



St. Dominic SCHOOL

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Reminder: If your child shows symptoms of being sick on an evening or weekend, please contact one of our COVID Coordinators as soon as possible. They will help walk you through the MDH Decision Tree and next steps for your child before returning to school. Our coordinators are: Dawn Biren dawnbiren@schoolorstdominic.org and Kayla Paro office@schoolofstdominic.org.

New Covid Protocols

You may have heard in December about the new protocols that Governor Walz and MDE have established for public schools and encouraged non-public schools to follow. We are happy to report that nothing will change at SDS, as all of those protocols have been part of our school day since the beginning of the school year. We are participating in the optional staff Covid testing that starts next week. We are grateful for the continued support of our families this school year to ensure the health and safety of our school community!

Free Lunch!

We have some wonderful news from the kitchen! Don't worry about packing lunches the rest of the school year, because beginning January 18 Preschool-8th Grade lunch is FREE!

We will now be operating under the SSO (Seamless Summer Option) lunch program instead of the NSLP (National School Lunch Program). What does that mean to you? **FREE** lunch for **ALL** students attending St. Dominic School. From January 18 until the end of the 2020-2021 school year lunch is free, no matter which lunch plan your child currently has. Lunch includes a main entree (either what is on the menu or sun butter sandwich), vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Please Note: snack milk, any second milks with lunch, and any second entrees will be charged to your families account. Our kitchen staff cannot wait to be back and cooking for your children! They hope you had a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

School Store

St. Dominic School's online clothing store through Larson's printing is open! You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go online to <https://larsonsprinting.itemorder.com> and enter sale code: stdom21
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday January 17th, 2021 (11:59pm CST)

Catholic Schools Week Open House

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, St. Dominic School is having a COVID-19 friendly Open House. On January 26 we will offer scheduled in person tours from 5-7pm and on January 27th we will offer a virtual tour of our school from 6-7pm. More information will be sent next week, but in the meantime, please let us know if you would like to schedule a time to tour your child's grades for next year and/or ask any questions.

Financial Aid Week- get your application complete!

Don't forget, Financial Aid applications are due on February 18th by 11:59pm. Due to changes with our supporting foundations, this is a hard deadline and we will not accept late entries from current SDS families. Do you need help completing your Financial Aid Application? St. Dominic School is offering a COVID-19 friendly Financial Aid Week! Schedule a meeting with Kati to complete your application the evenings of February 2nd-4th. More information about what to bring and a sign up link will be sent directly to you by Kati Reak Sletten.

Positive Discipline and Parenting in Times of Stress

Parents ask about discipline more frequently than any other topic. How do we teach our children to follow rules, treat others with respect, and take responsibility for their actions? How do we keep our own emotion from derailing our best intentions? In this session we will learn how to employ proven techniques with love and patience to guide our children while maintaining our relationship. You will leave with concrete parenting strategies to guide and shape behavior and keep our kids emotionally close.

Jan 12. 6:30

Jan 28 6:00

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/positive-discipline-and-parenting-during-stressful-time>

Saints' Night Out

The time has come to plan another virtual SNO event for this school year! We have 2 dates in April tentatively scheduled and we are waiting for YOU to help make that decision! Have no fear though, we WILL be back in person to celebrate our achievements and show our gratitude to YOU next school year.

We are looking to expand our committee to plan this event. This year, our SNO committee will work in conjunction with our Development Committee to create a successful event! If you are interested in helping, please let Kati know by [completing this form](#). **We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting as well. Come in your pajamas and with ideas about how you would like to contribute!**