

DMCS Newsletter November 29, 2018

Dear Parents-

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, and the countdown to Christmas begins. Perhaps it shows my age, but I am always amazed by how quickly all of the Christmas merchandise appears in the stores and how we are inundated with the buy, buy, buy, mantra of Christmas in the United States. It makes us wish for quieter times, and a focus on the meaning of the season-Jesus and good will to others.

Here at school, we will work to prepare our hearts and minds for the gift of Jesus. Prayer around the Advent wreath, charitable works, and kindness will be the emphasis of the season. Thank you for all you do to support this. Our students benefit from the opportunities to reach beyond themselves and think of others. Know that as we pray and prepare, you are all remembered as one of many things we have to be grateful for.

I pray that this Advent is meaningful in your homes and hearts and that you and your family use the next few weeks to prepare for Jesus' Birthday. The greatest gifts we each have are never the ones under our tree, but rather, those people around it on Christmas. God Bless You all.

Winter is here! It has gotten cold quickly, and students need to be dressing for the weather. We go out for recess unless the temperature or wind chill are below zero. Students must have mittens, hats, coats, snow pants, and boots. All students must have this outer-gear. It becomes a matter of keeping students warm and dry.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, November 30th- Reward Dress Down Day

Sunday, December 2nd – 1st Sunday of Advent

Friday, December 7th- Care and Share Dress Down- Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 12th- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe-Reconciliation for grades 3-5

Friday, December 14th- Care and Share Dress Down-Jesus Food

Tuesday, December 18th- PreK-5 Christmas Concert (at BA) 1:00 PM Dress Rehearsal; 6:30 PM Performance

Friday, December 21st- Reward Dress Down Day

Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 2nd-Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 3rd- School Resumes

Have a good weekend and a Blessed start to your Advent!

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



Congratulations to our Round 2 Spelling Bee winners. They will advance to the DMCS/BA Spelling Bee in January.

Please remember DMCS in your will.

Long-Term Sub Position!

Divine Mercy Catholic School is seeking a 5th Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher beginning February, 2019. Minnesota Teaching License preferred. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: Gina Ashley, Divine Mercy Catholic School, 15 SW 3rd Avenue, Faribault or email gashley@dmcs.cc.

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.

PTO THANK YOU Thank you to every one who sold and purchased Butter Braids. This fundraiser helps support assemblies, Prairie Fire Children's Theater, Family Fun Night and much more!

All are invited to attend our PTO meetings. Please join us for our next PTO meeting **Wednesday, December 12th**. We will meet at 6:00 PM at DMCS.



BA is Seeking FOUR Argentine Student Host Families Bethlehem Academy is **urgently** seeking Argentine student host families for 4 girls this January! Short bios on our visiting students is attached; hear directly from them here: [Message from Argentina](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Spanish culture in your own home. Students are 16-17 years old, attend a Catholic high school in Buenos Aires, and will be on their summer break when they visit Faribault from January 6-February 10, 2019. Host Families provide room, board and transportation, and do receive a stipend. Please contact Kris (admissions@bacards.org) or Rachel McGill at rmcgill@team.nacelopendoor.org or 651-399-2222 for more information.



Christmas Concert

The DMCS Preschool through 5th grade Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 18th, at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm in the BA Van Orsow Auditorium. The Concert will feature all students, Preschool through 5th Grade. They will be singing a variety of Advent and Christmas music. The 5th grade band will also perform.

Afternoon Performance - Students should wear their best school dress code attire for the afternoon concert.

Evening Performance - Students should meet with their class at their designated spot in BA by 6:15 pm and wear their best Christmas outfit for the evening performance. The 5th grade band members will meet in the BA Concession area at 6:15 pm.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 30 Reward Dress Down Day
- Dec. 2 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 7 Care & Share Dress Down-Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Reconciliation Gr. 3-5
- Dec. 14 Care & Share Day-Jesus Food
- Dec. 18 PreK-Gr. 5 Christmas Concert (at BA) 1:00 PM
PreK-Gr.5 Christmas Concert (at BA) 6:30 PM
- Dec. 21 Reward Dress Down Day
- Dec. 24 - Jan 2 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 3 School Resumes

Attached/Included to Folder

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ December Menu 2018
- ❖ Specialist Newsletter
- ❖ DMCS Middle School Lock-In
- ❖ Host an Argentine Student Flier



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