



# St. Dominic SCHOOL

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## **Covid Reminders**

As you may have heard, we have seen an increase in the 14-day case rate for Covid here in Rice County and our Northfield community. We are now at the level of community spread. There are a few mitigation strategies that warrant reminding.

- **Face Masks-** Our students have done a great job at wearing their face masks and shields. Science is showing that this is the number one mitigation strategy for preventing the spread of the virus. Please make sure your child is also wearing a face covering when out in public in the evenings and weekends.
- **Neck Gaiters-** New research has shown that neck gaiters can be effective in preventing the spread. However, the neck gaiters **MUST** be two layers thick. It is preferable that they are made of cotton, but the polyester stretchy ones also work as long as they are doubled layered. We have been asked by our health professionals to enforce this at school. If your child wears a gaiter, please make sure they are double layered. If your child comes to school wearing a single layer gaiter, we will request they take that off and wear a mask for the day.
- **Limit Social Activities-** Another strategy that we would like to pass on is limiting your child's social activity outside of school. The fewer number of people your child is exposed to outside of school, the less chance of contracting the virus and spreading it in our SDS community.

We are finishing our 8th week of the school year and have just four more weeks until our Distance Learning begins after Thanksgiving Break. In order to make sure that we can remain in-person for these next four weeks, we are asking for your help and support in our efforts to mitigate our students' exposure to and spread of the Covid virus in our school community.

## **Halloween Drive Thru**

The Rotary Club is hosting a Drive-thru Halloween event from 3-6pm on Saturday, October 31st. All are invited to attend! [Click here for more information and to sign up for a drive-thru time slot.](#)

## **Toys for Tots**

8th Graders will be hosting a Toys for Tots drive this holiday season. Click here to view the letter from our 8th graders about how your family can participate.

## **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, November 13th starting at 8:15am. More information will be coming from Lifetouch soon.

### **Service-a-thon**

We are exploring our options for the Service-a-thon this year. Last year, we moved the Traditional Marathon to a Service-a-thon and we had a great response. This year however, we are having to take into consideration additional safety measures. [Please take this brief survey](#) to let us know your thoughts! This event will take place in May 2021.

### **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair**

What a perfect way to get some of your Christmas Shopping done early! Mark your calendar for 11/2-11/15 for our Virtual Book Fair. Shipping is free on books only. Stay tuned for more details!