

DMCS Newsletter October 25, 2018

Dear Parents-

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre is here and the students are very excited. We have 52 students in grades 2 through 5 participating in this great event. They are extremely excited. I hope you are planning to come see the show on either Friday or Saturday night at 6:30 PM. The cost of your ticket helps defray the cost of hosting this fabulous group (\$6 for Gr. 6 –Adult and \$4 for Prek-Gr. 5). Thank you for supporting the arts at Divine Mercy Catholic School!

Halloween is one week away. Are you ready? The students are certainly excited. We are already preparing for our school Halloween party and our Trunk-or Treat event. Sign up to help at our school-wide party and plan to join us for trick-or-treating from 4-6 PM in the BA and DMCS parking lots on Halloween night. The treats and hotdogs are free - just bring your smile! If you would like to sponsor a trunk for the event, please register your vehicle. Go to our website, www.dmcs.cc, and click the link . Thank you!

The end of first quarter follows quickly on the heels of Halloween. Friday, November 2nd is the official end date marking ¼ of the year gone. Student report cards will be sent home in the Thursday folders on November 8th. It is a great time to evaluate how things are going and talk with your child. Please look these over with your child and discuss goals for moving forward. Growth doesn't happen quickly, or by accident, talk about how to make this happen. What areas are going well? What might need more work? Honest discussion about the report, academics **and** behavior, is critical to continued student success.

After Halloween we will host our onsite team from the Minnesota Non-Public School Accreditation Association (MNSAA). A group of seven educators and administrators will spend the 7th-9th of November at DMCS. They will observe our teaching, interview faculty, staff, and parents, and look at every detail of our operation. Please welcome them if you see them! Some of you might receive phone calls or be stopped for impromptu conversation while you drop off or pick up your child. The MNSAA onsite team will verify our self-study and write a report to MNSAA. Then the MNSAA board will vote on our reaccreditation. We look forward to completing this process which will renew our accreditation status for a term of seven years. Thank you in advance for your friendliness to the team. This means everything to us!

After MNSAA, we gear up for conferences. Have you signed up for a meeting with your child's teacher using the sign-up genius links that have been sent out? Conferences are an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Education progresses much better when the teacher and parents communicate and cooperate. It is a TEAM effort! Let your child's teacher know if you have any questions. Conferences are on Tuesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 15th from 4-8 PM. If you wish to see any of our specialists, please do not hesitate to schedule a time with them as well. We look forward to seeing you then!

God Bless!

Gina Ashley



Students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to be the Choir for the DMCC 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday, October 28! They should wear a **RED** dress code top and meet in the Bishop Dudley Room at 9:30 am.



The Language Learning Center of Faribault, Ltd. awarded two DMCS teachers scholarships to receive training in Project Read® from Language Circle Enterprises. Pictured left to right: Gina Ashley, Principal, Michelle Wegrzyn Gr. 2, Angie Gareis K, and Linda Moore, Language Learning Center

PRAIRIE FIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE
and
DMCS Parent Teacher Organization
PRESENT

TOM SAWYER



Divine Mercy Catholic School Gymnasium
Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th
6:30pm
Tickets: \$6 Adult (6th grade and up) \$4 Student (Prek-5th)

Thank you for supporting our play the price of your ticket keeps participation in the play FREE for our students!

PTO October Activities



☺ We are sponsoring Prairie Fire this week. Come watch our talented students perform Tom Sawyer Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

☺ We will have a trunk at the Halloween Trunk or Treat. Stop by to say hi.

All are invited to attend our PTO meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 14th**. We will meet at 6:00 PM at DMCS.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 26	Reward Dress Down Day
Oct. 26 &	Tom Sawyer Performance
Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat 4 to 6 PM
Nov. 1	8:30 All Saints Day Mass (K-12)
Nov. 2	End of 1st Quarter
Nov. 5	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 6	K-E to Fire Station
Nov. 7-9	MNSAA Visit

SUPERVISION NEEDED The safety of your children is our top priority. The supervision of students during their noon recess is key to their safety. The time commitment would be 10:50 AM to 12:15 PM. If you are able to help please contact Rosie Van Thomme at (507) 334-7706 or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ABA92DA3FF2-november3>

If you would be able to help with even just a half hour or more during this time it would be greatly appreciated.



Attached to this week's folder

- ❖ November Menu (*attached*)
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conference (*attached*)
- ❖ Scrip Notes
- ❖ Tom Sawyer flier (*attached*)



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Community Event!

Host a Trunk or just show up for the Fun!
DMCS and BA Parking lots from
4:00-6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2018!

(in the event of rain, Trunk or Treat will be held in the school gyms)
To host a trunk call DMCS at 507-334-7706 or go to www.dmcs.cc under events

Homework Club

There will **NOT BE** Homework Club on the following dates:
Halloween Wednesday, October 31
November 13 and 15 (Parent/Teacher Conference Nights)

Please remember DMCS in your will.