

April 29, 2021

Principal's Corner

This has been a busy week around SDS! Thank you to all of our parents who helped celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, we truly are thankful for your kindness and generosity.

I invite you to join CSCOE and the other 78 Catholic Schools in our diocese for the annual CSCOE Bash (virtual) on Saturday, May 8. [Click here](#) to register to bid on auction items and watch the livestream event on Saturday at 7pm. Throughout the past six years, CSCOE has supported many of the enhancements made to our technology and programs here at St. Dominic School. I invite you to show your support for this wonderful organization.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Staffing Update 2021-2022

We have two staffing updates to announce for the next school year.

Ms. Mary Carson will be leaving St. Dominic School after this year. She is pursuing a teaching position within a public school district. We wish Ms. Carson all the best and are sad to see her go! If you know someone who would be interested in our 2nd Grade opening, please have them contact Dawn Biren for more information.

Miss Kelly Lynn Stanton Nutt will be with us next year as our Art Teacher two days per week. Our STEM instruction will move to the classroom teachers. This is a model of STEM learning that is common among most Catholic schools within our Archdiocese.

Marathon Update

Tomorrow is our LAST Collection Day! Each family who **exceeds** their family goal by this day will receive a pizza lunch for their child(ren) on May 11.

- Families with 1 full-time or part-time student: \$250
- Families with 2 students: \$350
- Families with 3+ students: \$375

Students may bring in cash/check pledges on collection days. Credit card pledges should be done through our [Fundly event page](#).

Reminders for Friday:

- Students will receive their Marathon T-Shirt at school on Friday.
- Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, as we will be outside from 10:15am-1pm.
- The prayer service will start at 10:15am near our brick sign on St. Olaf Ave.
- Parents and guests joining us should park in the Church parking lot. The school parking lot will be closed until dismissal.
- All parents and guests must wear a mask during the Marathon, other than while eating.
- All K-8 students must wear a mask during the Marathon, other than while eating.
- The Knights of Columbus are providing a hamburger and hot dog lunch for all students, staff, and parents/guests. Culvers is also providing a special treat.
- Early dismissal at 1pm. Parents not in attendance may pick up their student at 1pm or the normal dismissal time 1:50/2:00pm. If you are picking up your child at 1pm, please use the driveway and parking lot as normal.

Tutoring Opportunity Summer 2021

This summer our own Ms. Chatelaine is offering tutoring sessions for our students currently in grades K-2. The tutoring sessions will be held right here at school during three sessions:

- 1st session: June 21-July 2 (2 weeks)
- 2nd session: July 19-July 30 (2 weeks)
- 3rd session: August 2- August 20 (3 weeks)

Families will have the following options:

- 30 minutes: \$25.00
- 45 minutes: \$35.00
- 60 minutes: \$45.00

Ms. Chatelaine will work with students on:

- Grove's letter work
- Reading
- Writing
- Math

Complete [this online form](#) to register your child for tutoring. Ms. Chatelaine will contact you directly regarding days and times.



ABC Countdown!

Please see the [ABC Countdown Calendar](#) for details.

Office Hours During the Summer

In the school office we are busy planning for the summer. Please note that from May 24-August 27 the School Office will be open from 9am-3pm. If you need to visit the school outside of those hours, please contact Dawn Biren or Kati Sletten.

Dates to Remember

- April 26-May 11 - NWEA Testing K-8
- May 3-7 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7 - Final Marathon Turn In Day
 - 10:15am - Marathon Prayer Service (meet outside on St. Olaf Ave.)
 - 1:00pm - Early Dismissal after Marathon
- May 19 - 8th Grade Graduation during school mass
- May 21 - Last Day of School (PS-7th)
- May 24 - Summer Office Hours Begin

Morning Saint Watch 2021-2022

This year we have seen a drop in attendance at our morning Saint Watch program to the point that we are not able to cover our costs. Next year we are planning on once again utilizing Northfield District bussing for a transportation option to and from school.

To ensure that we are being financial responsible, we are asking families to complete this [interest survey by May 14](#) to help us determine if we are able to continue this morning program for the 2021-2022 school year. We will definitely continue afternoon Saint Watch for the 2021-2022 school year.

Calling all Rising 5th-8th Graders!

We have some exciting news to share with next year's Middle School students. As you know, we are moving our Eagle Bluff experience to 6th grade to better align with MN Science Standards. The fall of 2021 is a transition year, as next year's 6th Graders are attending Eagle Bluff this spring.

After much consideration, we are going to have all 5th-8th graders attend a Middle School retreat at Eagle Bluff in October 2021! We believe this will be an opportunity for our Middle School students to grow together as a team. More details to come this summer about this amazing opportunity for our students!



Preschool/Pre-K Enrollment Update

Our Preschool and Pre-K classes are filling quickly for next year! If you know of someone who is interested in 2, 3, or 5 days per week for their 3-5 year old, please have them contact the school office or Dawn Biren for more information. Look for more information this summer about a fun evening of activities for our 3-5 year old students!

