

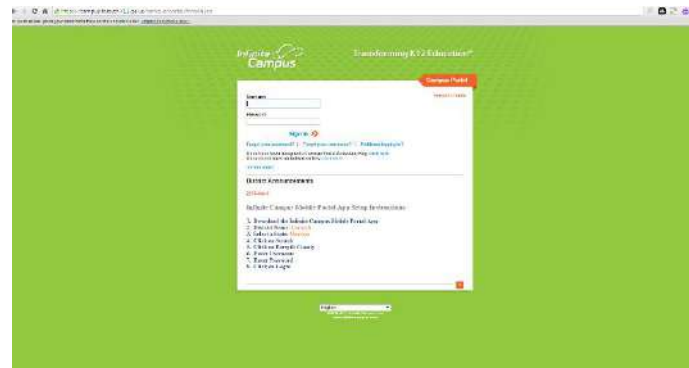


Staying in the Know at DeSana!

How We Communicate with Parents

Parent Portal

- ▶ What is Parent Portal?
- ▶ Why do I need access to Parent Portal?
- ▶ How do I get access to my username and password?
- ▶ Every parent will need to have a Parent Portal account this school year.



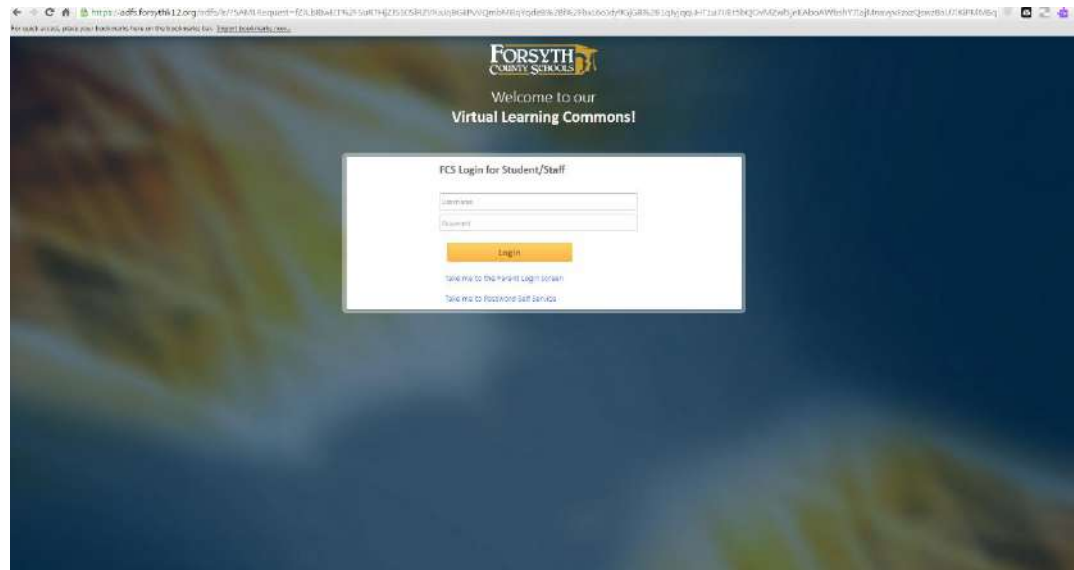
✓ Checkmate

- ▶ DeSana's new and improved way to check out your child.
 - ▶ DeSana does not use checkout cards
- ▶ Every parent will need a Parent Portal account in order to identify who is authorized to check your child out of school (household and non-household) - **Updates can take 24-48 hours to show up in the system.**
- ▶ The person who is checking your child out must have two items:
 - ▶ Identification
 - ▶ Student ID Number

The screenshot displays the DeSana Parent Portal interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with the following items: Aiden, Calendar, Responsive Schedule, Health, Assessment, Transportation, Fees, To Do List, Demographics, Family, Messages, Discussions, Household Information, Family Members, Calendar, To Do List, User Account, Account Settings, Contact Preferences, and Notification Settings. The main content area is titled 'Demographics' and includes a warning: 'When adding a new contact, add at least one phone number for the contact. Please do not add yourself as guardian of your spouse.' Below this is a section for 'Aiden Shawn Garcia' with 'Personal Information' fields for Legal Name, Gender, and Date of Birth. The 'Non-Household Contacts' section lists two contacts: Darron Clayton Glenn and Kimberley Almira Clare Glenn, each with fields for Work Phone, Cell Phone, Other Phone, Email, Relationship with Aiden, Guardian status, Contact Order, and Secondary Email. Each contact entry has 'Update' and 'Remove' buttons.

itslearning

- ▶ This platform allows your child and you to have access to class notes, homework assignments, class projects, etc.
- ▶ <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cbiT22lwvk> - itsLearning instructional video for parents



