

What's New at School

St. Dominic School Drives in a New Direction. . .

The Education Committee approved at its August meeting changing the direction of traffic entering and exiting the school. All visitors are now asked to enter off of St. Olaf Avenue and exit on Spring Street. This change encourages all to appreciate the scenic view of the drive and the school.

Thanks to a generous donation during the School's Silent and Live Auction, this road has been named Bishop Dudley Drive to commemorate the late Bishop Paul Dudley. Bishop Dudley was a Northfield native and served as Pastor of the Church of St. Dominic from 1995-97. He was a strong advocate of Catholic education particularly at St. Dominic School.



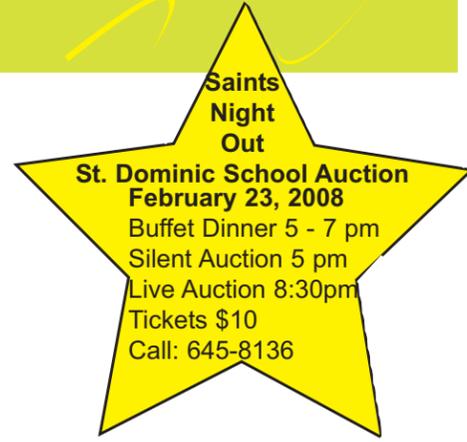
Saints Night Out Auction

On a very snowy February evening, a record number of people came out and helped the school raise more than \$64,000 which goes directly towards operating the school. While it may have been snowing outside, there was nothing but fun to be had inside. People helped themselves to a delicious buffet. There was some friendly competition going on in the silent auction as people vied for wonderful items that were donated or made by the students. The live auction was filled with bidding, raffles and a very exciting heads or tails game.

The money raised allows the school to continue its mission of developing Northfield area students who are focused on academics and dedicated to service and community. Thanks to ALL the tremendous people who donated their time, money or items. Please join us February 23rd for another fun Saints Night Out!



Firepit - All school project



Saints Night Out
St. Dominic School Auction
February 23, 2008
 Buffet Dinner 5 - 7 pm
 Silent Auction 5 pm
 Live Auction 8:30pm
 Tickets \$10
 Call: 645-8136



Heads or Tails Game



Attendees enjoy a fabulous dinner buffet!

Special Thank You to Konica Minolta 952-820-8385 for printing the newsletter.

Cindy Green

St. Dominic scores high on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)
96 in reading
84 in math.

particularly St. Dominic School.

“ I am an alum, a current parent, and the 6th grade teacher. Our children, through quality education and spiritual development, have grown to be caring, compassionate, and responsible individuals. That is our hope for the future. I value Catholic education, ”



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From the Principal



Principal Vicki Kalina Marvin

St. Dominic School? Where is that exactly? If you are reading this, you are sure you know the answer; some of you even know the exact address. However, I am here to tell you we are moving. No, we are not moving the physical location of our school, but we are moving onward and upward.

St. Dominic School has been a part of my life for more than 25 years (just barely!) and has always carried a reputation of excellence. Unfortunately and fortunately, a good reputation from the past is not enough. Because of the high quality educational options in the Northfield area, our constituents demand more. People want to know what we are doing different and better than everyone else. People want to know what makes our school one of excellence, rather than just accepting the reputation that preceded us. Although articulating this can sometimes be a

challenge for those of us in the thick of it, needing to support our reputation is an excellent way to reflect on and adjust the methods and curriculum we are using. I feel we are in a fortunate situation to have several options for children of Northfield, because competition forces us to keep moving. The demand for more forces us to move forward.

As the principal, I have the joy and challenge of working with others to develop the vision for St. Dominic School. The field of education, like many things in life, is something that is never completely perfected. Because of this, we are constantly continuing our own education by looking to research to help develop best practices to be used within our school. It is this very research, along with our values, that guide the development of the vision.

