

## DMCS Newsletter February 21, 2019

Dear Parents-

In all my years in education-as a student, teacher, and now administrator- I can never remember a year with this many snow days! The time away from school makes me thankful that we started early. As we look to the rest of the year (and we still have the snowiest month -March- left) we have limited options. We have made some decisions and we will be continuing to maximize the time we have left for the year.

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** was originally scheduled as a teacher work day. It **will now be a regular school day!** We were originally planning to allow teachers to schedule conferences that day. These will now need to be rescheduled. Please pay attention to communication from your child's teacher about this.

We are working on flexible learning opportunities if there are any other snow days. This is an idea that is catching on in education. We hope to pilot an approach to this if we miss any more school. Some of our teachers have already been

experimenting with it and they are seeing some benefits. Our plan is to work on this, tweak it, and put a formalized process in place for next school year. If we do have another snow day, please pay attention to instructions from your child's teacher. Thank you!

Classrooms are currently collecting loose change for Pennies for Patients to support Leukemia research. This is a voluntary service project. We encourage students to do small chores or other work to earn their contribution. Every dollar raised will earn 3 ft. of duct tape to tape Mrs. Healy to the wall! Thank you for any support you can give us.

Book Week is next week, February 25- March 1. We have author Mike Wohneroutka visiting our school next Monday. We are excited to welcome him! We hope the students enjoy this opportunity. Please refer to the schedules sent out earlier for details.

Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>. The 40 days of preparation for Easter are almost here. Prayer, fasting/abstinence, and almsgiving

are three areas of focus. Acts of kindness are a way to give alms to others. These do not have to be monetary items. Have you made a plan for your family this Lent?

We will be packing for Jesus Food after Mass on March 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope that we are able to participate in this and that the weather cooperates. It will be a good way for us to start Lent with Mass and then service.

Please make sure that you follow the link sent to you by TADS to confirm your registration for next year. We are busy planning and preparing for 2019-2020. If you have any questions, please call. Every student is valued at Divine Mercy Catholic School! We are looking forward to another great year!

Spring is on its way-let's just hope we don't all get buried in snow before it gets here! J

Gina Ashley

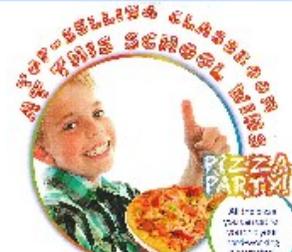
*"The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith."*  
1 Timothy 1:5

**GRAND PRIZE: 2019 CHEVY TRAX**  
or \$20,000 cash!

More prizes...\$5,000 Dream Vacation • Family Getaways to Twin Cities • Smart TVs • Valley Fair Packages • Apple iPads • Cabela's Gift Cards • Amazon Gift Cards & more!

**Every dollar raised stays with our school!**

Parents & Guardians,  
This is the last week to sell Catholic United Financial Raffle Tickets. Our cafeteria is depending on you to help us get new tables. One table costs approximately \$1,700.00. Please sell your tickets. All proceeds are kept with the school and Catholic United Financial distributes all the prizes.  
For those students selling 20 tickets, a **FIESTA LUNCH** will take place in the Teacher's Lounge.  
**ALL TICKETS SOLD AND UNSOLD MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.**  
The last mystery drawing will take place on Monday, February 25th. Thank you for your support of DMCS.




Please remember DMCS in your will.

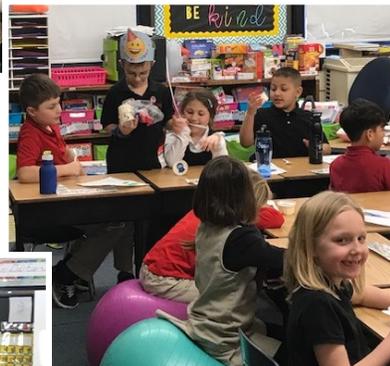


*The Snowy Day  
By Ezra Jack Keats*



*Notice the book Mrs. Healy is holding!*

*Back to a normal school day!*



### Dates to Remember

- Feb. 22 Reward Dress Down Day
- Feb. 25 Author, Mike Wohnoutka Visit  
Gr. 3 to River Bend Nature Center
- Feb. 27 8:30 Mass - Gr. 1 Host  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day!  
Zoo Mobile to visit Faithful Beginnings  
Gr. 3 to Science Museum
- Feb. 28 Gr. 1 to River Bend Nature Center  
Spring Conference
- Mar. 4 School Day - Snow Day/Make-up Day
- Mar. 5 Gr. 5 to Pleasant Manor
- Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday  
8:30 Mass - K-12
- Mar. 8 Care & Share Day

**PLAYGROUND 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-march2>

If you would be able to help with even just a half hour or more during this time it would be greatly appreciated.

### Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ **Financial Aid Information** (attached)
- ❖ March Menu (attached)
- ❖ Book Week Flier (attached)
- ❖ PTO Friends of Education Award/Feb. PTO Minutes
- ❖ Camp Invention



The Milk Moola program ended 12/31/18. Organizations will have until 3/31/19 to send in redemptions. If you have any Milk Moola at home, please send to school with your child so that we can get it turned on time. Thank you!



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