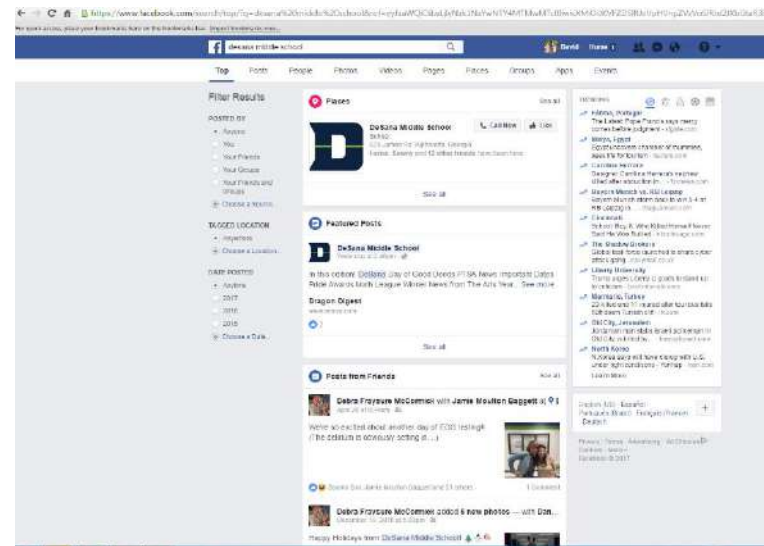
DeSana's Webpage

- ▶ DeSana's webpage provides you with important information about what is happening at DeSana throughout the year & information about our school. It is kept up-to-date:
 - ▶ Student Calendar
 - ▶ School Calendar
 - ▶ Email Addresses
 - ▶ Student Absent-Email
 - ▶ And More!!



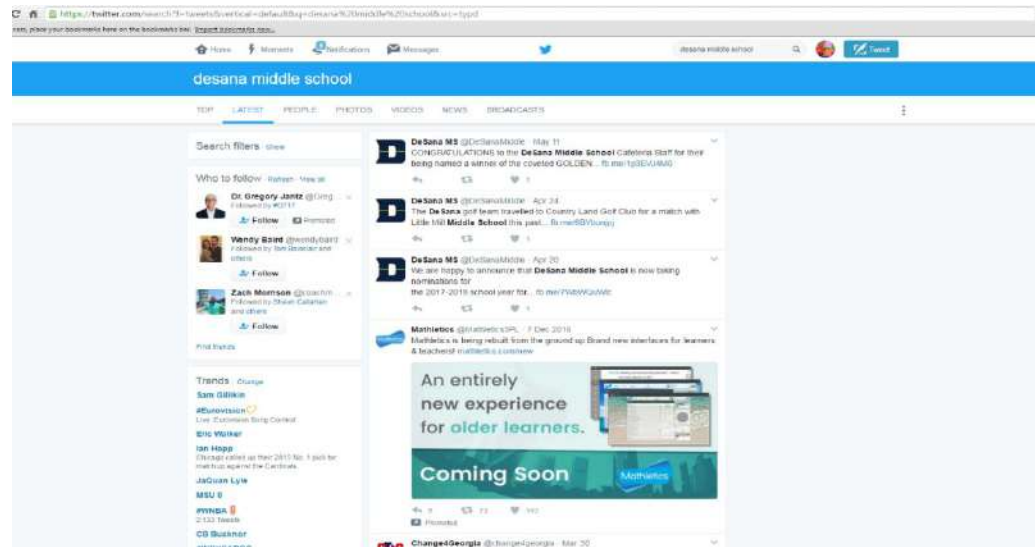
Facebook

- ▶ You will be able to find the most recent news and updates that are happening at DeSana.
- ▶ Like the DeSana Middle School Group



Twitter

- ▶ Twitter is another resource that DeSana uses in order to provide information to all stakeholders.
- ▶ It is especially good to use when buses are running late in the afternoons as we tweet out when each bus leaves the building (extremely helpful at the start of the school year).
- ▶ @DeSanaMiddle



Dragon Digest

- ▶ The Dragon Digest is published every other week; two times a month.
- ▶ It is sent out to all parents who have an email address in Infinite Campus via a link, and is also posted on our DeSana webpage. Paper copies are also available in our front office.
- ▶ It gives parents access to what is happening at DeSana Middle School for all grade levels and activities.
- ▶ <https://www.smores.com/vkmwa>



E-News

- ▶ Published once a month at the first of the month
- ▶ Each grade level will have an E-news. Each subject area will have a brief description of what students will be learning each week throughout the month.
- ▶ Sent through email blast to all grade level parents who have their email address in Infinite Campus.

6th Grade Earth Science

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We are finishing up our Weather unit. are starting our Hydrology Unit. This unit will cover freshwater and the availability of freshwater on our planet.

- Week of March 6 – Explore severe weather and review for test on March 9th
- Week of March 13 – Begin the Relationship between the earth, moon and sun. Students will explore how the relationship between the earth, moon and sun create our seasons, phases of the moon and eclipses. We will conduct many fun hands on labs in order for students to understand this relationship
- Week of March 20 – This week will be dedicated to understanding the phases of the moon.
- Week of March 27 – Finish up reviewing concepts and study for test on March 31st

Other Ways DeSana Communicates

- ▶ Email
- ▶ Phone calls
- ▶ Remind 101 (some teachers)
- ▶ Conference days (October 17/18 and March 8)
- ▶ eFlyers
- ▶ DeSana's Student/Parent Handbook
- ▶ Instagram

Questions?

