

Bell Schedule

Early Release Schedule

8:00 - 8:35 1st period
8:40 - 9:15 2nd period
9:20 - 9:55 3rd period
10:00-10:35 4th period
10:40-11:15 5th period
11:20-11:55 6th period
12:00-1:00 Lunch

Daily Bell Schedule

Staff arrives	7:30
Students arrive	7:30 - 7:55
1st period	8:00 - 9:00
2nd period	9:04 -10:04
3rd period	10:08 -11:08
4th period	11:12 -12:12
Lunch/Recess	12:16 -12:50
5th period	12:54 -1:54
6th period	1:58 -2:58
Announcement	2:58 -3:00
Teacher Dismissal	3:30

Tips for Parents

Don't Be Too Hard on Yourself

Your school day won't be perfect, and that's Okay. Just try to remember that we are all trying something new and there will be bumps along the way. There is no map for this journey.

Have Fun

Homeschooling is not all work. Find outside-the-box ways to help your kids learn.

- You can make a lesson out of grocery shopping. Teach the young ones to find colors, shapes, and sizes or ask your older students to calculate multiplication and percentages.
- A walk outdoors can become a lesson in botany or biology. Those experiences can become field trips that will be a blast.
- Kids can do art projects with items you have around the house.

Breaks and Downtime

Regular school has breaks and moments of downtime. Kids should also have outside recess while learning at home. When a child is struggling, a quick fifteen minute break can do wonders for both of you.

Make a Schedule

Students are used to a schedule at school, so a schedule at home can help. A daily schedule should include:

- Learning time
- Chores
- Meals
- Breaks and activities

Make sure your schedule isn't too ambitious. Your kids are used to being at school nearly eight hours a day, But remember they aren't doing schoolwork the full eight hours.

Resources

- Scholastic Magazine's free digital hub
- Free Internet lessons for families with students
- Free readings by children's book authors

SIC 2019-2020 REPORT TO THE PARENTS

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About Denmark-Olar Middle School

Denmark-Olar Middle School (DOMS) is part of Bamberg County School District Two and is located in Bamberg County, South Carolina. The district serves the communities of Denmark, Olar, and Govan, as well as the surrounding rural areas.



Denmark-Olar Middle School, the district's only middle school, serves students in grades 6-8. Enrollment is approximately 150. The small size and low student/teacher ratio allows us to help each student set individual goals and work to achieve his or her potential.



Academic Program

The faculty and staff of Denmark-Olar Middle School care deeply about their students and have established high standards for academic progress. In spring, 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic challenged educators across the globe.

Response Timeline

- March 2020: DOMS moved to a virtual learning platform and provided home learning packets.
- October 2020: The district adopted a hybrid schedule.
- Spring 2020: The South Carolina Department of Education temporarily suspended mandatory end-of-year testing.

Throughout these changes, DOMS faculty maintained high expectations for student learning. In order to meet their goals, faculty addressed the challenges imposed by the virus. They quickly learned and implemented new skills and strategies to ensure that students did not fall behind.

Strategies included:

- Teacher-made home learning packets
- Google Classroom remote learning
- Professional Development in other components of the Google platform, including Meet, Slides, Docs, and Forms

While these new strategies resulted in stress for students, teachers, and parents, we persevered. As a result of this perseverance, the learning community is now equipped with 21st century skills that will most certainly pay off in the years ahead.



Staying on Track

Interim Report Cards

DOMS provides timely information about grades, work completion, and behavior, giving parents the opportunity to reinforce positives and counteract negatives.

Standardized Tests

DOMS administers the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) and benchmark tests throughout the school year. The tests identify concepts that students have mastered and areas to be revisited. We analyze individual scores and trends to determine enrichment activities.

Monthly Newsletter

The DOMS newsletter alerts families to upcoming events and reports on past activities.

Academic Nights

Academic nights help parents get to know teachers, experience classes, and learn something new!

Parent Portal

Parents can check students' progress easily and often by logging into the parent portal.

Phone Calls

Parents, teachers, and administrators communicate with individual phone calls. In addition, DOMS uses "ro-bo-calls" to circulate accurate information to large groups quickly.

After School Program

Any student can sign up for our after school program. The program includes tutoring in all subject areas, fitness activities and a homework center.