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Middle School Eagle Bluff Field Trip September 23-25, 2024

- Students who attended the Middle School Welcome Day, received an Eagle Bluff Information Folder with permission slips, maps, code of conduct etc. Students who are not able to attend Middle School Welcome Day can stop by the school office any time before August 28th to pick up their Eagle Bluff Folder. It is important to bring completed forms to the Information meeting on 8/28/24.
- Eagle Bluff also has an [electronic required Medical form to complete. Please click here to complete the form.](#) Please complete this form in addition to the hard copies required by the Archdiocese.

MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING during the Back to School Open House at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Students must attend with a parent. Please bring completed permission slips and the Eagle Bluff folder to the Meeting.



Picture Day, simplified.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL

Get ready! School Picture Day is

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2024 - RETAKE AND
MAKE-UP

Picture Day is Wednesday, August 28th from 2:00-7:00 PM in the St. Dominic Gym.

- All students, grades Preschool-grade 8 will get their picture taken.
- We are using a new company for Picture Day...Jostens!
- Click image on the left for more information.

PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

THERE'S NOT TIME LIKE RIGHT NOW TO GET VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Yes, Picture Day is the same day as our Back-to-School Open House!

Open house is Wednesday, August 28th from 5:00-7:00 PM.

All Families/students are invited to meet their teacher, bring their supplies to their desks and have fun!



Defeat of Jesse James Days is just around the corner!

St. Dominic School is a parade unit in the Defeat of

Jesse James Day Grand Parade on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Students who are age 10 and older...please join us!



- The parade begins at 2:00 PM with line-up starting at 1:00 PM. Every parade participant needs a signed waiver and field trip consent form to participate.
- Students 8 years old and older along with alumni may participate.
- Click the link below for more information and to sign up for parade participation.
- **Please consider joining us with your Cowboy/Cowgirl hat and St. Dominic shirts!**

This is a great community event and an opportunity to show our St. Dominic Pride. Complete the Waiver form (adults too!) and the Field trip permission slip (all students under the age of 18).

[Waiver Form](#)
[Permission Slip](#)

Drop of the forms, bring them to school on Open House Day (August 28th) or email the form to principal@schoolofstdominic.org

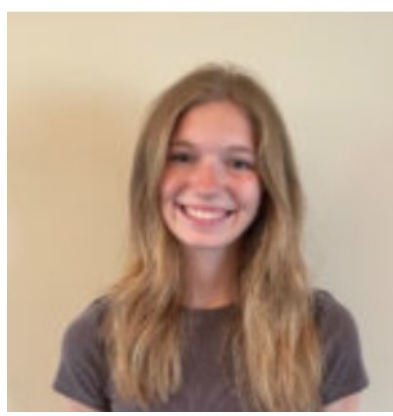
Hee Haw!

Welcome to St. Dominic School!

Please warmly welcome our new St. Dominic School teachers! Read all about our teachers and staff [here](#).



Mrs. Andrea Redder
PreSchool



Ms. Ellie Ackland
2nd Grade



Mrs. Tiffany Matlock
Art

Staffing Notes:

- Grades 1-2 will be going to specials together this year and will be learning Science and Social Studies together this year with Ms. Ackland.
- Grades 3-4 will be going to Specials together and will have Science and Social Studies together with Mrs. Abboud.
- Mrs. Jeffrey will be helping with Middle School enrichment this year.
- Mr. Vlasak will be teaching Middle Social Studies and grade 5/6 Religion.
- Mrs. Klaers will be our 7th/8th grade teacher this year.
- Mrs. Hefer will be teaching 2nd grade Religion.

Back-to-School One-pager!
This is your one-stop show
for all things back to school!

Click the image below for the Back to School One-pager!

Immunization Requirements

Please see below for immunization requirements for Minnesota schools. Click the image for information provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. Students need appropriate immunizations before their first day of school on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. [Click here for Health Forms.](#)



Arrival Times

- School starts promptly at 8:15 AM.
- Students arriving by car and who are not eating breakfast, may begin arriving at 8:00 AM and go to their classroom.
- Students dropped off prior to 8:00 AM who are not eating breakfast, will be signed in for St. Watch and TADS accounts will be charged accordingly.

Before School and After School Care: 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.

- Morning hours are 7:00-8:00 AM and afternoon hours are 2:30-5:30 PM.
- Fee and additional information
- Saint Watch Behavior and Policy Handbook
- 2024-2025 Registration for Saint Watch

Breakfast [CLICK HERE FOR MORE PRICE INFORMATION.](#)

- 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 child 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.

