



Saintly News

Back to School
August 1, 2024



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SCHOOL

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ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL - FIRST GRADE OPEN HOUSE

Our summer open house is a **free event** and open to all incoming preschool through first grade families and prospective students.

Enjoy free shaved ice for the whole family from Minnesnowii, face painting and more!

Tuesday, August 6th
5:30 - 7:00 PM
St. Dominic School

MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOME DAY!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH ★ 9:00-11:30AM

This is a Middle School only day where students will have fun learning about each other, solving problems together and creating a welcoming, positive Middle School Community at St. Dominic School!



- ★ ALL 5th - 8th Grade Middle School Students should attend.
- ★ Parents will drop off by 9:00 AM and pick up their students at 11:30 AM.
- ★ Dress comfortably (shorts are ok).
- ★ Snacks will be provided but please bring a water bottle!

Email Shawn Dudley at shawndudley@schoolofstdominic.org with questions.



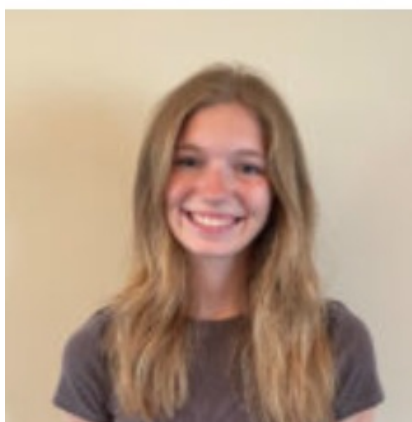
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Welcome to St. Dominic School!

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.



Introducing...
**The St. Dominic School
Spirit Squad!**

**Our new POM and CHEER
TEAM!**

Spirit Squad Mini-Camp

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!



Back to school information/2024-2025

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 AfterSchool 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 departure

- 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](#).

Dress Code/Uniform Policy

Explicit information about the St. Dominic School Dress Code/Uniform policy can be found on the [school website](#).

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 \$500 per family. Click here to submit volunteer hours throughout the year.
- To volunteer, you must complete VIRTUS Training. Email cbalabauer@stdominic.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 10/11: 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 of St. Dominic

- New and returning students are charged a non-refundable Registration fee of \$300 per student with a cap of \$500 per family. This fee is non-refundable but does apply to tuition.
- 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.
- Track-Track information letter
- Kindergarten information letter
- 7th grade letter

Lunch Program and Free/Reduced Lunch-[CLICK HERE FOR LUNCH INFORMATION and PREP-PRIS](#)

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 (\$5.00) and/or extra milk with snack or lunch (\$3.00).

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/Reduced Lunch application. It is still important that in order to be reimbursed correctly from the State and Federal governments, that families who qualify complete the Free/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 Wednesday at 8:00 AM at the church. Students also attend Mass for Holy Days of Obligation.

Middle School Welcome Day

All St. Dominic Middle School students in grades 5-8 are invited and expected to attend a Middle School Welcome Day on Wednesday, August 14th from 9:00-11:30. [Click here for more information.](#)

Parents walking students to class when arriving by car

- Students start 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.

Personal Cell Phones and Computers at School (Student)

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 want your child to bring a cell phone to school. Thus, Middle School Students may bring cell-phones to school per parent permission. [Cell phones are to be off and stored away in a backpack](#) (packed from 8:15 AM-2:30 PM). Any student with a phone on, texting, or browsing in social media on their phone will bring their phone to the office. Parents will need to retrieve the phone from the office.

Picture Day is Wednesday, August 28th from 2:00-7:00 PM, (some days as the Fall Back to School Open House). Jostens will email you more information in the coming days!

School Board

Find information about the St. Dominic School board on the [St. Dominic School Website](#).

School Hours/Daily Schedule

- 7:00-8:00 Morning Saint Watch
- 8:00-8:10 AM Students admitted to school and into their homerooms
- 8:10-8:15 AM Students to class and parents exit the building.
- 8:15 AM Announcements begin, Attendance taken
- 11:00 AM-Noon Lunch and Recess
- 11:30 AM-Principals/Dismissed
- 2:30 PM K-8 Dismissed
- 2:30-5:30 PM Afternoon Saint Watch

Spirit Squad Mini-Camp for All Interested SDS Middle School girls.

[Click here for more information](#)

Snack Cart

Snack Cart will be available for parents to purchase for the year of \$95.00. [Click here to sign up for Snack Cart](#) for the year.

Social Media Use by Students

Students are not allowed to engage in Social Media while at school, either on school-owned devices or personal cell phones.

St. Dominic 2024-2025 Calendar

[Click here](#)

School Discipline Policy

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 discipline 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 philosophy of discipline. Students are to behave in a manner which is morally responsible and bring credit to themselves, their families, and St. Dominic School. Parental support is an important part of the school's discipline policy.

Staff Information

Staff Biographies, roles and positions of 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

[Found here](#)

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 507-449-7700 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.

August 14, 2024 12:15-2:00 PM

Stay for our Mini-Camp on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. The camp starts at 12:15 after our Middle School Welcome Day. Lunch will be provided for girls who stay for camp,

All Rising Middle School Girls are welcome to attend and learn more about the Spirit Squad.

- No Dance or Cheer Experience required.
- St. Dominic School Spirit Squad's mission is to provide a positive, yearlong, extracurricular experience for Middle School girls to build confidence, connect with friends and serve the St. Dominic School community with spirit, school pride and fun!
- Girls will have after school practices during the school year.
- More information on frequency and day/week to follow.

Calendar

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

Tuition Agreements

All Tuition Agreements must be signed by August 15, 2024. Parents who have not signed agreements will be contacted via email as a reminder."

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:
- Before school fee: \$6.00 per session per child.
- After school fee: \$15.00 per session per child.

Upcoming Events:

PreSchool-Kindergarten Open House
Thursday, August 6, 2024
5:30-7:00 PM
St. Dominic School

Middle School Welcome Day
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
9:00-11:30
All students in grades 5-8
St. Dominic School

Spirit Squad Mini-Camp
12:15-2:00 PM
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Middle School Girls

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

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

Drop-in for before and after school is upon the number of open student slots/availability and will be billed at \$8.00 per before school session per child and \$18.00 per 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.

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

No School
 Wednesday, October 16, 2024
 Teacher Professional Learning Day

Fall Break (MEA days)
 Thursday, October 17, 2024
 Friday, October 18, 2024

Picture Day is Tuesday, August 28th from 2:00-7:00 PM.

We are using a new company for Picture Day...Jostens! Click the image below more information.



Picture Day, simplified.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL
 Get ready! School Picture Day is
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2024 - RETAKE AND MAKE-UP

We Are Called

**To Love.
 To Share our Faith.
 To Cherish Christ.
 To Serve one another.**



St. Dominic SCHOOL

2024-2025

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.](#)

Are Your Kids Ready?

What Minnesota's Immunization Law Requires

Immunization Requirements Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).
 Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. The table on the back shows the ages when doses are due.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1 st through 6 th grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 th through 12 th grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓ ⁷
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓ ⁴	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses ⁶	✓ Tdap ⁸ & at least 2 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓ ⁵	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal ✓ & booster ⁹
Pneumococcal ✓✓✓✓ ¹	Varicella ✓✓ ²	Varicella ✓✓ ²	Varicella ✓✓ ²

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 age 11-12 years

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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