

March 4, 2021

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the new "Saintly News" weekly school newsletter. New look...same great source for all of your SDS news and information. In addition to the new format, all of our [2020-2021 school newsletters](#) can be found on our school website. There is a link near the bottom of the home page and also in the "News & Events" section.

Every Thursday you will receive an email, like usual, with a link to this week's Saintly News posted on the school website.

Did you know that you can livestream our weekly Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1:10pm? Simply use the same link that is for our weekly mass on Wednesdays. This week our 4th grade class will lead us in Stations.

As we make our way through the second week of Lent, I am reminded of what it was like to be a Catholic school student during Lent. Honestly, most of what I remember is having to "give up" something. This year, in keeping with the Social Emotional Learning that our staff is working on, I have decided to "take up" something instead. Each evening I take a minute to think about what I am *grateful* for today. Even in the short two weeks since Lent started, I have noticed that my mindset and attitude towards all of the challenges that today's world provides to me are less severe. I will admit that the warm weather hinting towards Spring is also helping!

Blessings,
Dawn Biren



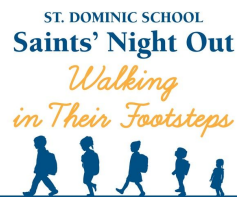
Memorial Scholarship Opportunity

Each year we offer two \$500 scholarships to students entering grades 4-8 for the upcoming school year. These scholarships are offered in memory of Mrs. Lisa Skluzacek who taught at St. Dominic School for 24 years. Please see the [application](#) for more details.

- March 4, 2021: Launch 2021 Scholarship Application
- April 17, 2021 by 5pm: Applications due
- May 2021: Applications reviewed by committee
- May 2021: Scholarship recipients and published

Saints' Night Out 2021 (Virtual)

Last week all school families received an envelope with information on this year's Saints' Night Out Virtual event. We are looking for parent volunteers, donations, and sponsors. Please contact the School Office for more information.



VIRTUAL AUCTION
SATURDAY
APRIL 17 7PM
FREE ADMISSION

Cool Cash Raffle

Information on how to win \$2,000 was sent home to all school families last week. We are currently selling 300 tickets at \$100 per ticket for a chance to win our grand prize of \$2,000. On April 17 during our Saints' Night Out event, winners will be announced. Visit our [school website](#) for more information. To purchase a ticket, please contact the School Office.

Dress Code for 2021-2022 School Year

Calling all incoming K-5 Families! As you begin purchasing dress code clothing for the 2021-2022 school year, please remember that the School Board has updated the Dress Code Policy beginning Fall 2021. Items to note:

- All students must wear a solid, collared shirt in either: white, navy or charcoal gray (no embellishments)
- All students must wear solid twill material bottoms in either navy or khaki. Girls also have the option of the Land's End "Clear Blue Plaid"

You can find our [Dress Code Policy](#) under "Current Parents" on the school website.



2021-2022 School Year Calendar

Thank you to everyone who provided their input on the School Calendar for the next school year. At the School Board meeting this week, the Board approved Option #2 keeping Spring Break and having our school year end on June 2. The approved 2021-2022 [School Calendar](#) is on the school website.

Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser

St. Dominic School is thrilled to formally announce the return of our beloved Spring Flower Fundraiser! Just like in years past, our school is teaming up with [Pahl's Market](#), in Apple Valley, for a spring flower fundraiser. Please know that this is an optional fundraiser, with no minimum goals, no student or classroom competitions, and no pressure.

Peace of Mind Sessions

Helping your Struggling Learner- When our children struggle in school, it is hard to know when to be firm and when to be flexible. Should we intervene early and structure the environment for success or should we view learning as developmental and expect all of our children to advance at different speeds? Should we give our kids consequences for poor grades or can we "pay" them to get A's? How do we know when poor school achievement is something more serious than low motivation?

In this session, you will learn research-based strategies for helping struggling learners no matter the cause of the struggle. You will also learn signs of more serious learning issues and how to help your child thrive in school. Please click [here](#) to register.

March 10, 7:00 pm

March 22, 7:00 pm

Peace
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Dates to Remember

March 5 - Dress Up: Sweatshirt Day

4th Leads Stations [Livestream](#) at 1:10pm

March 8-12 - Collecting "Nickels" for Pennies for Patients

March 9 - Reconciliation Grades 2-4

March 10 - Mass Lead by 4th Grade

Reconciliation Grades 5-8



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Our Foundation. Their Future.

St. Dominic School inspires children to excel as confident leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens in a Catholic, values-based community.