

Guidelines for Mother Drexel Study Hall

The purpose of Mother Drexel Study Hall is to provide a safe and Catholic environment to assist parents in the instruction of their children during this year of alternative schooling.

Any family that wishes to participate must contact the Parish Office and fill out a registration form. After that, we will reach out to you and go over the requirements and guidelines for participation.

Mother Drexel Study Hall will be offered on Thursdays from 8am to 3pm in the Social Hall at SKD for children grades 2nd through 12th. We will cap the daily attendance at 30 children. It is expected that the children will be on their best behavior and be able to work largely independently, perhaps with the help of older siblings. There will be trained staff as well as trained volunteers who have been fingerprinted, to supervise and assist as needed. The expectation is that children will be able to stay focused and need minimal ongoing help.

Below is the current proposed schedule:

8:00am Dropoff and Sign-in

8:15am Prayer

8:30am -12:15pm (We will provide break times when their classes are not in session)

12:15pm-12:40pm Lunch (bagged lunch brought from home or child can be picked up)

12:40pm-1:25pm Activity ABC*

1:25pm-2:10pm Activity ABC*

2:10pm-2:55pm Activity ABC*

2:55pm-3:00pm Cleanup and Pickup

(Children will rotate through three different activities in their cohorts, including a physical activity like basketball or aerobic work outside, a faith formation element, and a time for school work or arts/crafts type activity.)

If, during the day, a child becomes ill, we will contact the parents so they can arrange to be picked up.

If the child finishes their work before the day is done, we will have other activities for them to do to keep them engaged and occupied. This may include arts and crafts, faith related worksheets or a Catholic film.

Each child will be part of a cohort of 8-12 children with whom they will have their break times and activities. If one of them does test positive for coronavirus, we will have that cohort remain at home for two weeks. This way we can continue to offer the Study Hall in the unfortunate event that one child becomes ill.

Safety Precautions

1. All adult volunteers and staff will wear masks at all times.
2. Children are strongly encouraged to wear masks while they are in the parish center. They will however be required in any common areas like the bathrooms. Since the children are separated by cohort, they will not be required to do so while at their work station/table or outside during recess/break.
3. All of the tables and bathrooms as well as the playground will be sanitized at the end of each day.
4. Children will be spaced by cohort at each of the tables in the social hall.
5. Not more than two children (of different households) will be assigned to a table.