



DMCS Newsletter September 20, 2018

Dear Parents-

“Gray skies are gonna clear up! Put on a happy face!” - This has been my mantra this week. I am so very thankful for the cooler weather, but the rain has been a bit much. If this type of weather has the same effect on you, I have a few things to help cheer you.

Spirit Fest is this weekend. This Divine Mercy Parish Festival will be held at Divine Mercy Catholic Church on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd. (the dance on Friday night is offsite at the American Legion). There are activities scheduled each day with something for everyone! See the flyer for more information on the various events. I hope to see many of you there. Stop by the school booth to pick up a few gently used books. We are giving them away to new homes!

The week of September 24-28 is BA Homecoming. Our students will be participating in a few activities that week as well. On Wednesday, we have a K-12 Mass. Then our students will be pairing up with BA Buddies for fun activities after Mass. This is always a treat and the students really look forward to it. On Friday, our 4th and 5th grade students will attend the pep-fest and King coronation. Then all students will participate in the Homecoming parade. The parade begins at 1:30 PM on Friday, September 28th.

BIG NEWS! **Matt Birk** (a past Minnesota Viking) is visiting our school next week on September 25th. I am thrilled to have him speak to our students at 10:30 AM that day. All parents are invited to join us. Matt will be speaking about his new program 4 His Glory- a program dedicated to putting youth sports back in their rightful place. If you want to learn more about this, check out this article in The Catholic Spirit at: [Matt Birk Story](#) This video on Vimeo is also very good: <https://vimeo.com/257586002> You will be getting more information about this program after his visit occurs. We are very excited to be part of this initiative.

Have you seen the **Spooktacular** information? This 5K walk/run is a great event for everyone. We will be sponsoring kid's runs and a mile run as well. Participants are encouraged to dress up for the event. All information came home on Monday this week. Please look for it. Thank you for your support of Divine Mercy Catholic School.

We are also looking forward to TRUNK or TREAT! This event will be held in the BA and DMCS parking lots on October 31st from 4-6 PM. Come trick or treat with us!

We will soon be hosting our MNSAA site visit. A group of seven educators will be on site November 7-9th to evaluate our self-study and strategic plan. They will be watching and interviewing teachers, staff, and parents to see how informed and involved everyone was. Know that your input is important. Our yearly surveys help us keep up with the challenges we face and the successes we celebrate. Your opinion matters!

Thank you to all of you who are working so hard to make our drop off and pick up procedures flow so smoothly. One additional thing I need help with...A few residents on 2nd Ave SW have complained that their driveways are being blocked after school from 2:30 -3:10. Please try to leave space so that people can get out of their driveways. Pick up occurs between 3:00 PM and 3:10 PM most days. Try to time your arrival so that you do not have to wait in line so long. Thank you for any help you can give us with this.

NWEA testing begins next week for our 3rd and 2nd grade students. It continues the week of October 1st through the 5th for Kindergarten and 1st grade students.

Have a blessed weekend with your families. Enjoy some of our beautiful Minnesota Fall!
God Bless!

Gina Ashley

“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5

OCTOBER 5th/Please Note - The Faribault School District has made the decision to dismiss their students 1:20 PM on Friday, October 5th, for the Faribault High School homecoming parade. This means busing will NOT be available for our students at 3:00 PM that day. If your child will need to go to aftercare that day, please contact Ginger Van Hecke at gvanhecke@dmcs.cc or (507) 334-7706 Ext: 2239.

Spirit Fest is this weekend at Divine Mercy Catholic Church! We hope you can join us for this fun day of festivities. The committee is asking for your help. We are in need of 16oz. Bottles of pop for the all time favorite Ring-A-Pop game. All donations can be dropped off at DMCS or DMCC.

We are still in need of volunteers to help make this a success. You may sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea5a92ca7f85-spirit>

Divine Mercy Catholic Church Presents:

SPIRIT FEST 2018

SEPTEMBER 21ST-23RD

Friday, September 21st

Live Music American Legion
8pm-Midnight
featuring StreetTalk
\$10 cover at the door



Sunday, September 23rd

Family Fun Starting at 11am
Inflatables, Kids Games, Balloon Artist, Cake Walk, Tractor Pedal Pull, Face Painting, Mini Golf

Food & Beverages Open at 11, prices vary
Open Pit Dinner & Food Stands
Beer Garden

Mass Times
8am
10am-Mass with Polka Music
12pm-Mass with Mariachi Music
5pm

Live Music
12-4pm The SqueezeBox with Mollie B, Ted Lange, and Jim Busta
1-3pm Mariachi Jalisco

Raffles
Gadget & Goodies Raffle
Traeger Pellet Grill, \$500 Travel Voucher, \$500 Wine & Grocery Basket
\$5 Raffle, \$100 Raffle, Basket Raffle



Spirit FEST
A FAMILY FESTIVAL



Saturday, September 22nd

Soccer Tournament 9am-3pm
Food & Drinks Available

Mass 4pm

Thank you to our Sponsors!



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WWW.DIVINEMERCY.CC/SPIRITFEST
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Please remember to return you Thursday Folder!

Today is the last time we will be sending home hard copies of the newsletter. We will be emailing the newsletter to all of our families. If you do not receive the email with the newsletter please contact Peggy Johnson at pjohnson@dmcs.cc with your email address so that your we may update our database. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Peggy at (507) 334-7706 Ext: 2233 and let us know that you would like to continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter.

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DMCS Students in grades 2-5 will have the opportunity to be part of PFCT's "Tom Sawyer" production. Auditions will take place Monday, October 22nd in the DMCS cafeteria. For more information see the flier which was sent home with 2nd -5th graders today.

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Sept. 21	Gr. 2 to River Bend Nature Center
Sept. 21-23	Spirit Fest at Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Sept. 24	Homework Club begins
Sept. 25	Matt Birk Visits DMCS (students may wear their <u>Vikings attire or purple</u> that day!)
Sept. 26	8:30 Mass K-12
Sept. 28	Reward Dress Down Day BA Homecoming!
Oct. 3	8:30 Mass - Gr. 2 Host
Oct. 5	Gr. 3 to Stages Theater
Oct. 9	Faithful Beginnings to River Bend Nature Center

Please remember DMCS in your will.