

Saintly News

Weekly Update

August 28-September 1, 2023



St. Dominic
SCHOOL

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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](#)).

[Click here](#) to view the **St. Dominic Back to School One-Pager**, containing all things **BACK TO SCHOOL!** Bookmark it for future reference!



Back to School Focus: Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Preschool/PreK Dress Code

Preschool students may wear clothing of their choice. We encourage students to wear comfortable clothing that better facilitates independent use of the restroom, ie. no belts, please.

Grades K-4 Dress Code

ALL students in grades K-4 are expected to follow the dress code guidelines for appropriate dress on a daily basis.

[Please click here to be directed to our LandsEnd school's uniform page.](#) We also have periodic sales with Larson Printing throughout the year. Students in grades Preschool/Pre-kindergarten and 5th-8th grade are expected to follow the general guidelines. [Click here for specific information on the St. Dominic School website.](#)

Middle School Dress Code (Grades 5-8)

The students in Grades 5-8 are not required to wear the K-4 school dress code. **The Middle School dress code, however, must conform to the dictates of modesty and proper attire for all. The following Dress Code has been approved:**

- Pants must be neat and clean. Pants must be free from holes or not show signs of excessive wear. Popular torn jeans may be worn only if the tears are below the knee or have a fabric underlay. These "torn jeans" may not be worn on school Mass days.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be no higher than approximately 6" above the knee.
- Halter-tops, tank tops or tube tops are inappropriate types of dress in an academic setting and therefore will not be allowed. Bare stomachs and/or bare shoulders are not acceptable.
- Girls may not wear tight stretchy pants such as leggings, yoga pants, jeggings and the like without wearing a long shirt that covers

<p>Arrival Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School starts promptly at 8:15 AM. Students arriving by bus 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. <p>Before School and AfterSchool Care: Saint Watch: Saint Watch 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 2:30-5:00 PM. Fee and additional information Saint Watch Behavior and Policy Handbook 2013-2014 Registration for Saint Watch 	<p>Fees at St. Dominic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New and returning students are charged a non-refundable Registration fee of \$100 per family. This fee is non-refundable. Each student is assessed a \$100-\$150 non-refundable technology fee based on grade level. <p>Immunizations for School</p> <p>Complete immunization information is available on the Minnesota Department of Health website.</p> <p>Lunch Program and Free/Reduced Lunch</p> <p>Any and every student who wants to eat lunch at St. Dominic, we receive a Free Lunch. Extra fees for second lunches (\$3.00) and/or extra milk with snack or juice.</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 an application. Please click here for an overview of the Free and Reduced lunch qualification and application. Print, and return completed application to the school.</p>	<p>School Board</p> <p>Find information about the St. Dominic School board on the St. Dominic School Website.</p> <p>School Hours/Daily Schedule</p> <p>7:00-8:00 AM Morning Saint Watch 8:00-8:10 AM Students admitted to school and into their homerooms All students to class, and parents exit the building</p> <p>8:10-8:15 AM Classes Begin/Morning Announcements Begin, Attendance taken</p> <p>11:00 AM-Noon Lunch and Recess</p> <p>2:25 PM Preschool/Pre-Dismissed</p> <p>2:30 PM K-8 Dismissed</p> <p>2:30-5:30 PM Afternoon Saint Watch</p>
<p>Breakfast is Free!</p> <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. <p>Bullying/Cyber Bullying</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>Staff Information</p> <p>Staff Biographies, roles and positions at St. Dominic School are found on our St. Dominic School Website.</p> <p>Supply List for St. Dominic School students in 2023/2024 found here!</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL!</p>	<p>Social Media Use by Students</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>St. Dominic 2023-2024 Calendar click here.</p> <p>Student Discipline Policy</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>Bus arrivals and departure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off and pick-up for students arriving by bus is on St. Olat 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. <p>Dismissal Procedures: All Dismissal Procedures can be found clicking here.</p> <p>Dress Code/Uniform Policy</p> <p>Explicit information about the St. Dominic School Dress Code/Uniform policy can be found on the school website.</p>	<p>Parents walking students to class when arriving by car</p> <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. 	<p>Transportation by Benjamin Bus</p> <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 English Spanish</p> <p>Tuition and Financial Aid</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. 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> <p>More tuition and financial aid information is found here, followed by more information on how our school works to make Catholic education affordable and accessible for all families who seek it.</p>
<p>Drop Off and Pick-up Procedures for Parents begins 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> <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>Fall Open House is 8/30 at 5:00 PM.</p> <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. 	<p>Personal Cell Phones and Computers at School (Student)</p> <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 would 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 back-pack 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>	<p>Tuition Agreements will be sent electronically in TADS by August 14, 2023.</p> <p>Wednesday Morning Bus Transportation</p> <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>
<p>Family Requirements</p> <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 \$500 per family. Click here to submit volunteer hours throughout the year! To volunteer, you must complete VIRTUS Training. Email class@st.dominicmn.org or get started. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 13th for this year's school marathon! This year's goal is to raise \$35,000. 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 16th! More details regarding the event to come. Each family is required to sell four tickets for the event. 		

