

DeSana Middle School

Home of the Dragons

Welcome to a new school year at DeSana Middle School! With a projected enrollment this year of approximately 1070 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students filling our hallways and classrooms and working online, we are truly excited about *Year 5* at DeSana and the countless possibilities and opportunities that it holds! While we know this will be a most extraordinary and unprecedented year in education in so many ways, we look forward to working with the finest group of students around - - - our young Dragons . . . our fantastic, committed and involved parents . . . and an incredibly supportive business community! Whether you decide for your child to start this new school year with us face-to-face, or, perhaps, wait until the second semester in January to join us here, we look forward to seeing our young Dragons back at DeSana!

Our highly talented, caring, and extremely enthusiastic teachers and support staff are eager to engage our students in quality, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms and on-line, along with providing some fun, enriching and special times through many extracurricular activities, clubs, performing musical groups, and athletic teams and events as they are able to occur. Working together, we are quite confident that we will continue to provide a top-notch education for our young Dragons!

Throughout this year at DeSana, we will build upon the solid foundation we have established thus far . . . one that is built on the cornerstone of ***excellence in education***. Our mission each day? Simply put:

Collaborate . . . Create . . . Innovate . . . Persevere . . . Inspire!

So to that end, our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities --- both inside and outside of the classroom and on-line --- for high caliber learning, continual growth, leadership skills development, community service, and achievement at a high level of excellence! We pledge that this will be our focus daily, and we invite and encourage our parents to work in partnership with us to optimize the opportunities in all five facets of our DeSana program - - - Academics (first & foremost always!), The Arts, Athletics, Activities, and Altruistic Endeavors.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! And we extend a special, yearlong invitation to our parents to join us at any and all school activities and events, virtually, or in person whenever it is feasible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! For it is key to the success of your young Dragon during his/her middle school years.

Please also know that we value highly home/school communication at DeSana. It is vital and always plays an integral role in each student's success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if/when the need arises. We will do likewise. We want and encourage our parents to stay *in the know* about their child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

To help begin this 2020 - 2021 school year in very fine fashion, we encourage you to take a look at the important information right here on our DeSana website, entitled, "**Important Beginning of the 2020-2021 School Year Information for Parents & Students**". This information is for your reading pleasure and will explain more about the different facets of our program here at DeSana. It is important information. It will also be important for you to read the documents included in the *Parent/Student Information Packet* that you received at either our 6th Grade *Dragon Camp* or our Walk-Up *Open House*. There will also be some other very important documents sent to you electronically at the start of school that will require your electronic signature. Please be on the lookout for these; sign them; and submit them as the directions say. It will be important that we get these signed documents back in a timely manner.

Again, we welcome you to DeSana Middle School as we continue to grow and broaden the opportunities for our young Dragons! We look forward to working together with every member of our *DeSana Family* in building upon what we have established these past four years . . . creating a most wonderful school where our young Dragons' imaginations, ingenuity and passion for learning continue to grow every single day! For . . .

We are . . .

**Diverse thinkers who
Engage across cultures and
Seek new learning opportunities that
Apply to real-world experiences. We are
Not afraid to fail
And try again.**

We are DeSana!