

# Saintly News

Weekly Update

August 21-25, 2023



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

Wednesday, August 23rd  
9:00 AM-Noon

([Click here](#) for more information)



<p><b>Arrival Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.</li> <li>• Students arriving by car and who are not eating breakfast, may begin arriving at 7:50 AM and go to their classrooms.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Before School and After-School Care: Saint Watch</b></p> <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"> <li>• Morning hours are 7:00-7:55 AM and afternoon hours are 2:30-4:00 PM.</li> <li>• See our website for more information.</li> <li>• See our website for more information.</li> <li>• 2023-2024 Registration for Saint Watch</li> </ul> <p><b>Breakfast is Free!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.</li> <li>• Students who would like to eat breakfast, may arrive by 7:45 AM (not earlier) and go to the cafeteria for breakfast.</li> <li>• Parents may escort their children to breakfast.</li> <li>• Students who ride a bus to school and who would like to eat breakfast may go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast.</li> <li>• All students eating breakfast should be in their classroom by 8:15 AM.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bullying/Cyber Bullying</b></p> <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> <p><b>Bus arrivals and departure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop off and pick-up for students arriving by bus is on St. Olaf Avenue.</li> <li>• Students walk up the sidewalk to the main entrance on the playground side.</li> <li>• Students who would like to eat breakfast, may go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast until school starts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dismissal Procedures:</b></p> <p>All Dismissal Procedures can be found <a href="#">clicking here</a>.</p> <p><b>Dress Code/Uniform Policy</b></p> <p>Explicit information about the St. Dominic School Dress Code/Uniform policy can be found on the <a href="#">Website</a>.</p> <p><b>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-off).</b></p> <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> <p><b>Fall Open House is 8:30 at 5:00 PM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Back to School Open House is August 30th from 5:00-7:00 PM at St. Dominic School. All students and teachers are invited.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers are an integral part of our school, and we require all K-8 families to complete 10 hours and 10 hours for Freshman or Freshman/Junior families, each school year.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• To volunteer, you must complete VIRTUS Training. Email <a href="mailto:virtus@st-dominic.org">virtus@st-dominic.org</a> or get started here: <a href="https://www.virtus.org/">https://www.virtus.org/</a></li> <li>• Mark your calendars for Friday, October 13th for this year's school fundraiser. This year's goal is to raise \$35,000. Each family is required to raise the following by 10/15: One Student: \$225, Two Students: \$350, Three+ Students: \$400.</li> <li>• Saint's Night Out will be held on Saturday, March 10th! More details regarding the event to come. Each family is required to sell four tickets for the event.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fees at St. Dominic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Each student is assessed a \$100-\$150 non-refundable technology fee based on grade level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Immunizations for School</b></p> <p>Complete immunization information is available on the <a href="#">Minnesota Department of Health</a> website.</p> <p><b>Lunch Program and Free/Reduced Lunch</b></p> <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 meals with snack or lunch (\$5.00).</p> <p>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 important that in order to be reimbursed correctly from the State and Federal governments, that families who qualify complete the application. <a href="#">Please click here</a> for an overview of the Free and Reduced Lunch application. Please note that the Free and Reduced Lunch application must be completed and returned to the school.</p> <p><b>Mass and Religion Class</b></p> <p>Students have religion class every day, except Mass Day, which is Wednesdays at 8:00 AM at the church. Students also attend Mass for Holy Days of Obligation.</p> <p><b>Middle School Welcome Day</b></p> <p>All St. Dominic Middle School students in grades 5-8 are invited and expected to attend a Middle School Welcome Day on <b>Wednesday, August 23rd from 8:00-noon</b>. <a href="#">Click here for more information.</a></p> <p><b>Parents walking students to class when arriving by car</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.</li> <li>• Prior to 8:10 AM, parents may park and walk their child to the classroom if they so choose.</li> <li>• After 8:10 AM, parents should drop students off.</li> <li>• At 8:10 AM, parents are asked to exit the building, unless they are a volunteer or staff member.</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal Cell Phones and Computers at School (Student)</b></p> <p>Students are not allowed to use their personal laptop or smartphone 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. <b>But phones are to be left off and stored away in a lock-box or pocket from 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM.</b> 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 their phone from the office.</p> <p><b>School Board</b></p> <p>Find information about the St. Dominic School Board on the <a href="#">St. Dominic School Website</a>.</p> <p><b>School Hours/Daily Schedule</b></p> <p><b>7:00-8:00 AM</b> Morning Chapel  <b>8:00-8:10 AM</b> Students admitted to school and into their classrooms  <b>8:10-8:15 AM</b> All students in class, and parents exit the building  <b>8:15 AM</b> Classes Begin/Morning Announcements begin, Attendance taken  <b>11:00 AM- Noon</b> Lunch and recess  <b>2:25 PM</b> Dismissed  <b>2:30 PM</b> K-8 Dismissed  <b>2:30-3:30 PM</b> Afternoon Saint Watch</p> <p><b>Snack Cart</b></p> <p>Snack Cart will be available for parents to purchase for the year at \$85.00. A form will be available to sign up for Snack Cart.</p> <p><b>Social Media Use by Students</b></p> <p>Students are not allowed to engage in Social Media while at school, either on school-owned devices or personal cell phones.</p> <p><b>St. Dominic 2023-2024 Calendar</b> <a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><b>Student Discipline Policy</b></p> <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's 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> <p><b>Staff Information</b></p> <p>Staff Biographies, roles and positions at St. Dominic School are found on our <a href="#">St. Dominic School Website</a>.</p> <p><b>Supply List for St. Dominic School students in 2023/2024</b> <a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><b>THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL!</b></p> <p><b>Transportation by Benjamin Bus</b></p> <p>Parents must opt-in for their children to ride a bus this year. Call Benjamin Bus at 507-445-9720 or fill out the opt-in form. <a href="#">Click here</a></p> <p><b>Tuition and Financial Aid</b></p> <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, secure 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> <p><b>More tuition and financial aid information is found here.</b> Followed by more information on how our school works to make Catholic education affordable and accessible for all families who seek it.</p> <p><b>Tuition Agreements will be sent electronically in TADS by August 14, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Morning Bus Transportation</b></p> <p>Because Northfield Public Schools has a late start each Wednesday, <b>St. Dominic School Parents must transport their children.</b> There will be no Wednesday morning bus service. Wednesday afternoon bus service will be provided as normal.</p>
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# Back to School Night Wednesday, August 30th St. Dominic School 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

