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Winter Walk in Downtown Northfield 2023



Thursday, December 7th, 2023

We will be located in front of the Aquatic Pet Store (next to the plow blades).

Winter Walk

St. Dominic School is excited to take part of the 25th annual Winter Walk in historic Downtown Northfield! We will be passing out treats, singing carols and spreading the good word about St. Dominic School!

Sign up to volunteer. Two shifts are available from 5:30 - 6:30 & 6:30 - 7:30 PM.



On Thursday, December 7th St. Dominic School will be at Winter Walk! We will set up next to the Snowplow blades that will be on display (in front of the former Quality Bakery on Division Street). Winter Walk starts at 5:00 PM. If your child wants to sing carols at Winter walk for SDS, <u>please click here (grades 3-8...parents must be present for children to sing)</u>.

We are looking for students and families that would love to be there with us to help sing carols, pass out treats, promote St. Dominic School and enjoy the wonderful holiday spirit that Winter Walk is!

Click here to volunteer.

**Each family will receive 2 volunteer hours for a one-hour shift.





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, Shawn Dudley, with any questions.

Listed below are the changes.







| Date | Information |
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| Monday, January 22, 2024 No Students | End of Semester Data Day AND Catholic School Study/Accreditation No school for Nfld Public Schools |
| Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | Catholic School Study/Accreditation |
| No Students | No school for Nfld Public Schools |
| Friday, February 16, 2023 | Catholic School Study/Accreditation |
| No Students | 4-Day Weekend for Presidents Day |
| Friday, March 22, 2023 | Catholic School Study/Accreditation |
| No Students | Friday before Spring Break. |

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





Kindergarten Information Evening For all PreSchool and PreKindergarten Parents who have a chid 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

School Mass Schedule Changes in December 2023

Mass on December 8th at 8:20 AM.

During the Week of December 4-8, we will not have a Wednesday Mass at 8:20. Instead, we will have Mass on Friday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of obligation.

Mass on December 12th at 8:20 AM

During the Week of December 11-15, we will not have our regular Wednesday Mass at 8:20 AM. Instead, we will have Mass on Tuesday, December 12th, which is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service and Confession for St. Dominic Students

On Wednesday, December 6th, St. Dominic Church will host a Reconciliation service on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM. Our St. Dominic School 2nd grade students will be making their first confession on that evening.

All other St. Dominic students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to confession after school Masses during Advent.

Aim Higher Grant

The deadline is February 23, 2024, to apply for the opportunity to receive an Aim Higher Scholarship. This year students

an Alm Higher Scholarship. This year students at St. Dominic School received over \$14,000 in Aim Higher Grants!



December Calendar

December 6th. 6:00 PM at Church Parish Reconciliation Service

December 8th. School Mass at 8:20 AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception--Holy Day

December 12th School Mass at 8:20 AM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 14th Christmas Concert for K-8 Students 6:00 PM in the Church "On our Way to Bethlehem

December 15th. Christmas Concert

for Preschool and Prekindergarten students 1:00 PM in the St. Dominic School Gym

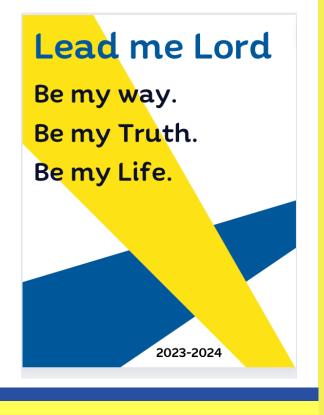
December 19, 2023 Kindergarten Information Evening 6:00-7:00 PM

December 20th. School Mass at 8:20 AM

December 22nd through January 1st Christmas Vacation School Resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd. Now is the time to apply for Financial Assistance for the 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.





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