the student's body part, the torso area. Tights are never acceptable unless under a dress and may not be substituted for leggings.

- Any clothing displaying alcohol, controlled substances, sexual connotations or firearms and violence is prohibited at any time.
- Athletic shoes are required for all field trips and physical education classes.

Mass Attire for Students in Grades 5-8

Students in grades 5-8 are expected to wear clothing appropriate for Mass.

- Boys: Long pants or nice dress shorts – No sweatpants or jeans
- Boys: Dress shirt, polo shirt or sweater – No sweatshirts or t-shirts
- Girls: Long pants or nice dress shorts with nice top/shirt – No sweatpants and sweatshirts or t-shirts.
- Girls: Skirt/Skort or Dress with an appropriate style and length for Mass
- Students wearing any other type of clothing judged by the Dress code policy, principal or classroom teacher as unacceptable for school will be sent home for a change of clothing or will be given an appropriate alternative item to wear from the staff.

Special Event Clothing

(For Archdiocesan special events, some special school Mass days, and other events that come up throughout the year.)

For 6th-8th Grade students- These items can be of a variety of styles purchased from regular clothing stores or from the uniform companies

- Khaki long pants for boys and girls
- Khaki skirt or skort for girls
- Navy blue or white collared polo shirt for boys and girls
- Navy blue or white button-down dress shirt for boys and girls
- Navy blue or white blouse with collar and sleeves for girls – no decals, logos or lace

What happens if a student is not dressed in uniform (K-4), Dress code (5-8), or dressed appropriately for Wednesday Masses?

It is desirable that teachers and administrators spend their time teaching and leading the school, not enforcing the Dress Code Policy. Therefore, parent/guardian support and management of this policy is expected.

Students who do not adhere to the Dress Code Policy will experience the following steps to correct the problem:

- At the first occurrence, a warning will be given to the student, and a note will be sent home to the parents.
- If the situation is not remedied after a warning is issued, the school will verbally notify the parents.



DJJI Parade on 9/10/2023 and Waiver to participate

St. Dominic School is a parade unit in the Defeat of Jesse James Day Grand Parade on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

- The parade begins at 2:00 PM with line-up starting at 1:00 PM. More specific details are coming soon!
- Every parade participant needs a signed waiver to participate. [Click here to download the waiver.](#) Waivers should be brought to the school office by Friday, September 8, 2023.

This is a great community event and an

opportunity to show our St. Dominic's Pride. Please consider joining us with your Cowboy/Cowgirl hat and St. Dominic shirts!



