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Weekly Update/January 16-19, 2024



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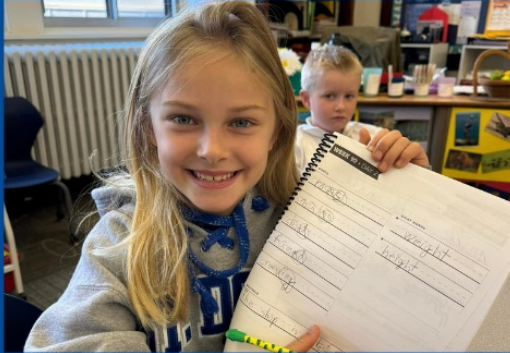
**No School for students on Monday, January 22
and 23, 2024.**

Please join us for Registration Information Evening on January 18th at 6:00 PM. Please join us at this parent event. Click the image below for more information.

REGISTRATION NIGHT AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL



Thursday, January 18th - 6 - 7:15 PM



This is an evening for current and prospective parents to learn more about 2024-2025 Tuition, Grant and Scholarship opportunities and parameters, programming and the Registration Process.

- ★ Preschool & PreKindergarten
- ★ The Premier Literacy School
- ★ Right-Sized Classes
- ★ Social Emotional Learning
- ★ Faith and Character Formation
- ★ Specialist Classes Include:
PhyEd/Health, Art, Music, SMART, STEM and Spanish
- ★ Middle School Leadership Development

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**216 SPRING NORTH SPRING ST.
NORTHFIELD, MN**

25th  **St. Dominic SCHOOL**

**SAINTS' NIGHT OUT
SILVER JUBILEE**

A DAZZLING NIGHT OF FUN
Saturday, March 16th, 2024 ♦ 5 PM
Armory Square Event Center

**FOOD ♦ DRINKS ♦ GAMES ♦ RAFFLES ♦ MUSIC
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION**

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS ON SALE NOW!

The [2024 Saints' Night Out website](#) is up and running. You can now:

- [Buy your tickets to the event.](#)
- Become an official sponsor or [learn more here.](#)
- [Donate to the live or silent auction.](#)

Tickets are \$50 each or you can purchase two tickets for \$80 from now until

Friday, March 1st. Our committee is hard at work putting together an unforgettable night. We look forward to celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Saints' Night Out with YOU.

Winter NWEA MAP testing continues this week.



Dear St. Dominic School
Parent/Guardian,

During the next few weeks, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on an iPad (K-4) or a Chromebook (grades 5-8). Teachers will conduct testing sessions in the classroom. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's knowledge. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of where your child is on their learning journey— regardless of whether they are on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores in similar skills and topics and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students in the same grade and subject with the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in grades K-8 take the tests in Fall, Winter and Spring testing windows. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Shawn P Dudley

Shawn Dudley
Principal
St. Dominic. School

Catholic Schools Week at St. Dominic School begins Sunday, January 28, 2024.



We Celebrate St. Dominic Parish on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

- St. Dominic-Lead Mass at 10:00 AM
- Dress up in your uniform and fill the pews at St. Dominics!



We Celebrate our Community on Monday, January 29, 2024.

- Mass of the Holy Spirit for grades 6-8 at Xcel Energy Center.
- We will commence a Food Drive and donate proceeds to the Community Action Center.
- We will be decorating placemats for our Senior Living Facilities in Northfield



We Celebrate our Students on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

- No Uniforms today!
- Door decorating Contest: Decorate to the THEME of Catholic Schools Week
- Assembly with Raptors! 1:00-1:15 in the Gym.
- Scavenger Hunt for St. Dominic...finder receives a \$50.00 Target Gift Card and can keep the statue of St. Dominic. More information is coming for students during Catholic Schools Week.



We Celebrate our Nation on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

- Students and Staff Dress in Red, White, and Blue...no uniform day!
- Patriotic themed Mass Music for our school Mass.
- Students will get a Patriotic gift from Mrs. Dudley.



We Celebrate Vacations and Parents on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

- Vocations speakers throughout the day.
- Treats and coffee for parents at Morning Drop-off.



