

## DMCS Newsletter December 13, 2018

Dear Parents-

The countdown to Christmas continues with just 7 school days left! Excitement continues to build and students almost vibrate with energy. I remember the joy (and challenge) of keeping that energy contained with young children at home. Even though my 'baby' is already 17, I can still empathize with you. Remember, the time goes all too quickly. It is my hope that you find more joy than challenge and hang on to that joy! There is nothing quite as beautiful as children at Christmas.

Some of the staff and I have been studying the book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly this Advent. It has challenged me to work on creating more "Holy Moments" in my own life and to reflect on all the ones I see around me every day. Today, I thought I would share some of them with you.

At lunch yesterday, a student came in from the playground and I saw her run back to hand a hat to a little girl at the back of the line. When I gave the girl at the back of the line my puzzled face, she said, "I borrowed my hat to her because I had a hood and she didn't have anything." That's a Holy Moment.

A student waved to me in the hall, and when she saw that my eye was watering she said, "Are you okay Mrs. Ashley?" Another Holy Moment of one person showing concern for another.

A group of fifth grade students gave up their lunch recess to fold the programs for the Christmas Concert. Their generosity created a great Holy Moment.

Our third through fifth grade students took time out of their day yesterday to attend reconciliation and to pray. This created many Holy Moments.

The generosity of students and families contributing to our service projects this holiday season and the kindness they are showing to their classmates with Secret Santa and Advent Angel activities also provides the potential for hundreds of Holy Moments.

As we participate in the Positivity Project and reflect on character traits, I am blessed to see these moments play out every day with your children here at Divine Mercy Catholic School. We each have the capacity to create them in our lives and in the lives of others. Our spirit of generosity, kindness, and good will to others is the best vehicle to make these happen. This Advent season makes me even more committed to creating as many as I possibly can.

As we enter into the third week of Advent this weekend, may we remember the reason we celebrate this special time of year. May we work to bring joy to others and in so doing experience the joy of the season ourselves.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday. May God bless you and your family!

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*

*Please remember DMCS in your will.*



*Angel Sculpture  
Mrs. DeShane's  
Gr. 4 Art Class*



# Long-Term Sub Position!

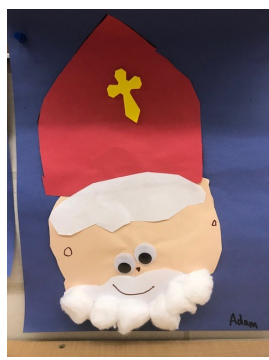
Divine Mercy Catholic School is seeking a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher beginning February, 2019. Minnesota Teaching License preferred. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: Gina Ashley, Divine Mercy Catholic School, 15 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Faribault or email [gashley@dmcsc.cc](mailto:gashley@dmcsc.cc).



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.



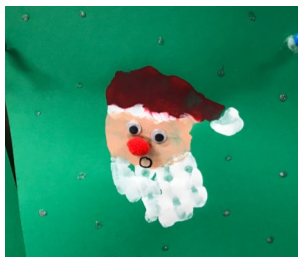
**Butter Braid Pick-Up  
December 18th!**

### **Attached/Included to Folder**

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ DMCS Talent Show Registration

Deadline for Registration is January 10th

## *St. Nick & Santa Sightings at DMCS!*



### **Dates to Remember**

- Dec. 14 Care & Share Day-Jesus Food
- Dec. 18 Butter Braid Pick-up  
PreK-Gr. 5 Christmas Concert (at BA) 1:00 PM  
PreK-Gr.5 Christmas Concert (at BA) 6:30 PM
- Dec. 19 8:30 Mass K-12  
Pre-K to St. Lucas  
Gr. 1 to Milestone
- Dec. 21 Reward Dress Down Day
- Dec. 24 - Jan 2 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 3 School Resumes

Have you registered yet for the CSCOE Catholic school student talent competition, Shine On? The registration deadline is January 8th, 2019.

[Information and promo posters here!](#)

[Student registration link here!](#)

[Audition registration link here!](#)

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