Bullying/Cyber Bullying

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.

Bus arrivals and departures

- Drop off and pick-up for students arriving by bus is on St. Olaf 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.

Dismissal Procedures:

All Dismissal Procedures can be found [clicking here](#).

Drop Off and Pick-up Procedures for Parents begins at 8:00 AM (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 lanes for drop-offs.

- 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.
- Please adhere to the NO PARKING SIGNS.

Fall Open House is 8/28 at 5:00 PM.

- 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.

Family Requirements

- Volunteers are an intrinsic part of our school, and we require all K-8 families to complete 15 hours and 10 hours for Preschool or Pre-Kindergarten only families each school year.
- 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!
- To volunteer, you must complete VIRTUS Training. Email cls@stdominicschool.org or get started.
- Mark your calendars for Friday, October 11th for this year's school marathon! This year's goal is to raise \$40,000. 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 in March 2025. More details regarding the event to come. Each family is required to sell four tickets for the event.

Fees at St. Dominic

- New and returning students are charged a non-refundable Registration fee of \$200 per student.
- Students who are not attending school for the first time are charged a non-refundable fee of \$500 per family. This fee is non-refundable but does apply to siblings.
- Each student is assessed a \$100-\$150 non-refundable technology fee based on grade level.

Immunizations for School

Complete immunization information is available on the [Minnesota Department of Health Website](#).

- Health Forms for 2024 to be completed for new families. All 7th grade families please review immunization requirements.
- Preschool/PreK information letter
- Kindergarten information letter
- 7th grade letter

Lunch Program and Free/Reduced Lunch [CLICK HERE FOR LUNCH INFORMATION and PRE-K-PREK](#)

Any and every K-8 student who wants to eat lunch at St. Dominic will receive a Free Lunch. Extra fees apply for second lunches (\$3.00) and/or extra milk with snack on lunch (\$1.80).

Even though every student who wants lunch will be able to eat a free lunch, we encourage parents 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 Free and Reduced Lunch application. [Please click here](#) for an overview of the Free and Reduced Lunch qualification and application. Print, and return completed application to the school.

Mass and Religion Class

Students have religion class every day, except Mass Day, which is Wednesdays at 8:20 AM at the church. Students also attend Mass for Holy Days of Obligation.

Staff Information

Staff Biographies, roles and positions at St. Dominic School are found on our [St. Dominic School Website](#).

St. Dominic School Handbook

[Click here for the handbook](#)

Supply List for St. Dominic School students in 2024-2025 [Click here for the handbook](#)

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL!

Transportation by Benjamin Bus

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](#) [Español](#)

Tuition and Financial Aid

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!

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.

Wednesday Morning Bus

Transportation

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.

Are Your Kids Ready?

What Minnesota's Immunization Law Requires

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

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 ages 11-12 years

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

Calendar

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 school calendar.

Tuition Agreements

All Tuition Agreements must be signed. In order to accurately track our financials at St. Dominic School, tuition agreements must be signed. Parents who have not signed agreements will be contacted via email as a reminder. New families who only recently have registered and received their tuition agreements, will be given a due date when their agreement is sent.

School Supply List

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 Supply Lists.

Saint Watch Before and After School Care

The Saint Watch Program accepts registrations of children in grades Preschool through Grade 8 who attend St. Dominic School.

The annual Registration Fee is \$30.00 per family and will be billed to your family TADS account is due upon receipt of that invoice.

- Pre-Scheduled Care is pre-charged to your TADS Account:

Upcoming Events:

Picture Day
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
2:00-7:00 PM
St. Dominic School Gym
All Students PreS-8

Back to School Open House
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
More information to come!
All Families of students in grades PreS-8

First Day of School
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

DJJD Grand Parade
Sunday, September 8, 2024
Line-up starts at 1:00 PM/Parade at 2:00 PM

September 23-25, 2024
Eagle Bluff ELC
Middle School Student Field Trip

School Marathon
Friday, October 11, 2024
More information to come!

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, October 14, 2024
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
More information to come.

- Before school fee: \$10.00 per session per child.
- After school fee: \$25.00 per session per child.

Drop-in for before and after school is upon the number of open student slots/availability and will be billed at \$12.00 for before school session per child and \$25.00 for after school session per child. Drop-in care fees must be paid the day of service with a check payable to St. Dominic School.

Please [click here](#) to register for Saint Watch.

No School

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Teacher Professional Learning Day

Fall Break (MEA days)

Thursday, October 17, 2024
Friday, October 18, 2024

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