

Illuminating Minds, Cultivating Faith

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DMCS Newsletter May 13, 2021

Dear Parents-

Last night, our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students entertained us with songs from Broadway. Hearing their voices and seeing their excitement was a balm to my soul. The past year has been challenging in so many ways. This concert was a great reminder of why we made the decisions we did and why our commitment to the students remains our central idea in all we do. I am so thankful for each of the students here at Divine Mercy. They have given me hope on even the darkest day of the last year. Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are an incredible gift!

As we get to the completion of this year. We stop to celebrate our staff who are experiencing milestones in their service to our school.

Lynette DeShane is our Art Teacher. She also helps in both our preschool and elementary afterschool programs. She is celebrating 5 years here at Divine Mercy this spring

<u>Matt Robinson</u> is our Technology teacher. He also coaches the robotics team and cares for all of the staff devices and tech needs. Matt celebrates his 5 years at Divine Mercy this spring as well.

Mary VanThomme is one of our Kindergarten Readiness teachers. She celebrates 5 years as an employee of Divine Mercy this spring, although she has been active in our community longer than that. She worked at the daycare previously operated in the Mother Samuel Building before taking on the role of teaching in our preschool.

<u>Ginger VanHecke</u> joins the 30-year club this spring with her 30 years of service award. Ginger has worn many hats throughout her years with us and has always served the school and our community with integrity and dedication.

We are so thankful for the service of these dedicated individuals and I encourage you to reach out with a word of congratulations to them. Their service is so important to the success of our school.

We look forward to another concert next week as our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students get a chance to showcase their talents. This is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 19th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church (139 Mercy Drive). We also look forward to our youngest students sharing some music with us on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 PM when our Preschool students have their Spring Sing at Divine Mercy Catholic School gym. I look



forward to seeing many of you at these great year-end celebration events.

Blessings-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vision of Hope!

Please Pray for the Capital Campaign!



SAVE THE DATE:

2021 Visions of HOPE SCHOLARSHIP VIRTUAL GALA Friday, June 18th



Loving God, you have blessed us abundantly!

Thank you for the gift of our faith and our Catholic community here at Divine Mercy, UNITED FOR OUR FUTURE in this parish to praise you.

To allow our growing ministries to continue to flourish, we desire a new educational facility and additional fellowship spaces.

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten us so we recognize and embrace these pressing needs. Help us unite our hearts, our efforts, and our resources to raise the needed funds to continue the building of your kingdom.

With the power of the Holy Spirit directing us, Jesus we trust in you. Amen.

Dates to Remember

May 3-5 Spring Concert (DMCC 19 Church) 6:30 PM

May Preschool Concert 6PM DMCS 20

May End of Year Celebration 21

May K Readiness Concert/Graduation 26 (Time dependent on class)

May Dress Down Reward Day 28

June 1 Pool Party

June 2 End of School Year/5th Grade Celebration





A note from the Catholic Schools' Center of Excellence

Please urge your parents, teachers, and wider school community to contact lawmakers to support the education provisions of Senate File 960, which provide parents with financial resources to access non-public schools or to pay for tutors and supplemental educational services for students in distance and hybrid learning models. Your community can contact lawmakers at the following link: https://

www.votervoice.net/OAK/campaigns/84558/respond

Ms. Anne's Preschoolers experience spring chicks with a visit from Mrs. Malecha.