

# St. David Unified School District

*Where Students Are Our Primary Focus*



To the Parents and Guardians of St. David Schools' Students,

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The St. David staff is energized and committed to helping your children acquire lifelong skills. High academic expectations require a combined partnership between the home and school. We recognize that we share the responsibility for your children's success and that together we have the greatest potential for making a positive impact. *Timely and daily* attendance is a vital component of children's academic success beginning in preschool and continuing throughout high school.

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

We understand and acknowledge that there are absences due to illness and other circumstances that are unavoidable. We want to emphasize the importance of teaching your children the importance of responsibility of being on time as part of striving for excellence. Regardless of the reasons, missing too much school causes students to fall behind academically. Instruction time is a precious resource. Please help your children take advantage of and commit to being to school daily and on time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott Little", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

St David Schools

Administration