

September 23, 2021

## Principal's Corner

Last week we started NWEA testing in our K-8 classrooms. This standardized testing is done three times per year. The results are used by our teachers to plan instruction and interventions for our students. Unlike the MCA tests taken by many public schools, the NWEA test provides us with information on a student's growth between test periods. This allows us to see exactly where to help each child grow academically. This information will be shared with parents during Fall Conferences.

We are almost two weeks into our annual Marathon fundraiser. October 7 is our next collection day for donations. Please send donations to school in your family envelope, that way we know who to credit for the donation. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help count money on our collections days!

Blessings,  
Dawn Biren

## Fall Conference Sign-Up

It is hard to believe that it is already time for our Fall Conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 19 from 3-7pm each day. Please use this [Sign-Up Genius](#) to reserve your conference time. You may choose to meet with teachers either in-person or virtually this year. For virtual conferences, teachers will send out a Zoom link closer to the date.

## Recording Volunteer Hours

As you begin completing your required volunteer hours for this school year, please use this [online form](#) to submit your time.

## Parent School Association (PSA) News

We are thrilled to announce the return of our PSA for the 2021-2022 school year! They were forced to take a break during the past school year.

Andrea Redder will Chair our PSA this year. If you are interested in joining this committee, please read the PSA Newsletter. If you would like to join this F-U-N group of parents, please complete this [online form](#).



The first PSA event for this school year will be Popcorn and Movie Night on Friday, October 29!

## Parking Lot Etiquette

For our parents who drop off and pick up their children in the parking lot, please remember to adhere to the following to ensure the safety and smooth transition of students in our parking lot.

- **Left Lane is for moving-** The left driveway lane in our parking lot is for parents briefly stopping to let their children out of the car in the morning or into their car in the afternoon. Parents in this lane, are not to park and exit their car to assist their child.
- **Right Lane is for stopping-** The right driveway lane is for parents who need to stop and help their child in/out of the car.
- **Parking Lot-** If you want to walk your child up to the door, or pick them up from the door, you need to park in the middle spaces of our lot, not near the basketball hoops.

There are only two lanes driving through our parking lot. There is not a center lane, as this is a safety concern.

## Marathon 2021

To date we have raised \$6,516 towards our goal of \$29,000! We have two collections days remaining:

- October 7- SDS Water Bottle for each student/family who brings in a NEW \$50 or more
- October 15- Pizza Lunch with Mrs. Biren for each family that exceeds their Marathon Goal

## Covid Update

We are happy to report that our Covid mitigation strategies for this year are working. We have not had Covid transmission within our school, and we hope to keep going in this direction! Here are a few items to remember as our school year progresses:

- If your child is experiencing any symptoms listed on the [MDH Decision Tree](#), please contact the School Office during school hours, or one of our Covid Coordinators in the evening or weekends (email [Dawn Biren](#) or [Kati Sletten](#)). We will help determine if your child should stay home from school.
- If someone in your household is being tested for Covid, your SDS student should stay at home until test results are back to you.
- Please send a clean mask to school each day with your child. We are running low on smaller child size masks. If your child is given one from school, please wash and return it as soon as possible.

**Note** -Art needs Ice Cream Buckets  
-Dress Up Theme on Fri, Sept. 24 is Favorite Color Day (PS-8th)

## 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

You can always find the most current calendar information on our school website. Simply go to [News and Events/Calendar](#). Here you will find both our School Year Calendar, as well as the monthly calendar.



## Chance to Win a Target Gift Card!

You may have noticed that our school Facebook page is being flooded each day with up to three posts about our school, students, and staff. We would love for our families to *Follow* our Facebook page...then, *Like, Share, and Comment* on our posts!

**Contest-** From September 24-October 24, each time you *Like, Share, and Comment* on one of our school Facebook posts, your name will be placed in a drawing for one of three \$25 Target Gift Cards.

Did you know that the more you *Like, Share and COMMENT* on our posts, the higher and more frequently it appears on your own Facebook feed? That way all of you friends and family can see the wonderful things happening at our school!

We hope that you can help us promote our school and show our community the great opportunities St. Dominic School has to offer to our children!



## Dates to Remember

September 29 - 8:20am School Mass, 5th Grade  
September 30 - K-2 Field Trip to Riverbend Nature Center  
October 1 - Sainly Emotional Learning: St. Jude  
October 4 - PSA Meeting at 6pm (virtual)  
October 7 - 2nd Marathon Collection Date  
October 13 - No School Mass  
October 15 - 9:30am- School Mass (Preschool-8th)  
10:45am- Start Marathon  
1pm- Early Release (Preschool-8th)  
October 21-22 - MEA Break, No School  
October 29 - Family Fun Night - Popcorn and Movie

