

# Illuminating Minds, Cultivating Faith

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## DMCS eNewsletter January 23, 2020

Dear Parents-

Catholic Schools' Week begins with 10 AM Mass on Sunday, January 26th at DMCC. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we kick off a wonderful week of celebration. We have so many things to be grateful for here at Divine Mercy Catholic School. From service in our Jesus Food pack on Tuesday, Mass (PreK-12) and Buddy time (K-12) Wednesday, Talent Show on Thursday, and class trips on Friday our students will have opportunities to celebrate what makes us unique. Our sense of community and togetherness will shine through. For parents and families, we offer opportunities to come together Sunday at 10AM Mass, next Wednesday night to watch "Screenagers", and to enjoy yourself at the PTO sponsored bowling night on Friday, January 31st. It will be a week jam-packed with activity!

In this joyful time, we begin to plan for next year in earnest. All families should have received an email from TADS asking you to verify next year's enrollment. We are happy to announce that tuition and fees are holding steady for next year. <u>All families interested in applying for financial assistance need to complete this process by February 17<sup>th</sup>. This deadline is imposed on us by some of the foundations that we receive financial support through, so don't delay. You can use last year's taxes to apply. Know of our desire to make a Catholic Education possible for anyone</u>

who desires it. We want your child to continue to be part of our school family. Enrollment is one of the main ingredients to keeping our school affordable and keeping the culture rich.

If you are looking to next year (or possibly farther down the line) and have questions about the Middle School Program at Bethlehem Academy, please join us tomorrow morning for Coffee and Conversation in the DMCS cafeteria beginning at 7:40 AM. (this is rescheduled from last week's snow day) We will have a middle school teacher and the admissions director from BA here to answer questions and describe the process for admission. It is important to note that BA has reduced tuition in the Middle School next year. They have heard the challenges families are facing and are working to respond. If you hope to continue Catholic Education for your child, I encourage you to reach out. I will also be there to help. I can speak from my personal experience. This education is worth the sacrifice.

A big congratulation goes out to our Robotics Teams. One of the elementary teams and all the middle school teams have earned their way to the State Tournament in St. Cloud! These students work very hard designing their robots and working to effectively meet the challenges in competition. We are very proud of their efforts!

Thank you to those selling Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets! This important fundraiser will help us finance our school technology and keep things current. We have SMARTBoards that need updating, student computers that should be replaced, and iPads that need replacement. Every dollar raised comes back to the school and will help us work on these goals. If you are wondering who to sell to, you can sign up to sell at church or the grocery stores. If you would like more tickets please just let us know. Thank you for your support.

Now that we have passed the halfway mark of the school year, some of our teachers have swapped after school duties. (outside for inside) Therefore, we are asking those in the pick-up line to remember their visor signs again. It is difficult for our teachers to identify who you are through a wet windshield and those signs with the last name really help! Thank you!

Next week marks the end of January. If you consider March the beginning of spring as I do, we are almost there! God Bless!

Mrs. Ashley

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



Save the Date
March 20, 2020
DMCS Scholarship Night Gala

# GREENGERS



### JOIN US!

Wednesday, January, 29th, 6:30 PM @ Divine Mercy Catholic Church - 139 Mercy Drive

-View Movie -30min Q+A With Expert Panel After Movie
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ABA92DA3FF2-february3">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ABA92DA3FF2-february3</a> 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

- Hot Lunch Statements
- ❖ DMCS Tuition & Fees Schedule & Directions to Enroll
- Let's Go to the Hop! (attached)
- February Menu
- ❖ Coffee & Conversation (Gr. 4 & 5)
- ❖ Future Cardinal Night (Gr. 3, 4 & 5)
- \* Raffle Flier
- ❖ CSW 2020 Calendar Kindergarten Gr. 5 (attached)
- CSW 2020 Calendar Faithful Beginnings (attached)

#### **Dates to Remember**

- Jan. 24 Reward Dress Down Day
- Jan. 26 10 AM Mass CSW Kick-Off
- Jan. 26- Catholic School's Week
- Feb. 1 (Calendars are attached)
- Jan. 29 "Screenagers" 6:30 PM Divine Mercy Church
- Jan. 31 Family Bowling Night at Bashers (see attached flier)
- Feb. 3 KR-M to visit Mrs. Ell's Kindergarten class
- Feb. 5 8:30 AM Mass Gr. 2 Host
- Feb. 7 KR-V to visit Mrs. Gareis' Kindergarten class
- Feb. 11 Regional Spelling Bee
- Feb. 12 8:30 AM Mass K-12
- Feb. 13 NO Homework Club
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day/NO School Curriculum Day