As a part of this vision, one very important part is to increase our connections with the community. When speaking of the word community, it has multiple layers: our own school, the parish, the city of Northfield, and the world outside. This school year, we have made efforts in each of these areas. Beginning with our own school, we provide many different opportunities for the students to interact and develop relationships with one another. Our 7th and 8th grade buddy up each week with our kindergarten students when we attend Mass. First and fifth graders are planning Christmas Around the World activities. Third graders spend a few minutes each week with the seventh and eighth graders reading stories. Children are welcome and encouraged to interact with children beyond their own grade level during recess and lunch. It is amazing to me how simple things like these create a bond that can be easily identified when the students see one another outside of the school day.

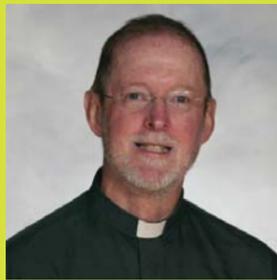
Beyond the walls of our school, we are making efforts to connect with the parish and the city of Northfield. The importance of these connections is two-fold. The obvious one for many of us is that we want people to know who we are and what a great program we offer here. The second part of it is that we believe in facilitating the development of responsible and engaged citizens among our students. By providing the students with experiences that involve our parish and community, we are showing them how they can directly impact the community in which they live and worship. They will be able to see how they can become an integral part of Northfield and the Church of St. Dominic. Some activities that have supported this idea are collecting Nickels for Northfield, arranging presentations by the local police and fire departments, and sharing news about our school through church announcements, bulletin news, and appearances in the Northfield News. I want everyone to think of St. Dominic School as a viable option for their educational needs and to see how we are shaping positive additions to the Northfield community.

Sometimes connecting with the world outside of our own city can be a challenge, but it is a very important part of who we are as Christians. Helping one another is something to which we are called, and we value the importance of teaching children to look beyond their immediate world. The world outside of Northfield cannot only teach us many things and broaden our perspective, but it also provides a platform for us to implement the true values of the gospel. In past school years, we have provided our middle school students with the chance to put their efforts toward helping through the Feed My Starving Children organization. Packaging food for people who truly do not have access to their own food is an awakening for many of our students. Children can hear about the needs of others through lecture and reading, but playing an active role to help is completely different. This winter, we are going to provide our seventh and eighth graders with a completely new experience of developing relationships with St. Dominic's sister parish in Maltrata, Mexico. Fr. Denny, parents, parishioners, and I will accompany the group of students. I am really looking forward to this trip where we will not only experience a whole new culture, but we will have the chance to build relationships with people we may never have met. Showing the students similarities and differences first-hand will be unlike anything they could have ever read in a book or find in the classroom.

Connections are such a vital part of our lives, and I invite you to stay connected to St. Dominic School. We enjoy and encourage visits from alumni of all ages. Please feel free to call the school and set up a time to visit at your convenience or join us for any of our special events. If you are unable to make a visit, please stay connected through our school website at www.churchofstdominic.org/school. Thank you for your continued support of St. Dominic School!

Vicki Kalina Marvin

From the Pastor



Fr. Denny Dempsey

Do you like playing with numbers? Take a look at the following number grid.

My dad encouraged us kids in math. From the time we were in third grade, we boys took turns after school waiting on customers in our family hardware store. In those pre-calculator and bar-code days, dad wanted us to always figure people's bills accurately.

Many a night, back when kindergarten was still ahead of me, I could hear my older brother Chris in the upper bunk saying numbers. He wasn't counting sheep. He was doing the multiplication tables he was learning in school. He went on to become an accountant.

$1 \times 9 + 2 = 11$
 $12 \times 9 + 3 = 111$
 $123 \times 9 + 4 = 1111$
 $1234 \times 9 + 5 = 11111$
 $12345 \times 9 + 6 = 111111$
 $123456 \times 9 + 7 = 1111111$
 $1234567 \times 9 + 8 = 11111111$
 $12345678 \times 9 + 9 = 111111111$
 $123456789 \times 9 + 10 = 1111111111$

The skills and knowledge learned at school and reinforced at home shape the people we become as adults. While excelling in math and language skills, St. Dominic offers children a formation which no other school in Northfield can provide, teaching the whole child in an integration of spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional development.

