# Saintly News

Weekly Update/December 18-21, 2023



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### Kindergarten Information Evening

For all PreSchool and PreKindergarten Parents who have a child attending kindergarten next year.

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 St. Dominic School Kindergarten Room 6:00-7:00 PM Refreshments and Childcare available

Please join us to learn more about Kindergarten at SDS. We have our incredible staff who will join us to share valuable and insightful information about:

- The St. Dominic Kindergarten experience
- What a day looks like for a kindergarten student,
- Our Prek-3 Groves Literacy program.
- The seamless transition to kindergarten as a St. Dominic PreSchool or PreKindergarten student
- The transition to grade 1.
- The incredible opportunity for students in Spanish, Music, Art, SMART/Physical Education.

#### Participants:

Mrs. Angela Schewe, Kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Jane Jeffrey, 1st Grade teacher.

Mrs. Brooke Johnson, Groves Instructional Coach and Enrichment teacher.

Mrs. Shawn Dudley, Principal

St. Dominic Staff members

# **DRESS UP DAYS!**

12/18: Favorite Sports Jersey Day (Sully's Pick)



12/19: Wear Blue Day (Leo's Pick)



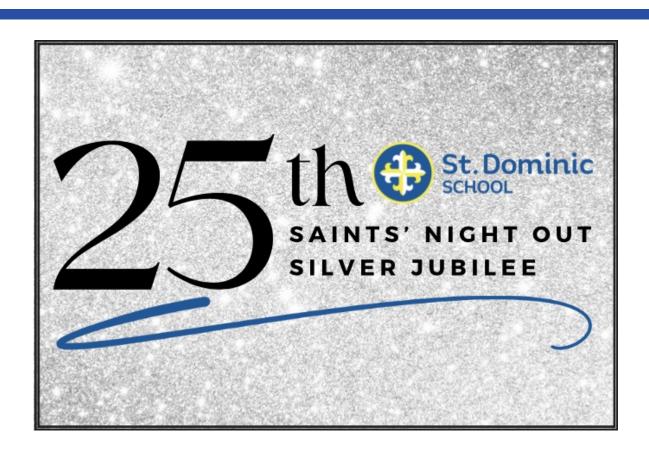
12/20: Dress Your Best For Mass



12/21: Festive Christmas Wear Day







#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Saints' Night Out this coming year with a Silver Jubilee!

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Where: Armory Square Event Center (Downtown Northfield)

What: Evening of fun to celebrate and raise money for our school. Live & silent auction, food, drinks, games, music, camaraderie and so much fun!

More information will be sent home and posted on the website after the start of the new year regarding ticket sales, sponsorships, auction donations and more!

Saints' Night Out Classroom Ambassadors Needed!

We are looking for a parent volunteer from each classroom to serve as a Saints' Night Out Classroom Ambassador. You will help communicate information to the parents in your classroom about Saints' Night Out (SNO), help with the classroom project and other things as needed. You will receive 5+ volunteer hours for your help. If interested please contact Sarah Bowles at sarahbowles@schoolofstdominic.org! (this position will be filled on a first come first serve basis).



#### **December Calendar**

December 19, 2023 Kindergarten Information Evening 6:00-7:00 PM

December 20th. School Mass at 8:20 AM

#### December 22nd through January 1st

Christmas Vacation School Resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd.

### **Aim Higher Grant**

The deadline is February 23, 2024, to apply for the opportunity to receive an Aim Higher Scholarship. This year students at St. Dominic School received over \$14,000 in Aim Higher Grants!

Now is the time to apply for Financial Assistance for the

# 2023-2024 Calendar Change

On Tuesday, November 28th, the St. Dominic School Board approved a calendar change. St. Dominic School will be commencing the Catholic School Study through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. When successfully completed, next fall, St. Dominic School will be a nationally accredited school through The Catholic University of America Lumen Accreditation.

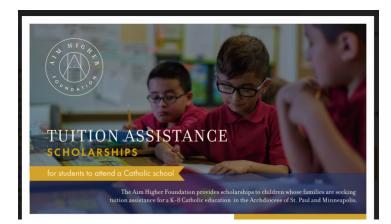
The extra days in the calendar will assist staff in conducting a thorough self-study. The process of continuous improvement is rigorous. It is exceedingly important that a through self-study yield a strategic plan which propels St. Dominic School into the future.

The Office for the Mission of Catholic Schools has shared that 3 full days of staff work without students is optimal when conducting the self-study/accreditation process.

Please contact me, <u>Shawn Dudley</u>, with any questions.

2024-2025 School Year for the Aim Higher Grant as well as other scholarship opportunities. Apply though TADS.

Click on the image below for more information about the Aim Higher Grant.



## Click the image below for the revised 2023-2024 calendar.





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