

Saintly News

Summer Update
August 10, 2023



St. Dominic
SCHOOL

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ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL ONE-PAGER (HAGA CLIC AQUÍ PARA ESPAÑOL)

Back to school information/Fall 2023

Arrival Times <ul style="list-style-type: none">School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.Students arriving by car and who are not eating breakfast, may begin arriving at 7:55 AM and go to their classroom.Students dropped off prior to 7:55 who are not eating breakfast, will be signed in for St. Watch and TADS accounts will be charged accordingly.	Fees at St. Dominic <ul style="list-style-type: none">New and returning students are charged a non-refundable Registration fee of \$100 per student with a cap of \$250 per family. This fee is non-refundable.Each student is assessed a \$100-\$150 non-refundable technology fee based on grade level.	School Board <p>Find information about the St. Dominic School board on the St. Dominic School Website.</p>
Before School and After School Care: Saint Watch: Saint Watch <p>St. Dominic School offers before and after school care to our families, through our Saint Watch Program, in order to ensure a healthy, safe, and educational environment for students when parents are working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Morning hours are 7:00-7:55 AM and afternoon hours are 2:30-5:30 PM.Free and additional informationSaint Watch Behavior and Policy Handbook2023-2024 Information for Saint Watch	Immunizations for School <p>Complete Immunization information is available on the Minnesota Department of Health website.</p> Free/Reduced Lunch <p>Any and every student who wants to eat lunch at St. Dominic will receive a Free Lunch. Extra fees apply for second lunches (\$2.00) and/or extra milk with snack or lunch (\$5.00).</p>	School Hours/Daily Schedule <p>7:00-8:00 AM Morning Saint Watch 8:00-8:10 AM Students admitted to school and into their homerooms 8:10-8:15 AM All students to class, and parents exit the building 8:15 AM Classes Begin/Morning Announcements begin, Attendance taken 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Lunch and Recess 12:05 PM K-8 Dismissed 2:30 PM Dismissed 2:30-5:30 PM Afternoon Saint Watch</p>
Breakfast is Free! <ul style="list-style-type: none">School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.Students who would like to eat breakfast, may arrive by 7:45 AM (not earlier) and go to the cafeteria for breakfast.Parents may escort their children to breakfast.Students who ride a bus to school and who would like to eat breakfast may go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast.All students eating breakfast should be in their classroom by 8:15 AM.	Even though every student who wants lunch will be able to eat a free lunch, we still need families who qualify to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application. It is still important that in order to be reimbursed correctly from the State and Federal governments, that families who qualify complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application. Please click here for an overview of the Free and Reduced lunch qualification and application. Print and return completed application to the school.	Social Media Use by Students <p>Students are not allowed to engage in Social Media while at school, either on school-owned devices or personal cell phones.</p>
Bullying/Cyber Bullying <p>Any type of bullying behavior will not be tolerated at St. Dominic School. The faculty, staff, and administration have worked together to implement various strategies to discourage this type of negative and unwanted behavior. If this behavior occurs, school administration will follow the student discipline policy.</p>	Mass and Religion Class <p>Students have religion class every day, except Mass Day, which is Wednesdays at 8:20 AM at the church. Students also attend Mass for Holy Days of Obligation.</p>	Student Discipline Policy <p>St. Dominic School believes each student is responsible for his or her own behavior and in maintaining a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the school. The goal of our behavior code is to promote self-discipline, respect for one's self, other's authority and property, and the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment in which to learn is at the heart of St. Dominic philosophy of discipline. Students are to behave in a manner which is morally responsible and brings credit to themselves, their families, and St. Dominic School. Parental support is an important part of the school's discipline policy.</p>
Bus arrivals and departure <ul style="list-style-type: none">Drop off and pick-up for students arriving by bus is on St. Olaf Avenue.Students walk up the sidewalk to the main entrance on the playground side.Students who would like to eat breakfast, may go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast until school starts.	Middle School Welcome Day <p>All St. Dominic Middle School Students in grades 5-8 are invited and expected to attend a Middle School Welcome Day on Wednesday, August 23rd from 9:00-Noon. Click here for more information.</p>	Staff Information <p>Staff Biographies, roles and positions at St. Dominic School are found on our St. Dominic School Website.</p>
Dismissal Procedures: <p>All Dismissal Procedures can be found clicking here.</p>	Parents walking students to class when arriving by car <ul style="list-style-type: none">School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.Prior to 8:10 AM, parents may park and walk their child to the classroom if they so choose.After 8:10 AM, parents should drop students off.At 8:10 AM, parents are asked to exit the building, unless they are a volunteer or staff member.	Supply List for St. Dominic School students in 2023/2024 found here
Dress Code/Uniform Policy <p>Explicit information about the St. Dominic School Dress Code/Uniform policy can be found on the school website.</p>	Personal Cell Phones and Computers at School (Student) <p>Students are not allowed to use their personal laptop or Chromebook while in school. St. Dominic School recommends students leave cell phones at home. However, there may be compelling reasons why, as a family, you want your child to bring a cell phone to school. Thus, Middle School Students may bring cell-phones to school as per parent permission, but phones are to be off and stowed away in a backpack or pocket from 8:15 AM-2:30 PM. Any student with a phone on, texting, engaging in social media on their phone will bring their phone to the office. Parents will need to retrieve the phone from the office.</p>	THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL!
Drop Off and Pick-up Procedures for Parents begins at 7:55 for those not eating breakfast. The right lane is for parents wanting to park in the lot and walk their child to school and the left lane is for drop-offs. <p>Parents dropping off their child should use the "drop lane" and briefly stop in the left lane. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IN THE LEFT LANE. Do not drop your child on the grass area, please wait until you can be one of the first four cars on the pavement to let out your child, then drive off carefully in the order you arrived. Please DO NOT pass other cars in the middle of the two lanes.</p>	Tuition and Financial Aid <p>Our goal is that every child who is a parishioner has the opportunity to attend St. Dominic School regardless of their ability to pay. By choosing a Catholic school, a family is choosing to invest in a child's future. A future of college and career success, but more importantly, the development of faith, morals, and values that will carry each child throughout his/her life. Catholic school education is a financial investment, and our graduates and their families would attest that it is well worth it!</p>	Transportation by Benjamin Bus <p>Parents must opt-in for their children to ride a bus this year. Call Benjamin Bus at 507-645-5720 or fill out the opt-in form.</p> <p>English Español</p>
Fall Open House is 8/30 at 5:00 PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our Back to School Open House is August 30th from 5:00-7:00 PM at St. Dominic School. All students and parents are invited.Teachers and Support Staff will be on hand to answer questions, including: our School Nurse, Parish Staff to register at St. Dominic Parish, Our School Counselor and many more.	Tuition Agreements will be sent electronically in TADS by August 14, 2023.	Wednesday Morning Bus Transportation <p>Because Northfield Public Schools has a late start each Wednesday, St. Dominic School Parents must transport their children. There will be no Wednesday morning bus service. Wednesday afternoon bus service will be provided as normal.</p>
Family Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers are an intricate part of our school, and we require all K-8 families to complete 10 hours and 10 hours for Preschool or PreKindergarten only families each school year.If you would prefer to not volunteer, there is a buy-out option of \$300 per family. Click here to submit volunteer hours throughout the year!To volunteer, you must complete VIRTUS Training. Email charity@schoolofstdominic.org or get started.Mark your calendars for Friday, October 15th for this year's school marathon! This year's goal is to raise \$50,000. Each family is required to raise the following by 10/13: One Student: \$225, Two Students: \$350, Three+ Students: \$400.Saint's Night Out will be held on Saturday, March 18th! More details regarding the event to come. Each family is required to sell four tickets for the event.		

