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September 22, 2022

### **Principal's Corner**

This coming week students will be starting 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. September 30 is our next collection day for donations. <u>Please send donations to school in your family envelope</u>, 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, Jacquelyn Chatelaine



## **Volunteer Hours**

As you begin completing your required volunteer hours for this school year, please use this <u>online</u> <u>form</u> to submit your time.

## **Fall Conferences**

It is time to start planning for Fall Conferences on Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 13. Please use the link <u>HERE</u> to sign up for a time to meet with your child(ren)s teacher(s).





## **Family Fellowship Events**

Join the PSA on Thursday, September 22nd or Friday, September 23rd to meet other school families and enjoy a treat!

8:00-8:30 AM Friday - Morning Coffee in the Cafeteria

If you would like to join the PSA <u>click here!</u>



# <u> 2022-2023 School Year Calendar</u>

You can always find the most current calendar information on our school website. Simply go to News and Events/Calendar

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Here you will find both our School Year Calendar, as well as the monthly calendar.



### **Covid Update**

As SDS has done for the past two years, we are continuing to follow the CDC guidelines to ensure that our students, staff, and families are protected, and our school remains operational.

#### **Positive Covid Test**

- If your child tests positive, they should isolate at home for the first 5 days.
- Beginning on day 6, they may return to school if symptoms have improved, and they have been fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medicine.
- Your child will be required to wear a school provided KN95 mask through day 10 while in our building. <u>Here</u> is a helpful guide from MDH.

### **Exposed to a Positive Covid Case**

- If your child is exposed to a positive Covid case, they should begin wearing a mask immediately, and you should contact the school office.
- In addition to the CDC guidelines, we do have some proven mitigation strategies to decrease mask wearing time when exposed to a positive case.
  - Students will wear a mask through day 7 after being exposed. Your child may still attend school in-person during this time.
  - Take an at-home test on Day 7. If the test comes back negative, your child may return to school without wearing a mask beginning on day 7.

Here is what we are continuing to do at school to protect students, staff, and families:

- Washing hands and sanitizing regularly
- Cleaning surfaces and high traffic areas at least once a day
- Students must bring clean water bottles to school each day
- Students and staff stay home when feeling unwell

### **Covid Update Cont.**

As CDC recommendations change, we will adjust our mitigation strategies to ensure that we are continuing to protect our community. As with the past two years, we greatly appreciate your support and proactiveness to help keep our school safe and functioning!

## A "Quick" Note from Art

4th to 8th grade families, Your child will get to soon take part in painting the snowplow blades!



I am looking for parents to help us complete this amazing project. The time you put into helping with the blades will be counted towards your volunteer hours. There are weekday and weekend slots available.

A link will be sent out in the following days to sign up for a time to volunteer.

With gratitude, Mary Quick maryquick@schoolofstdomic.org

## **Dates to Remember**

September 22 - Cookies in the Parking Lot at 2:15-2:45 PM

September 23 - Morning Coffee at 8:00-8:30 AM

September 26 - Parent POM session

September 28 - 8:20 am School Mass, 4th Grade

September 30 - 2nd Marathon collection

October 3 - Saint of the Month: St. Faustina

October 7 - 9:30 AM - All School Mass

11:00 AM - Start Marathon

1:00 PM - Early release (Preschool-8th)

October 11 - Parent POM session

October 11 - Conferences

October 13 - Conferences

October 19-21 - MEA Break