Take another look at the number grid above. Every combination on the left ends up with a series of ones on the right. We want all our students to be # 1...to become the best people they can possibly be. To help us make that possible, we need your help with a couple other numbers.

First, we need to keep our enrollment numbers up. I am very proud of our staff and committees and all they are doing to get the word out, but we need your help. Encourage neighbors and family in the Northfield area to provide their children with what St. Dominic has to offer.

Second, the cost of educating a child is significantly higher than when you went to grade school, requiring significant subsidies from the parish and tuition increases most years. Your financial support can help meet these rising costs and provide tuition assistance for families needing financial support. May God bless you and all you do to help make Catholic school education possible here in Northfield.

Fr. Denny Dempsey

New Staff



Hello! My name is Angie DeNardo Meagher. As a Northfield resident for the past 10 years and a member of St.

Dominic's parish, I'm excited to join St. Dominic School this year as the School Counselor. My role is to assist students to develop positive social skills individually and in a group or classroom settings.

My name is Eileen Shimota and I am the new Development Director. I am an alum of Holy Cross Catholic School, hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations, and a Master of Science degree in Experiential Education. I worked at St. Olaf College for 13 years



in various departments, served on the Holy Cross School Board for five years, and spent last year working as a Director for a charter school in Waseca. Through these experiences, I truly recognize the value of a private education and am therefore delighted to be a member of the St. Dominic School staff.

I'm Rochelle Thorman and I have the opportunity to set up and teach the new preschool program at St. Dominic School (made possible by all the wonderful donations from families.) I choose to work at St. Dominic because I like the caring and supportive family environment to teach in. Parents are the child's first teacher and students are successful when parents are involved with their children's education. I have



been a teacher for 22 years but more importantly, a parent for 28. I am proud to be on the staff of St. Dominic with its' long history of providing excellence in education for mind, body and spirit.

Hi, I am Connie, the Spanish teacher this year. I am from Bogota Colombia, a very beautiful city just in the middle of the country. I live there with my parents and older sister. I teach English in Bogota in a Bilingual school called Gimnasio Los Caobos. Last year I taught third graders, but I have taught all ages including adults. I have been teaching English for about seven years. I got a BA degree in Modern Languages and I was working on a Master in Applied Linguistics before coming here.



Endowment and Honor Roll of Donors

St. Dominic School continuously strives for excellence in education for our students in preschool through 8th grade. As a non-public institution, revenue is generated from tuition, parish support, fundraising, and the endowment fund.

Endowment money is used for capital improvements, student scholarships, professional growth of teachers, program enrichment and special projects. The endowment fund is managed by a committee consisting of the pastor, the principal, members of the Parish Finance Committee, the School's Education Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, and members selected by the School Education Committee. Funds are disbursed according to a formula that takes a percentage of the interest and dividends earned for the year.

It is our mission to keep our education as affordable as possible without compromising the quality of our programming. To do this, it is necessary to seek outside funding to maintain a healthy endowment. As an alum, family member or friend connected to the school, you recognize the importance of supporting St. Dominic School and all it has to offer. **Please consider donating to help us maintain/enhance our current programming and to continue the tradition of Catholic education in Northfield.**

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We sincerely apologize if we missed any donors. Please contact us to make us aware of any omissions

School Happenings . . .cont.

In an effort to get more connected with the colleges in town, the students also sang at Carleton at their November 3rd home game.

St. Dominic School
WHERE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT ARE AWAKENED

New Look for School's Web Page

Be sure to check out the new look that contains more information and a section specifically for alumni. Our hope is to communicate more clearly about who we are, what's going on at the school, and to encourage and enhance community relationships. Please contact Eileen Shimota, eileenshimota@churchofstdominic.org with any questions or suggestions.



