## What Time is the 3:00 Parade? Customer Service in Our Schools

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# Customer Service Pop Quiz



## Whose Customer Service Promise?

#### To keep our promise, we must:

- Do whatever it takes to satisfy our customers.
- Always treat customers in a professional, competent, polite and caring manner.
- Handle every customer transaction with the precision required to achieve the highest quality service.
- Process all customer information with 100 percent accuracy.





## Whose Customer Service Promise?

#### **Our Employee Handbook**

We're glad to have you with our Company. Our number one goal is to provide outstanding customer service. Set both your personal and professional goals high. We have great confidence in your ability to achieve them.

Rule #1: Use best judgment in all situations. There will be no additional rules.

Please feel free to ask your department manager, store manager, or division general manager any question at any time. NORDSTROM



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### Whose Customer Service Promise?

#### **Our Family Core Values:**

- 1. Deliver WOW Through Service
- 2. Embrace and Drive Change
- 3. Create Fun and A Little Weirdness
- 4. Be Adventurous, Creative, and Open-Minded
- 5. Pursue Growth and Learning
- 6. Build Open and Honest Relationships With Communication
- 7. Build a Positive Team and Family Spirit
- 8. Do More With Less
- 9. Be Passionate and Determined



10. Be Humble

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### Customer Service is the way you...

- Greet a student in the morning
- Respond to a parent's email
- Send a note home with a child who had a great day

## Customer Service is a Commitment to Enrollment Management

- But it requires "buy in" from all the grownups!
- Professionalism expected at every level
- Everyone is part of the "sales force"...

## Communication is the FOUNDATION of Customer Service

- •Happy Families will naturally want to share their "good news"
- •What do their children say when they come home from school each day?
- Tuition Bill Test

How do families first encounter your school?

What impression are you creating?

- Social media
- Website
- Print materials (including ads, postcards, etc.)
- Phone experience
- Email response



## Now that they're coming to visit...

- The lead up to the visit
- What do you send in advance?
- Do people know where to park?
- Do people know where to enter the building?
- How are you making them feel welcome/special before they even encounter a person?
- Be honest: how's your curb appeal?

## What do people see?





## Ring the bell and look at the camera

- They arrive at the front door...
- "Ring the bell and look at the camera..."
- What is your internal signage like?
- When they enter the main office, how are they greeted ("Manager of First Impressions")?
- Do you focus on hospitality?
- What's on the coffee table?
- If they're early, what do they do?



## What do people *feel*?







## Customer Service: Working with New Families

- New family FAQ that highlights "can't miss" events, explains traditions, and answers any other common questions- Mentor Families
- Special "Coffee with the Principal" for new families
- Special invitations to join committees, groups, etc.- personally inviting parents can make all the difference
- Host Focus Group or send survey to ask new families why they chose the school? How they heard about the school? What are their initial impressions? etc
- Check in calls to new families from principal in September to see how the first month is going



## Who does all this stuff????

- First, remember schools are built on relationships
  - Welcoming
  - Authentic
  - Be realistic
- Does everyone have the customer service lens?
  - Faculty
  - Staff
  - Board
  - Pastor





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"the front line is the bottom line."



# Now back to that 3:00 parade....





- •3:00 parade at Disney is one of the most attended attractions events for Disney
- High level of pressure for the success of the parade
- Emotional connection or re-connection
- Design and Prep Key
  - everything needs to be perfect!
- Everyone on message and working together





- •So now imagine that someone asks what time is the 3:00 parade?
- This question is an opportunity to build a relationship.
- •What is you 3:00 parade moment?





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What is your school's version of Disney Magic?





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#### Litmus Test...

Is the decision I am about to make or the action I am about to take going to:

- Build the Brand?
- Eliminate an obstacle?
- Deepen a relationship build trust?
- Enhance the experience for a parent or student?
- Advance the mission?



#### Homework

What is your Customer Service Promise? Have you discussed it as a team? Put it into writing?





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