



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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DMCS Newsletter March 11, 2021

Dear Parents-

Spring Break is almost here, and I can feel the excitement in the air! The beautiful weather this week has just added to the anticipation. It is hard to believe, but last year at this time we were discovering that school would be shut down for the awhile. None of us knew at the time how long the shutdown would last and how our lives would be changed. While hindsight has given us some clarity, I am sustained by the knowledge that we have all done our best in the moment. I am thankful every day for the determination and positivity in the people that surround me and the mission of service that underlies everything we do. I look forward in hope for a return to normalcy. Our PPRP will get updated during Spring Break to contain the changes we have implemented this spring. It will be located on our website.

We continue with conferences tonight, March 11th. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning and behavior. We also appreciate your support of our Book Fair this week.

We return from Spring break on March 22nd and our last quarter of the 2020-2021 school year begins. Ten instructional weeks left in this unprecedented year. I look forward to our spring events such as First Communion, Spring Concerts, 5th Grade Celebration, and Scholarship Night. We are working through details of how to make these events happen

with the restrictions in place at the time. Stay tuned for more info in upcoming newsletters. The last few weeks of school always fly by, and I do not expect this year to be any different.

With the change of seasons, comes challenges on our playground. After Spring Break boots and snow pants are not required, however, if your child chooses not to wear them they may be restricted as to what areas of the playground they may use (This will be determined by how wet and muddy areas are). If your child wants to continue playing on the areas that will be wet and muddy, I encourage them to continue to wear their gear. Soon, the sun will melt all the snow and dry our playground areas.

A note for parents who drop off students in the morning:

As the weather has begun to improve, I have noticed an increase in students being dropped off before 7:40 AM. They are congregating at the corner of our building and are not supervised. This is a safety and liability concern for us. Please do not drop your student off before 7:40 AM. Doors will not be open. Students should remain in their cars until the patrols come out of the building. If you have a need to drop off earlier than 7:40, we have a before care program available. Please call with questions about how to access that. After Spring Break, I will



be contacting the families of students who are left unattended. Thank you for your help in keeping students safe.

I wish all of you a wonderful Spring Break on March 15th through the 19th. May all who travel return safely.

Blessings-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vision of Hope!



DMCS is currently accepting registration for preschool and school age summer care programs.



Info can be found on our website (www.dmcs.cc) or by calling 334-7706.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Want to further the mission of our school? Interested in Marketing, Advancement, Finance, or Outreach? Want to help engage our community? We are looking for interested people to be part of the School Advisory Council (SAC) in 2021-2022. Contact Gina Ashley (gashley@dmcs.cc) for more information.

We Need YOU!



Dates to Remember

- Mar. 11 K-5 Conferences
Book Fair
- Mar. 12 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 15 Spring Break
-19
- Mar. 26 Dress Code Reward Dress Down Day
and Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Apr. 2 No School-Good Friday
- Apr. 5 No School-Easter Monday
Childcare Programs available