

DMCS eNewsletter December 19, 2019

Dear Parents-

Merry Christmas! May you all enjoy a wonderful holiday filled with family and friends. I hope the concert this week and all the special events in the classrooms helped make this a special Advent season for your child. I know I look forward to lighting the last Advent wreath candle this weekend and spending time with family over the Christmas break!

Christmas Break runs from **Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd**. 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 6th**.

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. As of yesterday, we were looking for one more group to volunteer for the 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday. If you can help, please click on this link and sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49aba92da3ff2-advent>

It is hard to believe that the year 2020 is upon us, yet the New Year comes with so much potential. Second quarter ends quickly after we return, and half of the school year is behind us. It is a perfect time to take stock of how things are going. What are the highlights so far? What are the struggles? Are there things that we could help with? Please do not hesitate to bring things to the attention of teachers or office staff. Positives and Challenges are both equally important. We are here to help!

This time of year is always a bit of a challenge for me. It feels as if I have half my brain in this year, and half preparing for the year to come. We are working to prepare for the future of Catholic Education in Faribault in many different ways, not the least of which is setting tuition and getting organized for registration for next year. Could you please keep us in your prayers over break? I am working diligently to advocate for a new school, stable tuition, and excellence in our programming. If you have helpful suggestions or insights, I would love to speak with you. Growing enrollment and customer satisfaction are also at the top of my list. As I look to solve challenges and build better programming, your input is needed. Only you see things from your perspective, and all perspectives are important. If you have something to share, please reach out through email, phone call, or stopping in to chat. I am also looking at doing a few special focus groups to solicit feedback in the new year. We are all part of a community, and together we can make this a great one! I guess you could say this is my new year's resolution!

Know of my sincere wish that you and your family have a very, Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year. May this holiday season be all that you have hoped. You will be in my thoughts and my prayers this season.

God Bless You!

Mrs. Ashley



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



DMCS Family/Future Cardinal Game Nights in January!
DMCS and all Future Cardinals and their families are invited to join for the following game nights:

- Future Cardinal/DMCS Family Night @ Girls basketball game, Thursday, January 9 vs Hope Academy
 - Future Cardinal/DMCS Family Night @ Boys basketball game, Monday January 27 vs JWP
- Invite a friend to join you for the game! **Free admission**, games & door prize drawings for all our guests. See attached flyer and register for free admission [here](#).



Dates to Remember

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| Dec. 20 | Reward Dress Down Day |
| Dec. 23 Jan. 3 | Christmas Break |
| 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: If you would be able to help with even just a half hour or more during this time it would be greatly appreciated.

Attached/Included in Folder

- ❖ December Specialist Newsletter
- ❖ Community Youth Links
- ❖ January 2020 Menu (*attached*)
- ❖ Future Cardinal Basket Ball Game Flier (*attached*)
- ❖ CSCOE Magazine

Please remember DMCS in your will.



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