

DMCS eNewsletter October 24, 2019

Dear Parents-

I hope you had an enjoyable MEA weekend. The DMCS faculty, staff, and I attended the CSCOE Summit on Wednesday with staff from the rest of the 78 Catholic Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. There were over 2,000 people in attendance. It was both inspirational and educational! These days of connecting with others and sharing best practices are vital to the continued vitality of our school and staff. We are blessed to have an organization like the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence to help bring us together and challenge us to be the best we can be.

This week there has been a definite chill in the air. Students should certainly be bringing coats, hats, and mittens/gloves to school each day. We will be outside for recess unless the temperature or windchill are below zero. Due to the varying temperatures, it is the season of lost and found here. You could help assure that lost items are returned to your household by placing your family name or child's initials on a tag inside your child's outdoor gear. We make every attempt to reconnect lost items with their owner and putting names on these items would help assure they get returned to their owner! Anything still left behind is placed in our "Lost & Found" in the cafeteria. We will be sending photos of this area with our newsletters. If you see something that belongs to your family-give us a call.

This Sunday, **October 27th** our students will be **singing at the 10AM Mass at Divine Mercy Catholic Church** (139 Mercy Drive). It is very important that your child is there to share their talents with our parish community. These are the people who support our school and help keep tuition down with their contributions. In the coming weeks and months, these are the people we will be asking to help raise money for a new education center. **Please** help us show them how many lives are touched by our Catholic School. Mark your calendars, come to Mass, encourage your child to sing with us. We ask them to wear red school shirts and meet at the Church at 9:30 AM. **Let's fill the choir!**

Before Mass, Father Cory will be speaking about the results of the Capital Campaign Study. He plans to speak between the 8 and 10 AM Masses (9:15-9:45). I hope you can come and listen.

Next week is Halloween. Please see the communication from your child's teacher (newsletter or email) for details about classroom parties. All students are encouraged to dress in costume that day. It is fun to see all of the students dressed up, but we do ask that costumes and props are not violent or gory. Violent props (knives, swords, guns, etc.) should be left at home. Please be thoughtful about what your child will be able to wear for the day.

Trunk-or-Treat is almost here! This great trick-or-treating experience takes place in the parking lots of DMCS and BA on Halloween from 4-6 PM. Make us your first stop! All are invited to trick-or-treat with us! We will also be serving a simple hotdog and chips meal. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please sign-up with the link <https://forms.gle/E3orcykZPdu39VTk8>. We would like to know how many to plan for.

With Halloween, comes the end of October and the end of the First Quarter of school. Conferences are just around the corner and daylight savings time begins on November 3rd. One fourth of our school year is complete. How are things going so far? If you have questions, comments, or feedback for us don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help. Please see the attached Parent/Teacher Conference flier to sign up if you have not already done so.

God Bless-

Hope to see you on Sunday.

Mrs. Ashley

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



SPOOKTACULAR RESULTS

Spooktacular 2019 is in the books!

Over 225 runners braved the cold and made this year successful! Together we raised over \$13,000. New to the event this year was a Dad's Dash. Dad's raced in the BA gym on inflatable horses. It was so much fun to watch them. Bragging rights go to Dan Moyer, the winner of two heats!

Winners of the 5K Over 21 were: Maureen Hauge and Tom Nass, Under 21 5K winners were: Ashley Rost and Matt Friesen, One Mile Winners were: Seth Linnemann and Anna DeMars. Tomorrow, the Game Truck will be here for those students whose families attained their \$200.00 goal. Special thanks to our Spooktacular Sponsors: Donahue's Greenhouse, Varley Construction, Van Haren Construction, Full Tilt, Richie Eye Clinic, Southern Heights Dental, Bothun Construction, A.L. Seed, Parker Kohl, Owatonna Vet Clinic, The Depot, Culligan Water, and Fareway Foods. Thank you also to all the volunteers and the wonderful Spooktacular committee, Faith Van Haren, Kari Tobin, Andrea Moyer, and Peggy Johnson!



- **MENU Change** - The lunch menu for Halloween, Thursday, October 31, will be: pepperoni pizza, corn, fruit, and salad bar.
- **HOMEWORK CLUB** - There will be no Homework Club on Halloween, October 31. Homework Club will also be cancelled the nights of Parent/Teacher Conferences Tuesday, November 5, and Thursday, November 7.
- **"October Winter Coat and Outer Wear Drive"**. We are asking our families to please donate any new or gently used (and washed) cold weather gear. This can include coats, mittens, snowpants, boots, scarves and hats. These items can be for children or adults. The clothing will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. There will be a collection barrel by the main office throughout the month of October.

Please remember DMCS in your will.

Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ Prairie Fire Audition Permission Form Gr. 2-5
- ❖ November Menu (*attached*)
- ❖ Scrip Notes - Christmas Gift Cards!
- ❖ Lil Falcon Wrestler Flier Gr. K-5
- ❖ Lost & Found Photo Gallery

Dates to Remember

Oct. 25	Reward Dress Down Day Student Picture Retake - 8:10 AM K-E to visit State Bank K-G to visit Firestation
Oct. 27	DMCS Students sing at 10 AM Mass
Oct. 29	K-G to visit State Bank K-E to visit Studio 14
Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat 4 to 6 PM
Nov. 1	All Saint Day 8:30 Mass (Pk-Gr. 12) End of 1st Quarter K-G to Fire Station
Nov. 3	Daylight Saving Time - Set clocks back 1 hour
Nov. 4	Teacher Work Day - No School
Nov. 5	Parent/Teacher Conference Kindergarten to River Bend Nature Center
Nov. 6	8:30 Mass - Gr. 3 Host
Nov. 7	Parent/Teacher Conference
Nov. 8	Care & Share Day

ATTENTION: Students in Grades 2-5

Save the Date:

Monday, November 18th

AUDITIONS FOR

PRAIRIE FIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE'S

"Cinderella"

See the flier in today's Thursday Folder for
Audition Permission Forms



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