

DMCS Summer eNewsletter August 8, 2019

Dear Parents-

This week our Band and Robotics camps have brought the feel of the school year back to the building. As more and more teachers get in to organize their rooms after the summer cleaning, I feel the start of our school year getting very close. Are you getting ready? To make sure that the school year starts smoothly, here are some things to consider.

- **School Supplies:**

If you who ordered your school supplies through EduKit, they have arrived and will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you didn't order through EduKit, you will need to purchase supplies. Our lists are on the website and have been included with the Enews. Let us know if you need help finding this list.

- **Uniform Dress Code Clothing:**

The dress code policy is on our website and it has also been sent out. There is a clothing exchange at DMCS right now for your convenience as well. This year we are encouraging our preschool students to also wear dress code clothing. Contact us with questions.

- **Welcome Back Picnic and Pool Party:**

Mark your calendars for Friday night August 16th. You are all invited for a picnic supper and pool party. It will be a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet new people. I hope to see you there!

- **Back to School Night and Classroom Visits:**

Back to School Night is Monday, August 26th from 3-7 PM for grades 1-5. Kindergarten and Preschool families are welcome to attend as well, but they will also be invited to meet with their child's teacher prior to the start of school. We understand that there are many questions that go with these first years at school, and we want to make sure that you have the opportunity to get all of your questions answered. Kindergarten and Preschool teachers will be contacting families or sending out links to Sign-Up Genius to schedule these visits.

- **Start of School:**

Our 1st through 5th grade students begin the 2019-2020 school year on Wednesday, August 28th. Doors open for elementary students at 7:40AM and the school day begins at 8:00AM. It is important for students to be at school on time. We track tardies and absences throughout the school year. Please make sure to read our Attendance Policy in the Policy Book. These can be found on our website at the following links:

Policy Book: <https://dmcs.cc/documents/2018-2019-dmcs-policy-manual/>

Handbook: <https://dmcs.cc/documents/student-handbook/>

Preschool Handbook: <https://dmcs.cc/documents/2019-2020-pk-handbook/>

Our Kindergarten and Preschool students begin the 2019-2020 school year on Tuesday, September 3rd. This later start provides opportunities for the teachers to meet with each family and student to assure a smooth start to the year.

We have included the map for our pick up and drop off traffic flow. This is the same as last year. Please let us know if you have questions!

- **Extended Day Care Options:**

If you will be needing care before or after the regularly scheduled school day, we can help. Our elementary school (K-5) extended day program runs before school from 7:00-7:40AM and after school from 3:00-5:30PM. You can sign up for this during Back to School Night, or by contacting Rosie VanThomme at the school office.

There is always a lot of information at the beginning of a school year. We are here to help you with questions. Starting next week, we are back to regular office hours Monday-Friday. (7:30- 3:30) Stop in or call if we can help.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the Heritage Days rescheduled parade Friday Night. I pray for good weather☺

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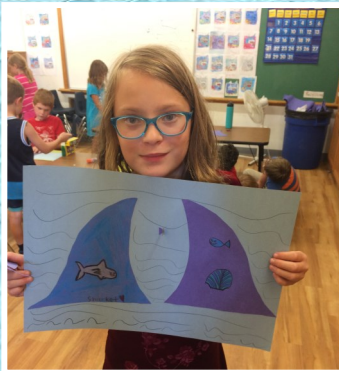
- ❖ Drop Off & Pick-Up/Map
- ❖ Box Tops Update
- ❖ Picnic & Pool Party Invite
- ❖ Preschool Orientation Sign-up Genius
- ❖ Waffle Breakfast 2019
- ❖ YouthConnect

Dates to Remember

Aug. 5—Aug. 16	Robotics & Band Camp
August 9	Heritage Days Parade - Join Us <i>(More information to follow)</i>
August 16	PTO Family Picnic & Pool Party
August 26	Back-to-School Night 3 to 7 PM

Kids Summer Care

Shark Week !! - Students drew pictures of sharks, what they eat, and where they live.



ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

There are still a number of students who have not received their 5 year shots (DTaP, Polio, Varicella and MMR). Students must have these shots before the beginning of the school year.

Early Childhood Screening is also mandated by the State of Minnesota. If your child has not been screened, please contact Val at McKinley School to set up an appointment (507) 333-6806. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at dmcs-nurse@dmcs.cc.

Faribault's Ecumenical Prayer Walk

Divine Mercy Parish will be part of Faribault's ecumenical prayer walk. Last year was the first year of the walk and 7 local churches participated. The walk starts Friday, September 6 at 3 p.m. and ends Saturday September 7 at 3 p.m. with a short prayer service at 4th Ave United Methodist Church.

The walk is divided into 11 sections and the section Divine Mercy will be walking is north of 7th Street between 35W and Hulett Ave. The south boundary is 30th St. NW. Maps have been printed and are available to participants. Two people will walk together during the day and at least 3 at night. Participants will walk for one hour shifts. We can also be creative: if you cannot walk or if you feel safer, you could drive, pray at home with one of the maps, or pray at the adoration chapel with the map. Anyone walking will need to sign a waiver. Buttons that say "Faribault Prays" will be handed out to everyone.

You may register at Divine Mercy Catholic Church over the next 2 weekends (Aug. 10/11 and 17/18) or email Bernadette Tatge at btatge@divinemeracy.cc.

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