

DMCS Newsletter January 3, 2019

Dear Parents-

Happy New Year to you all! May 2019 be a year filled with blessing for you and your family. For me, the beginning of a new year is a time for reflection, evaluation, and goal setting. Not necessarily a time for resolutions, but certainly one in which I try to evaluate my past efforts and see ways to improve and grow. I also work to celebrate and appreciate the blessings in my life. Divine Mercy Catholic School is one of my greatest blessings. Having been a part of this great community for the past 30 years has provided me so many blessings. I am grateful for each day.

We begin the new year in a quiet way with our two day week. It is nice to ease into the full week schedule of the new year. School Mass will be K-12 tomorrow, Friday, morning at 8:30 AM.

Next week we have a Care and Share Day for Jesus Food scheduled on Friday, January 11th. For those of you who are unfamiliar, Jesus Food is an organization like Caring and Sharing Hands that packages food for starving populations. We have packed food with them for the last two years during Catholic Schools' Week. We plan to do this again this year. Your contributions will help us raise the funds we need to do this important service project. Last year, we raised \$10,000.00 and packed more than 40,000 meals. We would love to have this impact again. Thank you for your generous support of our Care and Share Days!

We will also be hosting a free concert by the Teddy Bear Band on Sunday, January 13th 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!

January 18th marks the end of Second Quarter and the half way point of our school year. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 24th in the Thursday Folders.

NWEA winter testing begins Tuesday, January 22nd. Please see individual teacher communication for more information on the exact schedule for your child. This winter testing session is a great mid-year check-in on how a student is progressing. The data provides valuable information for each classroom teacher. Please encourage your child to take their time and do their best.

Catholic Schools' Week begins with 4PM Mass on Saturday, January 26th. Plan to join us that evening to kick off a great week! More information will be coming soon.

With so much activity, the month will fly. February will be here before we know it, and with it thoughts of Spring.

God Bless You!

Gina Ashley

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.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

DMCS Talent Show Registration Deadline for Registration is January 10th

Please remember DMCS in your will.

Save
the
Date!



Sunday, January 13, 2019
at Divine Mercy Catholic School

See the attached flyer for more information

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 8 Gr. 5 to Pleasant Manor
- Jan. 9 8:30 Mass Gr. 5 Host
- Jan. 11 Care & Share Dress Down
- Jan. 13 Teddy Bear Band at DMCS!
- Jan. 15 DMCS Families free entrance to BA Game
- Jan. 16 8:30 Mass Gr. 4 Host
- Jan. 18 2nd Quarter Ends
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- Jan. 23 8:30 Mass K-12
- Jan. 25 Reward Dress Down Day

Jan. 26 - Feb. 2 Catholic School's Week

RBNC visited DMCS fourth grade today to teach about the 3R's: reduce, reuse, recycle. Students made recycled paper, bird feeders, and learned about composting.



*Save the Date: DMCS families are invited to enjoy the BA girls basketball game against Randolph at BA January 15 at 7:15pm. Admission will be **free** for all family members, and the Emeralds Dance Team will be performing at half time. Plan to join BA families, staff & students for some family fun! More details to follow in next week's Thursday folder.*



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