chase Way for the winning run. The final score was 4-3. Friday night, our baseball teams traveled to Holly Hill for important region games. Our JV team won a marathon of a game, defeating the hosting Raiders 11-

6. The JV Raiders are now 3-0 on the season. The varsity team followed that up with a win of their own, knocking off Holly Hill 15-3 to improve to 4-0 (4-0) on the season. Our golf team played in their first match on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Santee Cooper Resort. They will play on Tuesday at Santee National and on Thursday at Hilton Head Lakes.

On Tuesday night, March 12<sup>th</sup>, our varsity softball, JV baseball and varsity baseball teams will travel to St. John's Christian with JV baseball starting at 4 with varsity to follow and softball beginning at 5:30 pm. On Thursday our JV softball, varsity softball, and varsity baseball will travel to Blackville to play Jefferson Davis. First pitch for softball will be at 5 pm with baseball beginning at 6 pm.

On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, our softball teams will be participating in tournaments in Sumter. Our varsity team will begin play at 8 am against St. John's at Palmetto Park while our JV will play King's Academy.

GOOD LUCK to all our Raider athletes!!

**Following are the details of athletic contests on our schedule for this week:**

**Tuesday, Mar. 12: JV baseball and varsity teams travel to St. John's (4:00 & 5:30)**

**Golf team at Santee National**

**Thursday, Mar. 14: JV softball and varsity teams travel to Jefferson Davis (5:00 & 6:00)**

**Golf team at Hilton Head Lakes**

**Saturday, Mar. 16: Varsity softball v. St. John's at Palmetto Park (8 am)**

**JV softball v. King's Academy at Palmetto Park (TBA)**

Following are other important dates you may want to make note of:

- Mar. 11: 2019-2020 tuition contracts sent home (due back by April 1<sup>st</sup>!)
- Mar. 13: Chapel Day
- Mar. 20: Third quarter report cards go home
- Mar. 27: Chapel Day
- Apr. 5: DA Prom (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- Apr. 10: Chapel Day
- Apr. 15 – 19: Spring Break (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- Ap. 24: Chapel Day
- May 3: Chapel Day
- May 10: Chapel Day
- May 17: K3 & K4 end-of-the year celebrations (8:15 a.m.)
- May 19: K5 graduation at 1:30 p.m. and Spring Athletic Awards Program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 22: Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m.)
- May 23: Graduation for the Class of 2019 (7:00 p.m.)
- May 27: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28: Summer Camp begins

I am looking forward to another great week. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to.

Sincerely,

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