

DMCS eNewsletter February 13, 2020

Dear Parents-

Oh my! It is a cold one out there today. When weather like this hits, I always remember my childhood days and the pictures of Old Man Winter blowing his cold breath out on the world. My mother used to tell me stories about the argument that he was having with Mother Nature this time of year. The good news she always left me with is that Mother Nature will always win and spring will come. Even now, that thought makes me smile.

Happy early Valentine's Day! Did you know this holiday is named after Saint Valentine? This special saint was an example of love for sure! Find out more about him here: <https://www.storynory.com/st-valentine/>

Remember that we have No School tomorrow, February 14th and Monday, February 17th. Enjoy the long weekend.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAYS EXPLAINED:

I have been asked to explain why the next snow day will be a flexible learning day when we only have had one snow day so far. Here is how it works: A typical school year has 170 student contact days. We are usually allowed two snow days, so the lowest number of student contact days is 168. This year because of some challenges with the calendar, we only had 169 student contact days to start. This allows only one snow day for us. We have had that day already.

Therefore, any more snow days will be flexible learning days. These still count as "school days" and keep us at our 168 day threshold. Teachers have provided instructions on how they will get the assignments out to you if there is another snow day. Remember that your student will have more than one day to complete the work, so if they go to daycare or grandma's on the snow day it will still work out.

I am hoping that we do not have any more of these days to worry about this year, but we will see.

Book week starts on Tuesday, February 18th. I am excited to meet the visiting author and "Tuey the

Juggler". February is National "I Love to Read" month. Help us celebrate the gift of reading by spending time reading to/with your child.

Thank you to all of you who have filled out your re-enrollment link and filed for financial aid. Remember that the deadline for first round awards is **Monday, February 17th**. Please complete your application through TADS to be considered for the best possible award. You may use your prior year's taxes to fill this out. Don't delay!

The last week of February brings Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This holy season is a vital part of our church's year. Prayer, Fasting/Abstinence, and Almsgiving are the pillars of preparation for the season. We will begin praying the stations of the cross at IC Church on Monday, March 2nd at 8:15 AM. All are welcome to join us.

Help Needed!

Looking for someone to help me learn to use Twitter or Instagram. Let me know if you can help me. Thank You!

Mrs. Ashley

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



Let's go
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Hop!

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♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥



Dates to Remember

- Feb. 14 **Valentine's Day**/NO School Curriculum Day
- Feb. 17 Presidents Day
NO School - Teacher Work Day
- Feb. 18 Book Week - Author Visit
Gr. 3 to River Bend Nature Center
- Feb. 19 8:30 Mass Gr. 1 Host
- Feb. 21 Reward Dress Down Day - Pajama Day
- Feb. 23 BA Open House
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday

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-february3> 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

- ❖ DMCS Tuition & Fees Schedule & Directions to Enroll
- ❖ Let's Go to the Hop! (*attached*)
- ❖ Raffle Flier
- ❖ Year Book Order Form **OR**
- ❖ Year Book order online instructions
- ❖ Book Week Schedule (K--Gr. 5)
- ❖ 40 Ways to Foster Prayer



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