



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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DMCS Summer News July 29, 2021

Dear Parents-

July is almost gone. Time is about to really speed up for me. I hope you were able to enjoy the Rice County Fair last week, and that the simple joys of the summer have been many. This week I have been attending the National Catholic Liberal Education Conference at St. Thomas. We have been learning more about issues surrounding Catholic Education and thinking about ways to continue to improve Divine Mercy Catholic School. Learning never ends and it continues to keep my job interesting.

Next week, with the calendar flipped to August, we will be sending out our typical back to school email. It will be filled with class lists and all kinds of information about the 2021-2022 school year. With that will be information on what we know today about Covid-19 protocols in our school. As with last year, this is a fluid situation and we are poised to listen to, and react to the

information given by the Archdiocese, the State of MN, the Minnesota Department of Education, Rice County Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will work to make the best decisions we can about what is best for our community. Thank you for your trust in us.

I am excited to be welcoming many new people to our school community for the 2021-2022 school year. This includes newly hired staff. Please see the newsletter today for information on our new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Becky Hirsch.

A big thank you to all who brought in clothing for our uniform dress code give away and to all who came to "shop". It was great seeing you and saying "hello". We hope it was valuable for you. Look for our new online school store opening soon. It will be another place to order dress code items as well as school spirit wear.

Plan to attend our first PAWS (Parents Actively Working in School) meeting August 4th. We will be meeting at 6:00 at DMCS. We are looking for many parents to join in with this group as we work to enrich the student education here at Divine Mercy. You are wanted and needed!

I am keeping you all in my prayers. I hope you continue to enjoy the summer.

Many Blessings-

Mrs. Ashley

Invest in a child, invest in the future....

There is still time to donate to our Scholarship fund for the 2021-2022 school year. Click the link on our website: www.dmcs.cc We appreciate your help!



Meet Ms. Becky Hirsch

Hello, my name is Becky Hirsch and I'm a first year teacher. I graduated from Hamline University. Last year, I student taught in the fall and subbed in a variety of schools and grade levels during the spring. I am very excited to start my teaching career at Divine Mercy in a kindergarten classroom!

When I'm not doing school work, I like to do needle-point activities: sewing, knitting, and cross-stitch are my favorite. I also play the oboe in a community band up in the cities. But my favorite thing is being outside in nature. My family has taken many vacations to state and national parks. I also enjoy biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing wherever I can.

Dates to Remember

July 21- Aug. 6	Gym closed for refinishing
Aug. 4	PAWS Meeting 6 PM @ DMCS
Aug. 9-20	Band Camp
Aug. 20	Welcome Picnic and Pool Party (5-8PM)
Aug. 23-26	Teacher Workshop
Aug. 25	Back to School Night Open House (2-7PM)
Aug. 30	School Begins Grades 1-5
Sept. 1	School Begins K and PreK



Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome Back Picnic and Pool Party

Friday, August 20th
Picnic from 5-6/Pool from 6-8

Back to School Night Open House

Wednesday, August 25th
2PM-7PM