Middle School Welcome Day...for all St. Dominic 5th-8th grade students.

Wednesday, August 23rd
9:00 AM-Noon.
(Click the image below for more information)

Our Foundation. Their Future.

Middle School Welcome Day!
For all St. Dominic School 5th-8th grade students!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023
9:00 AM-NOON
at St. Dominic School

This is a Middle School only day where students will have fun learning about each other, solving problems together and creating a welcoming, positive Middle School Community at St. Dominic School!

Additional Information:

- Parent Drop off and pick-up: We will use the same drop-off and pick-up area as we normally do.
- Students should dress comfortably but respectfully. Shorts are ok.
- Snacks will be provided.
- Students should bring water to stay hydrated.
- All St. Dominic 5th-8th graders should plan to attend this fun event.

Middle School At St. Dominic

Middle School students are awesome, and they have unique learning, social, emotional and spiritual needs. St. Dominic School/Middle Level provides an incredible opportunity for students to have many varied learning experiences, naturally gain more responsibility, develop leadership skills and have more rigorous learning expectations as they grow in faith.



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Calendar

(click the image below for the 2023-2024 school calendar).

Middle School Welcome Day
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
9:00-Noon

All students in grades 5-8
St. Dominic School

Back to School Open House
Wednesday, August 30, 2023
5:00 PM-7:00 PM at St. Dominic School

First Day of School
Tuesday, September 5, 2023

School Marathon
Friday, October 13, 2023
More information to come!

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, October 16, 2023
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
More information to come.

Fall Break (MEA days)
Thursday, October 19, 2023

St. Dominic School
2023-2024 CALENDAR

August 28-30: Staff Workshop 30: Back to School Open House	AUGUST 2023 <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>Th</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			FEBRUARY 2024 <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>Th</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29			February 19: No School; President's Day 20 & 22: Conferences														
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Immunization Requirements

Please see below for immunization requirements for Minnesota schools. Students need appropriate immunizations before their first day of school on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Are Your Kids Ready? What Minnesota's Immunization Law Requires

Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private). Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. The table on the back shows the ages when doses are due.

Immunization Requirements	Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1 st through 6 th grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 th through 12 th grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓ ⁷
DTaP/DT	✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓ ⁴	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses ⁶	✓ Tdap ⁸ & at least 2 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses
Polio	✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓✓ ⁵	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR	✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib	✓			
Pneumococcal	✓✓✓✓ ¹			Meningococcal ✓ & booster ⁹
Varicella	✓ ²	Varicella ✓✓ ²	Varicella ✓✓ ²	Varicella ✓✓

Immunizations recommended but not required:

- COVID-19** For all children age 12 years and older
- Influenza** Annually for all children age 6 months and older
- Rotavirus** For infants
- Human papillomavirus** At age 11-12 years

- Not required after 24 months.
- If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form confirming disease.
- First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.
- An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.
- One dose of Tdap is required beginning at 7th grade. Also need proof of at least two tetanus and diphtheria containing doses (DTaP/DT/Td).
- One dose is required beginning at 7th grade. The booster dose is given at 16 years.

Exemptions To enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school in Minnesota, children must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption. Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a non-medical exemption signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

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