

## DMCS Newsletter December 20, 2018

Dear Parents-

Merry Christmas! My wish for you this holiday season is peace and joy. May you have equal and adequate measures of both.

It was wonderful seeing you all at the Christmas Concert. The energy of the children and the joy in which they performed their songs was uplifting. I hope their message of Christmas Joy helped make you smile.

As you are enjoying your break, please say a prayer for our school. Christmas Break is always time for me to look at next year's budget. This is always a humbling and challenging endeavor. There is so much to balance. With expenses totaling just over 2 million and limited sources of income, it is arduous work. Keeping tuition affordable, paying just wages, repairing an old facility, and working to provide the best educational resources possible weigh heavy on my mind. Your children and the dedicated staff who work here are worth every minute, I just need divine intervention. The most wonderful part is, we receive it. Generous donors and supporters also help make things work. Through prayer, dedication, and faith this community has educated children for over 150 years. May our efforts help keep this long-standing tradition alive and well! This is my Christmas wish, and I have confidence that we will persevere.

Christmas vacation runs from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday is an optional Preschool day). Please know that all staff will be enjoying this time off. Emails, phone messages, etc. may not be answered until we return. We will enjoy a short two-day week on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January. It will be a nice jump back into the schedule. Look for our regularly scheduled newsletter on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

There are many wonderful things coming in January 2019! The end of second quarter, NWEA winter testing, and Catholic Schools' Week names just a few. We will also be hosting a free concert by the Teddy Bear Band on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in our gym. Doors open at 1:30 PM. The first 200 children between the ages of 3 and 7 will receive a free teddy bear! Spread the word! I am looking forward to it!

Please enjoy the break. Have a wonderful Christmas and spending great times with your family. You are in my prayers and I wish you all the best. May God Bless you in the New Year!

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*



*This beautiful Nativity picture was done by Evelina Caldera 4-P.*

### 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@dmcs.cc](mailto:gashley@dmcs.cc).

*"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.*

*Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."*

*~ Mother Teresa*

*Please remember DMCS in your will.*

IT'S BEGINNING  
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CHRISTMAS



**DMCS Talent Show Registration  
Deadline for Registration is January 10th**

**Attached/Included to Folder**

- ❖ Control Character Card
- ❖ December Specialist Letter
- ❖ January Menu (attached)
- ❖ 4HG Basketball Clinic (attached)
- ❖ River Bend Adventure Days (attached)
- ❖ Marquee Children's Theatre Flier (attached)

**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

