

Ensuring a Successful Transition to Oscar Stanton De Priest School

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Oscar Stanton De Priest

- At Oscar Stanton DePriest School our focus is to provide strong instructional programs, a student-centered environment, and high-quality teaching.
- We offer special education programs for qualified students serving students with varying disabilities including autism and visual impairments.
- Our school has labs for computers, science, music, art, offering Internet access in every classroom, and a library.
- Located in the south Austin community
- Enrollment of 590
- Grade Levels- Pk-8
- Black 96.3%, Hispanic 3%, White 0.5%, Asian 0.2%
- Low Income-98%; Mobility- 27.6%; STLS-15%
- Students with Disabilities-19.8% (including cluster programs: autism and visual impairment)

What we've done so far to ensure success on Day 1...

DePriest/Emmet Transition Team Planning

- De Priest/Emmet teachers, ESP and a LSC community member from De Priest worked collaboratively on the Academic, Cultural Integration and Social Emotional transition plans.
- The plans were shared with the Local School Council.

Kindergarten Plant Day

- Emmet Kindergarten students came to De Priest to plant welcoming flowers in front of the building.
- Afterwards the De Priest and Emmet Kindergarten students had a special lunch and recess together

De Priest and Emmet 5th, 6th, 7th grade field trip

- DePriest/Emmet students went on a joint field trip to Laser Tag
- Students had to work on teams together and had a pizza lunch.

Meet and Greet

- Emmet families were invited to a Meet and Greet at De Priest.
- Principal did a state of the school address, families were given tours of the school by teachers and students (informational handouts, book takeaways and light refreshments served)

De Priest Middle School Town Hall Meeting

- De Priest middle students met with teachers to generate ideas for welcoming incoming students from Emmet.
- De Priest middle school students served as greeters and tour guides at the Meet and Greet as a result of the meeting.

How we're working together to ensure success on Day 1...

Summer Enrichment Camp

- De Priest/Emmet 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th grade students will attend a virtual science, math camp at De Priest

Joint Field Trip

- De Priest/Emmet 6th and 8th grade students will take a summer field trip to Shedd, 3rd and 5th grade students will visit SciTech Museum

Literacy Night

- De Priest/ Emmet families will come to De Priest for a family literacy night

School Picnic

- De Priest/Emmet families will come to Columbus Park for the Welcome to School picnic.

Learning Garden

- De Priest will have a community build day to create the Learning Garden at De Priest