

March 18, 2021

Principal's Corner

Did you know that each month our students are learning about a new saint through our Saintly Service program? This month we learned about Saint Joan of Arc. Through this saint, we learn to take action and initiative in our lives. In France through the intercession of Saints Michael, Catherine, and Margaret, Joan helped lead the fight for freedom against the British. We can learn two things from this saint: 1. trusting and relying upon our saints is a great place to start when we are in need and 2. it is our responsibility as Christians to stand up for those around us who need our help.

We are just four weeks away from our largest fundraiser of the school year, our Saints' Night Out. Please read the important message in this week's newsletter.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Dates to Remember

- March 19 - Dress Up: "Comfy Day" - SDS Fun Day
5th Leads Stations [Livestream](#) at **8:20am**
- March 22-26 - Collecting "Quarters" for Pennies
for Patients
- March 24- Mass Lead by 3rd Grade

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
Saints' Night Out
*Walking
in Their Footsteps*



VIRTUAL AUCTION
SATURDAY
APRIL 17 7PM
FREE ADMISSION

[Register](#) for Saints' Night Out!

Saints' Night Out

Volunteer Call to Action- Please read [this important letter](#) from our School Board regarding this invaluable fundraiser for our school.

Donations- We are currently accepting donations for our online silent auction. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the school office. Donations must be at school no later than April 9.

Register! Since this year is a virtual event and auction, you [MUST REGISTER](#) through Greater Giving in order to view the items in the auction, place bids, and donate to the fund-a-need. Please share this registration link with your family and friends!

Like..Share..Comment! One way that you can help to increase the success of this event is to follow both our SDS School and Saints' Night Out Facebook pages. We encourage all families, to *Like, Share, and Comment* on our posts. This will increase our visibility and participation in this fundraiser.

- St. Dominic School, Northfield, MN
- Saints' Night Out

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Peace of Mind Session

March Peace of Mind - 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 22, 7:00 pm

Peace
of **MIND**



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Weekly School Mass

We would like to invite parents back to mass on a limited basis. When your child's class is leading mass, you may attend that mass. Now that we have all K-8 students and staff attending mass, there is no room in the sanctuary. However, parents attending their child's mass may stand in the back gathering space. As a reminder, you must wear a mask while in church and maintain social distancing in the back. Also, due to cleaning protocols we are unable to set up chairs, and this will be standing room only. If you are catholic, a Eucharistic Minister will distribute communion to you in the gathering space. Thank you for your understanding and patience this year with our Covid protocols.

Growth Made with Believe and Read Powered by Groves!

We are in our 2nd year of the CSCOE Believe and Read Program powered by Groves Academy. Through this remarkable program, our students in grades K-3 spend their literacy and writing time working on foundational skills that are based on the science of reading.

We are excited to share our Fall to Winter results from St. Dominic students. Our goal is to have as many students as possible in one of the two green pieces of the pie. We are working to grow our students' reading fluency throughout the year and will share Spring results at a later date. The results below say it all...

Fall

38% Moderate/High Risk
62% At/Above Grade Level

Winter

31% Moderate/High Risk
69% At/Above Grade Level

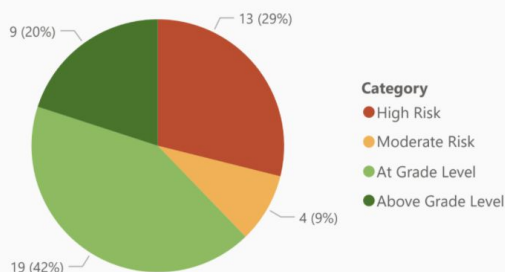
It is through the hard work and dedication of our students and staff that we were able to make this much progress in four short months. All of this growth happened along with us being in distance learning for five weeks...thank you students and teachers!



St. Dominics School

All Students, Grades 1-3

Fall 2020-2021



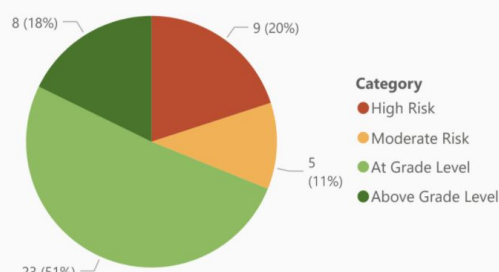
Number of Students Assessed

Fall
47

Winter
48

Fall & Winter
45

Winter 2020-2021



Oral Reading Fluency assessment data collected and analyzed using aimsweb®Plus. Students are only included in these charts if they were assessed in both the fall and winter.

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