

## DMCS Newsletter November 1, 2018

Dear Parents-

What a week, Halloween yesterday and All Saints' Day today! Two great days of celebration for our students. We enjoyed the creativity of student costumes on both days. Creativity is our character strength of the week. What a fantastic way to showcase it!

The end of first quarter is tomorrow. Quarter end is the perfect time to evaluate how things are going and talk with your child. Student report cards will be sent home in the Thursday folders on November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. We want to partner with you to make the best learning environment possible for your child. This involves open and honest communication with the adults as well. Let us know how things are going. We will listen and do our best to respond in a way that will help your child continue to improve academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Next week, November 7-9, we host an onsite team from the Minnesota Non-Public School Accreditation Association (MNSAA). A group of seven educators and administrators 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. Share your perceptions with them! Our staff has spent over a year preparing for this visit. I have included our self-study and strategic plan documents with this newsletter. These allow you to see exactly what the team has received. 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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

*"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*



*Grade 4 students hosted today's All Saint's Day Mass*

*Please remember DMCS in your will.*

## PTO October Activities



- ☺ Thank you to everyone who supported Prairie Fire. The kids did a great job.
- ☺ Butterbraid fundraiser kicks off next Tuesday.

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.



## **TOM SAWYER**

### Dates to Remember

Nov. 2	End of 1st Quarter
Nov. 5	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 6	Butterbraid Fundraiser Kick-Off K-G to Fire Station
Nov. 7-9	MNSAA Visit
Nov. 12	K-E to Fire Station
Nov. 13	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8
Nov. 14	8:30 Mass - Gr. 3 Host
Nov. 15	Gr. 4 to Brekken Museum Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8
Nov. 16	Gr. 2 to Works Musuem



### Attached to this week's folder

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ Financial Services for Catholics
- ❖ DMCS Halloween 2018 (*attached*)
- ❖ MNSAA Cover Letter (*attached*)
- ❖ DMCS 2018 School Profile (*attached*)
- ❖ MNSAA Self Study (*attached*)
- ❖ 2018-19 New Strategic Plan (*attached*)

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

## SPOOKTACULAR UPDATE:



Mrs. Corbett brought some Halloween fun to the students PE class.



Thank you for all who supported our Spooktacular event whether you walked, ran or sent in a donation. This year saw our Kids Dash increase by 25 runners and Spooktacular raised over \$15,000 for our school! Yesterday some of the students participated with their teachers in our final event – Spooktacular Games. It was fun for everyone.



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