New Mural Fills the Halls with Color

St. Dominic students enjoy Fr. Denny Dempsey's artwork in the mural created this summer. The project quickly became a community effort as parishioners, parents, students, staff, and friends

assisted in the painting of the design. The mural beautifully combines faith and education attesting to the school's logo: St. Dominic School, Where Mind, Body, and Spirit are Awakened.

What's New at School

St. Dominic Opens Preschool



Fall 2007 marked the opening of the St. Dominic Preschool, the first Christian preschool in the Northfield area. In its inaugural year, there are sixteen children registered for two classes, one for 3-year-olds and the other for 4-and 5-year-olds. Classes are held in the primary wing of the school with the kindergarten, first, and second grade students.

The decision to start the program was made last year after a survey of parish families with preschool-aged children revealed a strong interest in a preschool. As one parent who responded to the survey said, "(St. Dominic Preschool would) set a wonderful precedence in

town... the beginning of a family's association of excellence with the school."

The preschool class is taught by Rochelle Thorman. Rochelle has been teaching for 22 years, the last 17 in early childhood. Rochelle's teaching philosophy centers around making learning fun and treating each child as an individual. She says, "Our Christian environment creates a classroom climate that is peaceful and nurturing, and our small class size ensure that each student receives individual attention and the opportunity to explore their surroundings."

Sarah (Messner) Mellgren, St. Dominic School alumna and mother of 4-year-old preschool student Blake, says that last spring she and her husband, Todd, could not decide if they wanted to enroll Blake in any of Northfield's preschools. However, when they heard that St. Dominic was opening a preschool, they decided to give it a try. They are very glad they made that decision! Sarah says,

"I love the St. Dominic preschool program because it incorporates learning and fun. I am amazed at how much Blake has learned in these first few months of school and how much he is enjoying it. He wishes he could go every day!" Sarah adds, "My best friends to this day are the ones I met my first day at St. Dominic School 26 years ago. I am so happy that my kids will have the opportunity to have the great experience at St. Dominic that I had."

More information about the St. Dominic Preschool can be found on the website www.churchofstdominic.org/school. Opportunities for enrollment for the 3 year old program will open in January. Registration for the 2008-09 school year will begin in February.



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New Staff cont. . .



Hi, I am Jane Bartho. I feel I'm in the perfect place at the perfect time. I am fortunate to be our school's Administrative Assistant, aka "Secretary." Many years ago, I attended a school strikingly similar to St. Dominic. It was St. Mary's School in New Ulm. I attended college at St. Cloud State earning a

Social Work degree. I spent many years serving the senior population in various venues. Once I began my own family, I chose to stay at home and provide services to the other end of the age spectrum; I started a day care.

Now, I am enjoying my time at school and hope to bring more communication, creativity and continue the strong sense of community.

Alumni Profile



Four Generations



Larry Anthony, Morgan and Erin Almendinger

The beginning of St. Dominic School is a memory my grandmother holds in her mind. She tells of the time when the idea of building the school was just evolving. The priest of the parish traveled to parishioners' houses and farms to ask for donations. The school became a reality, and the doors opened in 1926. From that early memory through today, St. Dominic School has played a very important part in my family's life. My mother, her siblings, their children, my sister, and I all attended St. Dominic School. My own children now attend the school, and I still see many of the same beliefs of the foundation today as the day the school was built. I am lucky enough to be the principal and can ensure that core values still guide the work we do.

My own memories of my time at St. Dominic School are filled with the relationships that I formed here. The small family environment allowed teachers to get to know all of the children. As a second grader and a new student, I vividly remember the first grade teacher treating me like everyone else in the class, even though she did not have me as a student. To this day, that teacher and I still greet one another with hugs and smiles. I also built solid relationships with my classmates. Just one of many examples is the friendship I formed with Shari Winter Erickson. Little did we know we would one day have the pleasure of working together! Like my connection with Shari, I am still able to stop and talk to any of my classmates from St. D's just like we had seen one another yesterday.

