

## DMCS eNewsletter December 12, 2019

Dear Parents-

My daughter's wedding last weekend was a joyful occasion. Seeing her as a successful, competent, happy adult was an awe-inspiring event. It filled me with great joy. The moments of childhood have passed so very quickly for me with all four of my daughters. As much as I attempt to hold on and cherish every moment, they are gone so quickly. This year we celebrate a wedding, a college graduation, and a high school graduation with our girls. I reflect on the journey each of them has been on since birth and am more and more thankful every day that I had such a wonderful school community at Divine Mercy and Bethlehem Academy to help form them in their youth. This community has been a great blessing to my family. I am filled with gratitude.

The second week of Advent has passed in a tremendous blur. I keep trying to slow down and bask in the sacred silence of the season, but I am struggling to find it. Is the hustle and bustle running your world? Amy Grant sings a song titled, *I Need a Silent Night*. It really speaks to me this time of year, maybe it will speak to you. I pray that we all find a few moments to enjoy the silence over the next 11 days. May your preparations for this beautiful season go smoothly and may you enjoy some sacred peaceful silence in this season of Advent.

Tomorrow is a Care and Share Dress Down Day. I encouraged students to show their Christmas colors this week as they dress down for charity. Thank you for your support of our Jesus Food pack coming at the end of January!

We kick off next week with Preschool through 5th Grade as well as the 5th grade Band, performing a variety of Advent & Christmas music at the DMCS Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm in the BA Van Orsow Auditorium**. For the evening performance, students will meet their teacher in the designated location at BA by 6:15 pm. Students will wear dress code for the day performance and dress up for the evening concert. I can't wait to see you there!

Mass on Wednesday will be a K-12 Mass. We will celebrate the third week of Advent and prepare for our **Christmas Break**. Mark your calendars that school will be closed for break from **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our care programs will be open some days for those who have signed up in advance, but school doesn't resume regular schedule until **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you to those families who participated in **lighting the Advent wreath** and bringing up the gifts at Mass on Sundays during Advent at Divine Mercy Catholic Church. There are still more opportunities. We need more volunteers! Click on this sign-up genius link to help us out: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aba92da3ff2-advent>

Stay safe in this Arctic Blast!

Mrs. Ashley

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

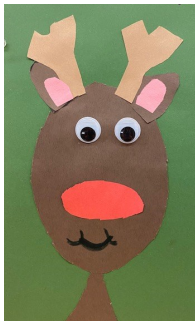


**Throwing snow and snowballs** might be fun but it also poses a risk for injury. For the safety of our students a policy was implemented many years ago, as stated in the Handbook, "anyone caught throwing snow or snowballs will be fined \$5 per snowball". Please talk to your children about this and help them to understand that even though it may be fun, throwing snow is against school rules and they will receive a fine.

**Butter Braid Pick Up  
is next  
Tuesday, December 17  
from**

**1:00 to 4:00 PM  
DMCS Main Hall**





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# Christmas



<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Dec. 13	Care & Share Day
Dec. 17	DMCS Christmas Concert 1:00 & 6:30 Butter Braid Pick-up 1:00 to 4:00
Dec. 18	8:30 Mass - K-12 All Host
Dec. 20	Reward Dress Down Day
<b>Dec. 23 Jan. 3 Christmas Break</b>	
Jan. 6	School Resumes
Jan. 7	River Bend Nature Center Reps visit Gr. 4
Jan. 8	8:30 Mass - Gr. 4 Host
Jan. 10	Care & Share Dress Down Day River Bend Nature Center Reps visit Gr. 3
Jan. 14	Spelling Bee at BA 9AM
Jan. 15	8:30 Mass - Gr. 3 Host
Jan. 17	End of 2nd Quarter

**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-january4> If you would be able to help with even just a half hour or more during this time it would be greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday, December 17th, is the last Scrip order date before Christmas.**

The next order date after Christmas break is January 7, 2020.

**Christmas SHOPPING**

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### Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ River Bend Nature Center fliers (*attached*)

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