

DMCS eNewsletter April 30, 2020

Dear Parents-

Happy May! We are excited to be in the final month of the 2019-2020 school year. This year has been anything but what we had expected, and we are thankful to have had all of you in this challenging environment with us! When we count our blessings, each of you tops our list!

To celebrate you and our wonderful school community, we are planning a **School Spirit Parade** for Thursday, May 7th, from 6:30-7:30 PM at Divine Mercy Catholic School. Decorate your cars! Wear school colors! Show your school pride! Our teachers and staff will line up along the pick-up lane through our parking lot (with appropriate social distance of course) and cheer all our families on as they drive through. We have a surprise to give each family at the end of the parade as well. We want to celebrate all our wonderful students and families and give you our encouragement for this **Final Stretch**. You **CAN** do it! We **BELIEVE** in you! I hope you and your family will be able to participate with us.

I encourage you to attend the Catholic Schools' Center of Excellence (CSCOE) virtual BASH this weekend (<https://e.givesmart.com/events/eoG/>). This organization supports our school and all the schools in our diocese in so many ways and they can use all the help they get. One of the auction items is the honor of carrying our school banner at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. If you win the auction, you choose who carries it! Thank you for considering supporting this great organization.

As we look to next year and our ongoing planning, one of the things we must do is solicit membership to our School Advisory Committee (SAC). This group meets to advise the strategic direction of the school and takes an active role in the

activities of the school through PTO, Gambling, Fundraising, and Finance. We are looking for new members next year. Please email me if you have any interest (or know of someone who might be a good fit) in joining this important group. Thank you for considering service to our school community in this way.

Every day stories come across my desk about people who are challenged through this crisis. I encourage you to remember how important mental health and wellness is for you and your child. This weekend take some time to talk about how you are doing. Ask about what your child fears. Talk through the challenges and the joys you are experiencing. Honor their feelings and emotions and let them know that it is OK for things to be hard. It is OK for things not to be OK. Model empathy and coping techniques. Pray together. Getting through this pandemic with some skills for coping with challenge will be a big win for your child. Life will always throw us curve balls, it is up to us to figure out how to knock them out of the park.

May God continue to bless you and your families, and may He help us recognize and be grateful for our blessings.

Mrs. Ashley

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



Where is Waldo-Mrs. Ashley?

Joslyn Babcock was the first winner of the "Where is Waldo?" contest. Joslyn wins a \$25.00 gift card. Congratulations!



Congratulation to Braiden & Kaidence Johnson for being the Top Sellers in this year's Catholic United Financial Raffle. They won an Olympic Scooter!! Also, congratulations to Mrs. Duban-Reuvers 3rd grade class for being the top class winner! Each student in her class will receive a \$5.00 Dairy Queen gift card in place of the pizza party! Which can be picked up starting tomorrow during the 10:00 to 11:30 AM pick-up time.

Thank you ALL for supporting this fundraiser.