This event is for ALL GRADES. All teachers and staff will be present and is a great night to drop off your school supplies, check out your classroom, and meet your teachers. There will also be a uniform garage sale! Purchase gently used uniforms at a low price.

You will also be able to learn more about the upcoming school year, get involved and ask questions.

The following tables will be setup:

- Uniform garage sale
- Learn more about volunteer opportunities
- Sam Shimota our School Nurse will be on site
- The Parish Office will be present to learn more about the Church of St. Dominic and how to become a parishioner
- Learn more about school breakfast, lunch and snack cart
- Girl Scouts Information ([Click here for more detail](#)).
- Cub Scouts Information ([Click here for more detail](#)).

And more!

**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

## Save the Date-- 9/10/23

St. Dominic School has applied to a parade unit in the Defeat of Jesse James Day Grand Parade on Sunday, September 10, 2023. We will be notified by the DJJD committee the last week of August as to whether we have been accepted.

This is a great community event and an opportunity to show our St. Dominic Pride. More details forthcoming if we are indeed accepted as a 2023 DJJD Parade unit.



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# Calendar

(Click here for the 2023-2024 school calendar).

Approved 3/7/2023

## St. Dominic School 2023-2024 CALENDAR

### August

28-30: Staff Workshop  
30: Back to School Open House

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### February

19: No School; President's Day  
20 & 22: Conferences

### September

4: Labor Day  
5: First Day of School

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### March

25-29: No School Spring Break

### October

13: Marathon Day  
16 & 17: Conferences  
19-20: No School; Fall Break (MEA)

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### April

1: No School; Easter Monday

### November

6: No AM or PM Busing  
22-24: No School; Thanksgiving Break

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### May

9: 6pm, Ps-8 Spring Concert  
24: Last Day of School PS & PK  
No AM or PM Busing  
27: No School; Memorial Day  
31: Last Day of School K-6;  
Early Release at 12pm

### December

14: 6pm, K-8 Christmas Concert  
15: 1pm, PS/PK Christmas Concert  
22-29: No School; Christmas Break

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### June

### January

1: No School; Christmas Break  
2: School Resumes  
15: No School; MLK; Teacher Workshop  
19: End of 1st Semester  
22-23: No AM and PM Busing  
28: Begin Catholic Schools Week

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### Student Days:

1st Semester: 86 days  
2nd Semester: 87 days  
TOTAL: 173 days



## School Picture Day

Tuesday, September 26, 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  
Friday, October 20, 2023

# 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

### Immunization Requirements

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.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years <sup>③</sup> For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1 <sup>st</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B <sup>⑦</sup> ✓✓✓
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT <sup>④</sup> ✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses <sup>⑥</sup>	✓Tdap <sup>⑧</sup> & at least 2 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio <sup>⑤</sup> ✓✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal <sup>⑨</sup> ✓ & booster
Pneumococcal <sup>①</sup> ✓✓✓✓			
Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓

### 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

- ① Not required after 24 months.
- ② 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.
- ③ First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- ④ Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- ⑤ Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- ⑥ Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.
- ⑦ An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.
- ⑧ 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).
- ⑨ 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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