

## DMCS eNewsletter November 19, 2020

Dear Parents-

This week we concentrate on Gratitude. It is a great way to prepare our minds and hearts for Thanksgiving. There are so many things to thank God for each day and we are practicing a “Gratitude Attitude” here at DMCS. What are you grateful for? Spend some time discussing this with your children. Their answers might bring a smile to your face.

As our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving Break, I want to thank all of you for helping us with our winter gear and food drive. St. Vincent DePaul has been very grateful for our help. You can still bring items until this Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Next week is a short one, and there will be no newsletter. May your family enjoy your Thanksgiving Break even if it feels a bit different this year.

Remember that all winter gear will be mandatory beginning on November 30<sup>th</sup>, so make sure your children wear everything to school. That winter wind is getting very cold!

With our first positive case last week and the quarantining of a class at preschool, we have continued to evaluate our plan going forward. Our plans to remain face-to-face or move to a period of distance learning continue to hinge on the impact Covid-19 has on our school community. Our strategy will be to utilize 14-day quarantine periods to isolate any exposure and minimize risk. Individual classroom pods will be out on quarantine if any student or teacher tests positive for the virus. If any kind of spread is traced to our school community (outside pods) or extended quarantines of students or staff due to exposure become numerous, we will shift to a 14-day quarantine reset period. Please be ready for this. We are not planning to do this right now, however, there is no way to predict what the next few weeks hold for us. Right now, BA plans to return to class on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and we plan to still be here as well. Thank you for all you are doing to be proactive and conscientious about keeping your children home if there is cause for concern. Your communication with us has been excellent and it is greatly appreciated.

We have planned to take a longer break at Christmas time to provide a 14-day reset and encourage any family who travels or gathers with others they have not been in contact with recently to consider taking additional time on either side of that break to assure a 14 day quarantine. If you are wondering about this, please give me a call or send me an email. We want to work with our families, and I am happy to talk through any of this with you.

I am finding great support in the principals of many of the other 79 Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis along with principals from schools in the Diocese of Winona. There is no doubt that this is uncharted territory for all of us and we continue to work to provide what is best for the students and families in our schools. I appreciate the support and patience you are giving to our teachers who are working very hard to meet the needs of learners both in-person and on-line. Know that when we count our blessings on Thanksgiving Day, you will all be counted!

Thank you for all you are doing.

Keep the faith-

Mrs. Ashley

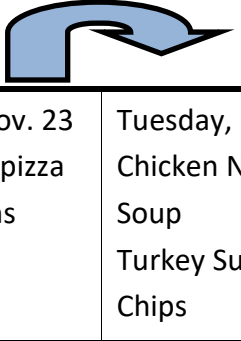
*Every child is a Vision of Hope!*

**GIVE  
THANKS**  
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

**A big thank you to all who donated winter gear and food items for those in need! Our food and clothing drive will end tomorrow, Friday, November 20. All items collected will be taken to the St. Vincent De Paul Society for distribution.**

**Give a gift for Christmas! We will be collecting toys and games beginning November 30. New, unwrapped donations can be dropped off in the front entryway of school and on the table in the Kindergaten hallway. All items will be brought to the St. Vincent De Paul Society for distribution. Our toy collection will end on Friday, December 11.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Menu change - Monday & Tuesday  
Menus will be swapped



Monday, Nov. 23	Tuesday, Nov. 24
Pepperoni pizza	Chicken Noodle
Green beans	Soup
Fruit	Turkey Sub
Pudding	Chips

We are still serving breakfast! Due to shortages by our vendor the menu changes rapidly. We will not be putting out a monthly breakfast menu. Our Teachers will notify students what the next days menu will be. Thank you for understanding.

### BA Offering On-Campus Family Tours

Prospective Grade 6-12 students are encouraged to set up an on-campus family tour led by one of our student ambassadors. Tours offered Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To start your Cardinal journey, sign up at [this link](#) to see how our ACT-aligned, Christ-centered curriculum and supportive Bethlehem Academy community can make a difference in the life of your student!



*Some of Faribault's finest from the Fire Department came to talk to and answer questions of some the Kindergarteners this week!*

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Nov. 20	Dress Code Reward Day
Nov. 24-26	No School Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	8:30 Mass Gr. 3M Host PAWS (Parents Actively Working in Schools) Meeting 6pm @ DMCS
Dec. 3	Spelling Bee



~ Mrs. Miller's  
3rd Graders answer  
the question:

I'm thankful for my family. They support me and are funny. I'm thankful for the world that God created for all of us. I like all of his beautiful creations. I'm also thankful for my teachers. They teach me so much. I also give thanks for my friends. They help me out when I need them. I'm so thankful for everything that I have.  
By Avery

I am thankful for several things. I am thankful for my family. They are nice. I give thanks for God. I am so happy that He created us. I also give thanks for my friends. They play with me. I am thankful for all that I have.  
By Shea Hanson

What ARE You Thankful for?

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for food and water. We wouldn't be able to survive without them. I am also thankful for my pet dog. He is fun to play with. I am also thankful for my family. Every holiday we get to do something fun together. Thank you for all these things.  
By Raymond

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my mom and dad. They made me and they are nice. I give thanks for my brother. He plays with me and is the nicest brother. I am also thankful for my dog. He is so cute, soft, and loves to play with me. I am lucky for all of these things.  
By Kiernan