

DMCS eNewsletter September 5, 2019

Dear Parents-

September is here and I can feel the freshness in the chilly morning breeze. This is my favorite time of year for so many reasons. It feels so good to have all of the students back at school. The sound of our new band students practicing (it only gets better from here!), the smiles on the faces of our new Kindergarteners, and the renewing of friendships energize me. We are truly blessed to be part of this wonderful community and work to partner with all of you in educating these beautiful children. It is a privilege to be part of it all and I am thankful for it.

We welcomed our Kindergarten and Preschool students to school this week. It has been a great start. In fact, the beginning of the 2019-20 school year has been one of the best in my 31 years here. I am really enjoying the energy and passion brought in by our staff members. They live to serve these students and work so hard to make learning a great experience. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings.

Our 5th grade students have blessed me with joyful leadership this week on the patrol crew and at Mass on Wednesday. These are great kids who will be fun to watch as they continue to grow and mature. This morning, I trained in our new 4th grade patrols. These students impress me with their willingness to take on service positions that require leadership. We have no idea what type of work we are preparing our students for, but we do know they will need to serve and to lead. These skills are being developed on a daily basis!

We will work to develop positivity again this year through our Positivity Project. Each week our students will explore a character trait. We will learn to identify these traits in ourselves and others so that we can honor and respect our differences. "Other People Matter" is the point of this program and we will work to understand how everything we do affects other people. It is a great way to build empathy and healthy relationships.

Next week we have our first Care and Share Dress Down Day of the school year. These days, students may dress out of uniform (follow the guidelines in our dress code policy) if they contribute at least one dollar to our charity fund. This fund will be used to sponsor our Jesus Food pack during Catholic Schools' Week in January. Thank you for supporting our charitable efforts.

We have two great opportunities to gather as a community coming up. Our annual **Waffle Breakfast** will be held at Divine Mercy Catholic Church on **Sunday, September 15th**. Please consider bringing your family to this community fundraiser. The waffles are delicious as well!

Spirit Fest follows soon after. This is our Parish Festival and will be the weekend of **September 21st and 22nd**. Food, fun and fellowship can be had by all! We sponsor a **book give away** at this event, so if you have any gently used books to give away you may bring them to school to donate between now and Friday, September 20th.

Thank you all for the great job you have done with drop-off and pick-up. As I stand out there every morning and afternoon, it is good to see everyone getting into a pattern. Remember that the doors open at 7:40 AM and our school day begins at 8:00 AM. In the afternoon, students are dismissed at 3:00 PM. Students not picked up by 3:10 PM will be taken to our after school program.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Blessings-

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

Mrs. Ashley

Please Return Your Thursday Folder!

We will be sending home hard copies of the newsletter for the next few weeks. We will also be emailing the newsletter to all of our families. If you do not receive the email with the newsletter please contact Peggy Johnson at pjohnson@dmcs.cc with your email address so that we may update our database. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Peggy at (507) 334-7706 Ext: 2233 and let us know that you would like to continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 11	8:30 Mass Gr. 4 Host School Pictures - Prek & K-Readiness
Sept. 12	School Pictures - Kindergarten - Gr. 5
Sept. 13	Care & Share Dress Down Day
Sept. 15	Waffle Breakfast (see below)

Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ Waffle Breakfast Ticket Order Form
- ❖ Robotics Camp (Gr. 4 & 5/attached)
- ❖ Let's Play Hockey
- ❖ BA Little Cardinals Youth Program (attached)
- ❖ Faribault Gymnastics
- ❖ Faribault Youth Link Flier
- ❖ Post Prom Cardinal Social

2019 Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast

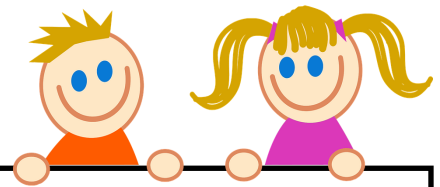
Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Divine Mercy Catholic Church/139 Mercy Drive
Adults \$10.00/Children Ages 4-10 only \$ 5.00
Children 3 and under FREE

See the flier and order form in today's folder. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office and the DMCS front desk.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this a success. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aba92da3ff2-2019>

DID YOU KNOW?



Spirit Fest is only a couple of weeks away! We hope you can join us for this fun day of festivities. The committee is asking for your help. We are in need of 16oz. Bottles of pop for the all time favorite "Ring-A-Pop" game. All donations can be dropped off at DMCS or DMCC.

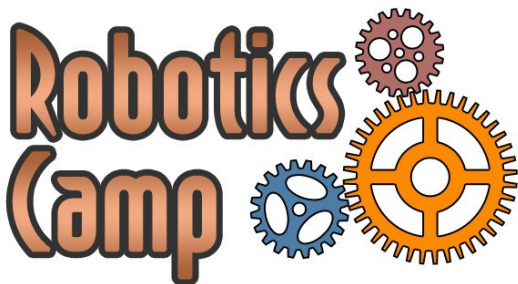
VIRTUS Training If you plan to volunteer in you child's classroom or attend a class Field Trip the Archdioceses requires that you complete a Background Check, Code of Conduct and attend a VIRTUS Training session. If you have any questions, please contact the business office at 334-7706.

The next training session at DMCS is: **October 3 - 6:30-9:30 PM**

*Before attending the training, you will need to register at www.virtus.org under St.Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese. **All school volunteers must attend VIRTUS Training. You do not need to attend this session if you have attended previously.***

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: [September Playground Help](#)

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



Attention DMCS parents and students in grades 4-5! The DMCS robotics program is recruiting for this school year and is looking for interested students! The team meets from 3-5 PM on Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Bethlehem Academy Cafeteria. The cost to participate for the full year is \$75. We are accepting new members throughout the month of September, and would love to have your student join our team! Print and return the attached sign up sheet to join! Our first meeting for the year is Thursday, the 5th of September.

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