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First Day of School
Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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



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

**St. Dominic School
2023-2024 CALENDAR**

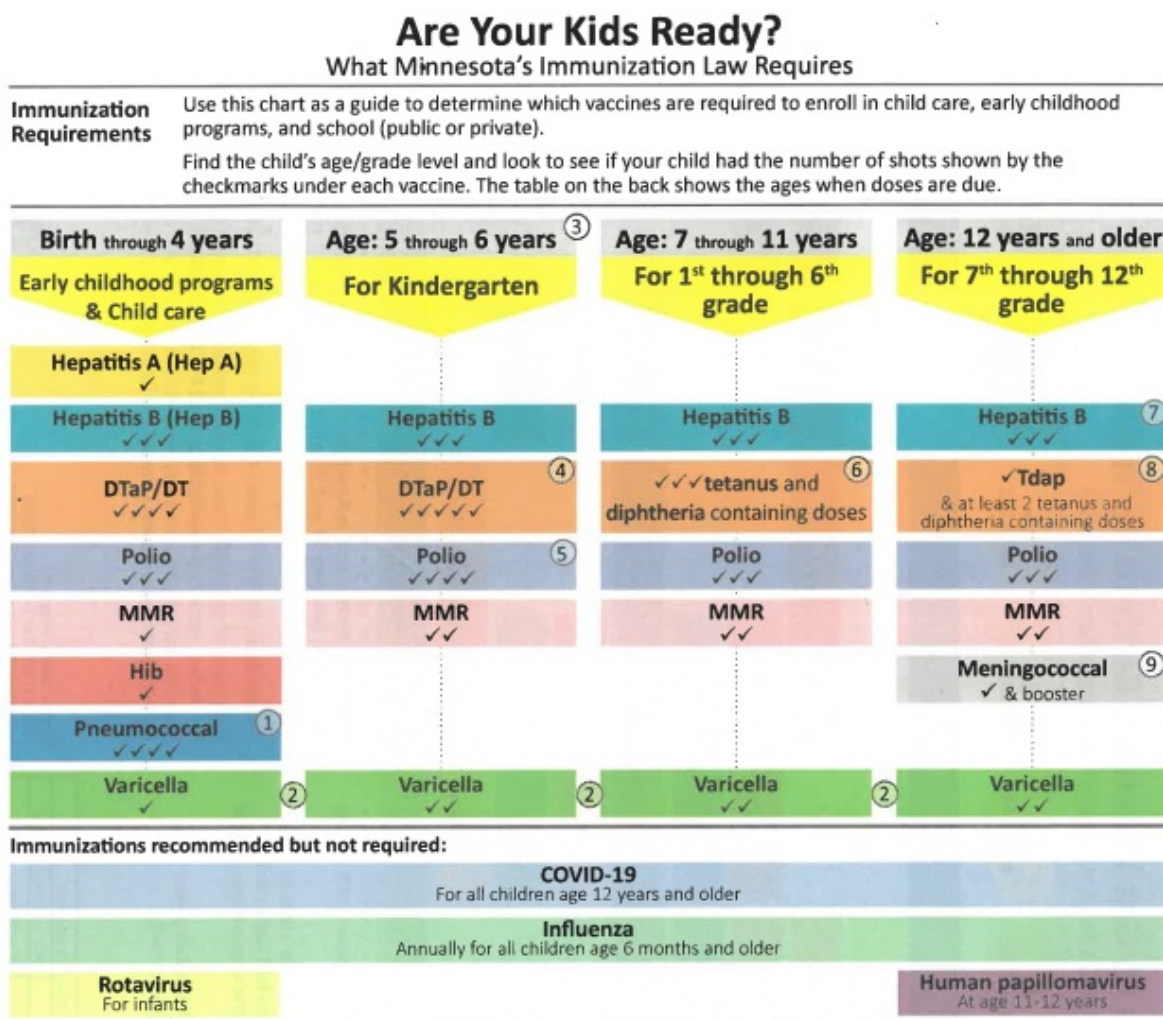
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Immunization Requirements

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



- 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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