

DMCS Newsletter March 1, 2018

Dear Parents-

Today March begins! Remembering the old saying “In like a lamb, out like a lion” makes me wary of the weather we might be experiencing in a few short weeks. March has certainly entered like a lamb!

The Catholic United Financial raffle sales have concluded. I am sorry to announce that we did not meet our goal of \$25,000.00. Our total raised was \$20,660. Thank you to all who participated and helped sell tickets. We appreciate it! Over the next month, we will be looking at making the money stretch to purchase devices in our next phase of our technology plan. Our goal is to be one to one, and we will keep working towards that.

We are now in the third week of Lent. The students did a great job praying the Stations of the Cross on Monday morning at IC Church. We will do this again next Monday, March 5th at 8:15 AM. Our 4th grade students will host. Please join us if you can!

This week I am attending the Catholic Schools’ Center of Excellence Annual Leadership Conference. It is a great opportunity for me to stay connected with the schools in the Archdiocese and stay updated on all the new initiatives. Although I hate being out of the building, these meetings help me continue to reach for excellence. Our school has made great progress in the last six years. I want to see that continue. Thank you for your patience and support!

Registration for next year is going well. Please reach out to anyone you know who is considering sending their child to Divine Mercy. We would love to hear from them and word of mouth is the best advertisement. Thank you to all families who have re-enrolled for next year. Your attention to this detail helps us plan effectively for the future.

Our preparation for our Minnesota Non-public School Accreditation Association (MNSAA) onsite visit next fall is well underway. Teachers have been working hard to examine seven standards in our self-study. We will be delving into this in a very deep way over the next few months. This process allows us to celebrate our strengths and identify our challenges. These challenges will then be worked into a strategic plan for growth. Next fall, a team of six to seven educators will visit our school, observe in every class, interview staff and many stakeholders, and critically examine our self-study and strategic plan. If all goes well, we will receive our re-accreditation certificate from MNSAA. This is an exhaustive process, but it is focused on continuous improvement and we look forward to the potential for growth.

Remember that this coming Wednesday, March 7th is an Early Dismissal. Students in grades K-5 will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. Thank you for communicating your pick-up plan with your child!

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

“Whoever welcomes these children, welcomes me. Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me.” Mark 9:37



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Yearbook Online Order Information

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DMCS Code: 86371

Price: \$11.00

Deadline: Friday, March 30th

March Playground Supervision The time would be 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM. If you are able to give of your time please contact Rosie Van Thomme at (507) 334-7706 or sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D49ABA92DA3FF2-march1