Continuing the legacy of St. Dominic School is of great importance to me. I am committed to building the future of this school, and I am excited about the great possibilities. Together with alumni, current school families, and families of the future, we can keep the great tradition of St. Dominic School being one of excellence!

I look back at my years at Rosary School with the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1948-1956 very fondly and have many memories of my time spent there....

- Walking to Longfellow School to take advantage of their hot lunch program. Our lunch program was not started until my later grades, when it was located in the church basement. Our first meal was hot dogs and beans!
- Being named the school spelling champion in 8th grade
- The disciplined approach to learning (with more than 30 students in each of the classes, discipline was important!)
- Weekly mass and, during May (Mary's month), daily mass
- Most importantly, our daily prayers and referencing the tenets of our Catholic Faith in so many different ways giving me the moral fiber I needed to go out into the real world.

Tradition is important to me and also to my wife Marilyn, so it was important for us to send our children to St. Dominic School. All five of our children attended St. Dominic, and our granddaughter is now a first grader there, which is very fulfilling to me. It is rewarding to see the results of getting the three R's with a Catholic perspective thrown in.

Throughout the years, St. Dominic School has carried on an excellent program in education. The teachers exhibit a compassionate but disciplined regiment. Good leadership is apparent with all the staff and parents working together and putting our faith as the centerpiece for our future generation's success in a challenging world.

Larry Anthony is a salesman for Furlong Motors in Northfield

School Happenings

In the Classroom

Extended Core Curriculum

St. Dominic School is committed to consistently implementing updated, research based methods and curriculum. Each school year, staff participates in a process to identify resources that will ensure a well-rounded, rigorous curriculum in a specific area. While our core focuses on the foundation of our learning, our extended courses in the areas of art, music and technology complement the curriculum and therefore, complete the academic cycle.

Art - Mary Kloos

My curriculum is a mixture of seasonal themes and exploring famous artists and their influence in art. The art projects examine a variety of different mediums: acrylic paints, air dryclay, charcoal, chalk and oil pastels. For example, Picasso's birthday is October 24th. We look at his many different art styles and incorporate them into mask, paper collage, and painting projects. Our students will be using leaf rubbing shapes with other shapes to look at cubism. Self portrait projects will examine monochromatic styles of Picasso's blue and rose periods. Each season we will have a new artist to celebrate as the year moves forward.

Music - Lorilee Malecha

"The more you get into music, the more you'll get out of life." Amy Stewart.

As I read this statement, I realize how important my job is to my students. I believe:

- singing and listening to various music widens culture by providing insight into the thoughts and feelings of other people. -music creates imagination.
- music increases intelligence and happiness.
- singing and/or playing instruments strengthens health through deep breathing.

- singing improves the speaking voice.
- music strengthens the memory and the power of concentration.
- playing and/or singing music releases emotions.
- music practice and performance develops confidence.
- singing and instrumental playing builds leadership qualities.
- music gives pleasure to one's self and friends.

Technology - Sharon Wilson

Through a generous donation of 20 Power Mac computers from Carleton College and the additional purchase of 6 new iMac computers, the computer Lab was retooled this past summer and ready to take on new technology and innovative learning. The addition of the iLife and iWork series on the Lab computers will enable the students to create professional quality documents, brochures, keynote presentations, movies and possibly web pages utilizing curriculum from their classroom studies. The move to integrate curriculum and update technology is part of the movement to empower our students with the best communication tools possible and thus prepare them for the future. As it has been said of this generation: "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."



The Middle School Years at St. Dominic.

This year the middle school program has taken on a new focus. In the past, 6th grade operated independently from 7th



and 8th grade. In an effort to enhance this successful model, the three grades now work collaboratively to provide additional opportunities to further meet the needs of individual students. Highlights of the program include:

Develop leadership skills: students participate in Advent and Lent projects; student council; serve as kindergarten buddies; perform the Stations of the Cross in mime; and lead the school with school spirit activities such as the marathon and pep fests.