We Celebrate our Staff, Teachers and Fellowship on Friday, February 2, 2024.

- Wear St. Dominic Spirit clothing...no uniforms!
- Staff v. Student Volleyball Game
- Staff Breakfast at 7:00 AM in the Stem Lab.
- Staff Videos (Week long) answering three questions.
- Bingo Night. [Click here for more information.](#)



We Celebrate our Alumni on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Attend 5:00 Mass at St. Dominic Church. Alumni event at Flaherty's in Northfield from 6:00-8:00 PM. [Click here for more information.](#)

Click the image above for details about Catholic Schools Week! See below for three great CSW events!



**January 28, 2024
Catholic Schools
Week Kickoff
10:00 AM Mass
St. Dominic
Church.**

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FELLOWSHIP EVENT!

BINGO NIGHT AT SDS!

When: Friday, February 2nd
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: School Cafeteria
Who: SDS Families & Friends



Bingo prizes are needed! Please bring in NEW or CENTLY USED toys or books to the school office!




Bingo Night at St. Dominic School for the entire family!

JOIN US ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL ALUMNI NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

5 - 6 PM Mass at Church of St. Dominic
6 - 8 PM Alumni Social at Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

Calling all St. Dominic School Alumni! Join us for a night of fellowship, friendship and fun on Saturday, February 3rd. This is a great opportunity to connect with former classmates and teachers. There will be complimentary appetizers and soft drinks at Flaherty's. You will also have the chance to win two tickets to the 25th anniversary of Saints' Night Out being held on 5/8/24!



FREE Event. Please RSVP by 1/31: <https://forms.gle/906AAlum>

Free! Alumni Night after 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 2, 2024.

January 2024 Calendar

January 18th 6:00-7:30 PM
St. Dominic School
2024-2025 Parent Registration Information Evening
Includes information about process, tuition, programming
More detailed information to come!

January 22nd and 23rd
No School for Students
Teacher Workdays

January 28th-February 2nd
Catholic Schools Week

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 thorough self-study yield a strategic plan which

[More Information to come!](#)

January 28th 10:00 AM
Catholic Schools Week Mass
led by St. Dominic School Students and Staff

January 29th 8:30 AM-1:45 PM
Mass of the Holy Spirit
Xcel Energy Center
St. Dominic School 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attend.

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

PreSchool and PreKindergarten families take note...you may apply for a tuition scholarship from AIM higher.

The deadline for applying for this awesome scholarship is February 23, 2024.

[Click on the image below for more information about the Aim Higher Grant.](#)



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.

[Click the image below for the revised 2023-2024 calendar.](#)

Revised 11-28-23
St. Dominic School
2023-2024 REVISED CALENDAR

	AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024	AUGUST 2024
August	28-30: Staff Workshop 30: Back to School Open House												
September	1: Labor Day 5: First Day of School												
October	13: Marathon Day 16 & 17: Conferences 19-20: No School: Fall Break (MEA)												
November	6: No AM or PM Busing 22-24: No School: Thanksgiving Break												
December	16: Spirit, 18: Christmas Concert 15: Spirit, PM/PR Christmas Concert 22-26: No School: Christmas Break												
January	1: No School: Christmas Break 2: School Reopens 15: No School: REA, Teacher Workshop for End of 1st Semester 22-23: No School: Teacher Data Day and Catholic Schools Study Work Day for teachers 28: Single Catholic: Scholastic Week 30-31: Mass in SES Mass Students participate.												
February	6: Catholic Schools Study Work Day for teachers 19: No School: President's Day 20 & 22: Conferences												
March	6: Catholic Schools Study Work Day for teachers 19-20: No School: Spring Break												
April	No School: Easter Monday												
May	26: Spirit, Pre-8 Spring Concert 26: Last Day of School PM & PR 30: MEMORIAL DAY 31: No School: Memorial Day 23: Last Day of School 6-8 Early Release at 3pm												
June													
July													
August													

Student Days:
1st Semester: 88 days
2nd Semester: 81 days
TOTAL: 169 days



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