

## DMCS Newsletter April 25, 2019

Dear Parents-

I write this from the Windy City of Chicago where I am attending the National Catholic Education Association Convention. I am here with Mrs. Pemrick, Mrs. Dokkestul, and Ms. Wegrzyn. In the last three days, I have attended sessions dealing with everything from marketing and advancement to renewing my call as a Catholic School educator. It has been an opportunity to reflect on my almost 30 years of service to this calling and dream about the future of our school. I have been moved to the point of tears and laughed until my belly hurt. It has been wonderful. Gas has been put into my tank, and I am ready to step out and meet the next challenge. This work we do is not easy. It is, however, good, rewarding, and necessary. Catholic Education is a light in the world. I am so grateful to be a part of it, and to be a part of Divine Mercy Catholic School. A large part of this is the community we have built and the gift of your families. Thank you for your commitment to us. Thank you for choosing Divine Mercy. Thank you for sharing your children with us.



Next week, May begins. We celebrate the crowning of Mary Our Mother with our first graders. This celebration always makes me a bit teary. In our preschool through twelve system of Catholic School, we have several milestones. Crowning Mary is one that is reflected from the beginning to the end. Our students begin the month of May with the first grade placing the crown upon Mary, and end the month of May with our seniors crowning Our Blessed Mother during their Mary Ceremony. It marks two very significant moments in our children's lives, gives us a moment to reflect, and acknowledges the special place Mary has in our hearts. I know our first graders are anxiously preparing.

Family Fun Night is just around the corner on Friday, May 3rd. I look forward to seeing you all there as we enjoy an evening together. This night is sponsored by our PTO organization for all of you. I hope to see you there.

Please stay abreast of all the upcoming events. There are so many field trips, celebrations, and activities on the horizon it is easy to lose track this time of year. We will do our best to keep the information coming to you.

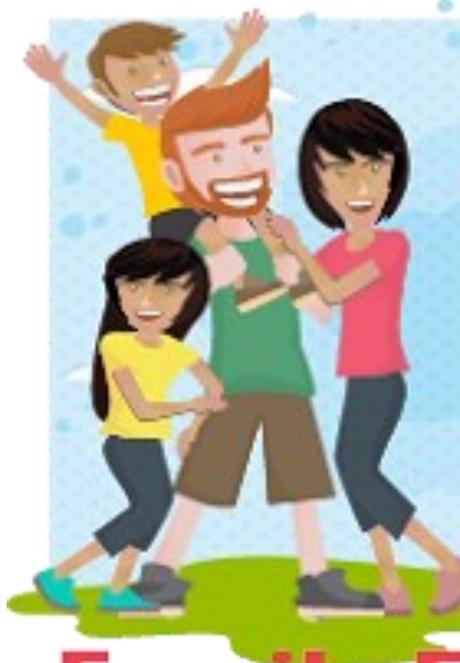
God Bless all of you this week. Take care.

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*

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

*Please remember DMCS in your will.*



FAMILY FUN NIGHT is Friday, May 3rd, from 5:00-7:30. Please mark the date on your calendar. There will be a free light dinner with many fun games, prizes and raffles. More information to follow. Many volunteers are needed to make this year's Family Fun Night a success. Please consider signing up for a one hour time slot using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AADAFA2EA6F49-family>

We will be looking for donations of baked goods, 20 oz bottles of pop. Your time and donations are greatly appreciated.

## Family Fun Night

**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/30E0D49ABA92DA3FF2-20182019>

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



### DMCS/BA Middle School Transition Parent Info Session May 1

Please join us at Bethlehem Academy Wednesday, May 1, 5:30-6:30pm in the BA Cafeteria for a very informative session on helping your student successfully transition to middle school next fall. This program is for parents of any enrolled and prospective 2019-2020 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, and will include tips and strategies on issues including time management/study skills, technology, and social media. Treats and (optional) tours will be provided. All are welcome! Click [here](#) or contact Kris at [admissions@bacards.org](mailto:admissions@bacards.org) for more information.

### Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ Family Fun Night Advance Ticket Flier
- ❖ Specialist Newsletter (*included*)
- ❖ May Menu (*attached*)
- ❖ Scrip Update
- ❖ DMCS/BA Middle School Transition (Gr. 4 & 5)
- ❖ Book Fair Booklets (each student)

### Dates to Remember

- Apr. 26 Reward Dress Down Day
- May 1 8:30 Mass - Mary's May Crowning/Gr. 1 Host  
DMCS/BA Middle School Info 5:30 PM @ BA
- May 2 Gr. 2 to River Bend Nature Center
- May 3 **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**
- May 7 Gr. 5 to Pleasant Manor
- May 8 8:30 AM Mass - PreK-Gr. 5  
Grandparent's Day & Spring Concert  
Book Fair & Student Art Show  
10:30 AM & 7:00 PM Performances at BA
- May 10 Care & Share Dress Down  
Gr. 1 to River Bend Nature Center
- May 12 Mother's Day

## Save the Date

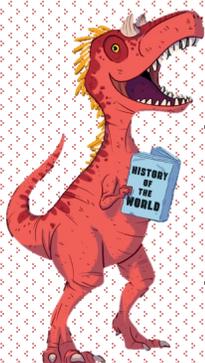
DMCS Book Fair in the BA Lobby

Tuesday, May 7 - 9:00-3:00

Wednesday, May 8 - 12:00-3:00

& 6:30-8:30

Thursday, May 9 - 9:00-3:00



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