Moral development: students initiate school-wide service projects; participate in field trips that allow for service in and beyond Northfield; create awareness of the needs and concerns locally and globally; and discuss issues on morality and ethics instilling a sense of social responsibility.

Enrich the basic curriculum: students are given an advanced math course for 6th grade; participate in mock trial and mock store; become members of the Continental Math League; write research papers; discuss and debate current events; and travel on a mission trip to Maltrata, Mexico (8th grade).

Spiritual development: students participate in daily prayer; actively engage in religion class; attend weekly Mass; and take their turn in planning and participating in Mass.

We are convinced that St. Dominic School provides an excellent program for students in the "middle school years." 7th and 8th grade continue the tradition of spending ½ their day in the "security of their home here at school," and the other

School Happenings . . . cont.

Out of the Classroom

Special Guest Mass

The St. Dominic staff and children gather every Thursday morning at St. Dominic Church to give praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We feel that every mass led by our children is very special. But this mass is particularly special because it is called "Special Guest Day."

This year we invited family and friends to join us in honoring our patron saint, St. Dominic. Each grade, kindergarten through eighth grade, takes turns leading the masses each week. Every class brings their unique expression of songs, skits and readings to the mass. It is a very spiritual and uplifting experience. We feel very blessed to be able to share our faith with our families, friends, and our faith community.

The Marathon Goes On...

Through drizzle and clouds, St. Dominic students walked to their destinations for the statewide marathon for non-public education. Students were bussed from the school to Kwik Trip where they began their hike through Sechler Park. Staff, teachers, parents, grandparents, and siblings joined in on the scenic stroll increasing the energy level of the paved path. Volunteers also aided in the effort making the event quite successful.

As an important fundraising event for the school, this year's goal was to raise



½ integrating in the Northfield Middle School. Committed teachers are positive role models as these students develop and grow into the next generation.

Connecting Closely with the Colleges...

This fall, more than ever, St. Dominic School has reaped the benefits of both St. Olaf and Carleton students playing important roles at our school.

Sean Casey is the Media/Marketing Intern at St. Dominic School. He is working with the Development Director to redesign the school website, photograph events, prepare press releases, and create a marketing/promotional DVD for the school.

Four more students spending time with students are part of the Northfield Reads and Counts Program. This program is managed by a collaborative effort with St. Olaf and Carleton. Recognizing the opportunity to have one-on-one or small group tutoring opportunities, we quickly signed up for the program. It is wonderful having the energy and expertise of these college students: Tanzina Enam (Carleton), Jesse Rothman (Carleton), Siri Svanoe (St. Olaf), and Kathryn Thompson (St. Olaf).

Another group making a positive impact are St. Olaf's Education students. Gaining direct field experience in the kindergarten and first grade classroom, they work with small groups of children and/or instruct individual students. These students also help teachers prepare for projects, create bulletin boards, and/or file and correct papers. This year's group includes: Trinara Burgau, Elise Sande-Kerbach, Emily Sonnesyn, Nan Onkka, Christine Dold and Lisa Skildum.

St. Dominic School is blessed to have them working with our school and students.

\$20,000. With extra efforts on the students' part and generous donations from individuals and organizations, the pledges exceeded the goal totaling over \$22,000. The money goes directly into the general operating budget.



Environmental Learning Center

Once again, the 5th Graders at St. Dominic School went to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center at Lanesboro, MN. They stayed there from October 8-12. The kids learned a lot about the environment as well as themselves. Challenging themselves on the Treetops Ropes Course and Rock Climbing Wall, learning about the Oneota Native American people, and observing birds were all things that we participated in that week. This is always an amazing trip as it brings them together as a whole class!!



Students Sing for the Oles

Joining in on the spirit of Ole football, St. Dominic students had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the game against Concordia on Saturday, October 13th. The mixed crowd of St. Olaf and Concordia fans expressed appreciation for the school's group (led by our very own Music Teacher Lorilee Malecha), by sharing cheers, claps and whistles.