

DMCS eNewsletter November 5, 2020

Dear Parents-

Thank you so much for your participation in conferences this week. It was great to see you and share information about your child with you. Your child's educational journey is a partnership with us and we are excited to work with you. We look forward to second quarter and continuing to help your child develop to all he/she was created to be.

Our ongoing technical issue with getting our online grading platform to print report cards has been very frustrating. Thank you so much for your patience through this process. The problem we were experiencing went all the way to their engineer and development teams. It was not easy to solve. We are pleased to announce that we are printing report cards today and they will be sent home ASAP.

November will be a month of service opportunities at DMCS! We will be collecting gently used winter gear and non-perishable food for St. Vincent DePaul. There are collection spots available at school for these items. You can send them with your children or stop in the front entry to drop them off. Thank you for using these opportunities to speak with your children about the importance of Christian charity. Corporal works of Mercy are great ways to show our care and love for others who are less fortunate than we are.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and plan to continue in person education until situations in our school population would warrant a change in that decision. We have been extremely fortunate so far, and I am so thankful to our parents who are being very cautious with their children. Many have called and talked through the protocols with us. This is extremely helpful, and I appreciate you prioritizing the health of our school community in your decisions.

As we look to the holiday season, we have decided to alter our school calendar slightly. We will be taking off two full weeks at Christmas to allow for a 14-day reset and deep clean of our building. There will be No School on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. The school calendar has been changed to reflect this and is attached to this newsletter.

This reset does not provide a 14-day quarantine before the holiday or after the holiday, so I ask you to consider your plans and act prudently in your decisions. If you feel the need to have your child quarantine for a certain reason, please call and talk it over with me. I will be happy to work with you. I have chosen not to demand a quarantine or that people stay home because there are so many parameters around the decisions to travel and family is second only to God in importance. Driving to Grandma and Grandpa's house for Christmas is not necessarily high risk-no matter where they live. Our community has been so helpful, and I fully trust in all of you. Our goal would be to stay face to face and keep our students as healthy as possible. We are all in this together.

I understand that this extended break might be a hardship for some, and our care programs at preschool and school age will be available for the two extra days we are off. Please contact your teacher at the preschool level or Katie Healy at the school age level if you will be in need of care on either day.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Keep the faith-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vision of Hope!

NEEDED - Volunteer Representative to the DMCC Finance Committee for the School. We are looking for someone with an expertise or interest in financial matters to represent DMCS on the church finance committee and report back to the School Advisory Committee. This person will be asked to participate in two monthly meetings (one at the parish and one at the school) and act as a liaison to the School Advisory group. Please contact Gina Ashley if this interests you. Thank you!

*Students lined up at the Book Fair
excited to purchase their new books!*





Earlier this year Father Brandon gave the Kindergarten students a tour of the church. He talked to them about the different parts of the Mass. He told them about the significance of different items used during Mass. He also showed them some of the garments that the priest wears depending on the season of the Liturgical year.



BA Open House November 9

Continue your child's faith journey at Bethlehem Academy! Join us for our virtual open house for prospective students Monday, November 9, starting at 6:00 pm via Facebook Live. Grounded in faith, our programs help students achieve academically, grow spiritually, and lead lives of service to others. Learn what a difference a BA education can make! Join us 6pm Monday at <https://www.facebook.com/FaribaultBA>. More information at www.bacards.org. Email admissions@bacards.org with questions or to sign up for a personal family tour.



Winter Coat Drive & Food Collection

Dates to Remember

Nov. 9	No School - Teacher Work Day
Nov. 11	8:30 Mass Gr. 4P Host Veteran's Day
Nov. 18	8:30 Mass Gr. 3D Host
Nov. 20	Dress Code Reward Day

DMCS is hosting a new and gently used winter coat and snow-pants drive which will run through November 20th. We are asking families to donate winter gear. Please package the winter coats and snow pants in plastic bags, then drop them off in the DMCS entry way between the two glass doors.

We will also be having a food collection during this time. Boxes for the nonperishable food items will be on tables in the front hallway. Please check expiration dates before sending, thank you.