



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Illuminating Minds, Cultivating Faith

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DMCS Newsletter February 11, 2021

Dear Parents-

I hope you are surviving the deep freeze! Let me tell you, this cold weather makes the days longer and indoor recess is never easy. However, we have the bright light of inspiration around us all the time. I have recently been reminded in a very real way how significant the inspiration and hope of our faith can be if we let it. Take Valentine's Day, for instance. Saint Valentine was an actual person that lived his life in an inspiring way. He used his time on Earth to do good deeds. Check out his story here: <https://mycatholickids.com/a-story-of-saint-valentine-to-share-with-your-kids/>

You may, or may not, be aware that I pray a prayer every morning with the students that asks God to help each of us discern His plan for our lives-our Vocation. These cold, quiet days of winter are a wonderful time to ponder this. What is God's plan for my life? How will he work through me to help others? How will I glorify Him through my life? These deep questions are things we need to think about, and it is never too early. The Saints and their lives are great inspirations as we do this. These are stories of real people who found a way to honor God in how they lived their lives.

As we enter into the Season of Lent, may we be focused on these questions and in

the three pillars of Prayer, Fasting/ Abstinence, and Almsgiving. Working with these three areas and setting small goals for the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is a great way to prepare ourselves for this wonderful Liturgical Season. I encourage you to talk about this as a family. Perhaps setting these goals together would help bring you closer together? I invite you to try. There are so many resources available for Families these days, I hope you utilize them to make this season one that helps you and your child grow in faith.

Conferences are quickly approaching. Pre-school teachers will be holding theirs on February 23rd and 25th. Kindergarten through 5th grade will be held on March 9th and 11th. Watch for sign-up information to come from your child's teacher.

I hope all of you stay warm over this long weekend in the deep freeze. I know some of you hearty Minnesotans will find great ways to even enjoy it! ☺ Remember that there is no school tomorrow (February 12) and Monday (February 15). We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, February 16th.

Blessings-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vision of Hope!



Dates to Remember

Feb. 12	No School
Feb. 15	Teacher Workday-No School
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 23 and 25	Preschool Conferences
Mar. 9 and 11	K-5 Conferences
Mar. 15 -19	Spring Break

ENROLL

You should have already received your enrollment link for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to everyone who has already filled this out. Please complete this as soon as possible so that we may begin planning for next year. Contact Ginger VanHecke with questions.



DMCS Sledding Party

Rescheduled for
Saturday, February 27th at Camp Omega

Two Sessions:
10-12 and 1-3

Fun for the Family:
Sledding
Broom Ball
Other Activities

No Cost:
sponsored by PAWS
(Parents Actively Working in School)

