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

Our new POM and CHEER TEAM!

Spirit Squad Mini-Camp
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.

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

- Students attending Middle School Welcome Day, will be bringing home 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.
- **The total cost of the field trip is \$134.00/student.** We were able to apply the Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser proceeds to the total cost...and that brings down the cost from a total of 196.00/student (bus included) to \$134.00/student. This cost includes all meals at Eagle Bluff, 2-night stay, all activities and a bus ride to and from Lanesboro. Payment will be due by September 15, 2024 and billed through TADS. More info about snacks coming soon!
- **Parents, please note, you will need to fill out all of the permission slips included in the folder. These are required by the Archdiocese for an overnight field trip.**
- 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 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.

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

Open house is from 5:00-7:00 PM.

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



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!

St. Dominic School One-Pager (Haga clic aquí para español)
Back to school information 2024-2025

Arrival Times

- School begins promptly at 8:00 AM
- Students arriving by car and who are not eating breakfast may begin arriving at 8:00 AM and go to their classrooms.
- Students dropping off prior to 8:00 AM who are not eating breakfast will be dropped at the St. Dominic van.
- Returns to the original drop-off location.

Before School and After-School Care: Saint Wachs

St. Dominic School offers before and after school care for our students through our Saint Wachs Program in order to provide a safe, secure, and supervised environment for students when parents are working.

- Morning hours from 7:00-8:00 AM and afternoon hours from 2:30-3:30 PM.
- See [our website](#) for more information.
- 2024-2025 Registration for Saint Wachs
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Breakfast (Lunch) FREE FOR MORE PRICE

Breakfast

- All students are eligible for breakfast.
- Students who would like to eat breakfast may arrive by 7:45 AM and eat before going to their classrooms.
- Parents may escort their children to breakfast.
- Students who do not eat breakfast will be sent to the cafeteria to eat breakfast with the cafeteria staff.
- All students eating breakfast should be in their classrooms by 8:15 AM.

Lunch Program and Free/Reduced Lunch

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 (St. Dominic students only).

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Even though every student who wants to eat lunch at St. Dominic will receive a Free and Reduced Lunch application, it is still important that in order to be considered for free or reduced lunch, the student must complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application. [Click here for more information.](#)

Administrative Procedures

Students have religion class every day. Students who are not able to attend school on 8:00 AM at the church. Students also attend Mass for Holy Days of Obligation.

Middle School Welcome Day

All 5th-8th grade students will attend Middle School Welcome Day on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. This day is for students in grades 5-8 and is held from 9:00-11:00 AM. [Click here for more information.](#)

Parents walking students to class when arriving by car

- School starts promptly at 8:00 AM.
- Parents are not allowed to enter the school grounds or drop-off children while in school.
- St. Dominic School recommends students be dropped off at home. However, there may be compelling reasons why a parent may need to drop their child at school. Parents who are dropping their child at school should arrive at school at least 15 minutes before the drop-off time. Parents who are dropping their child at school should arrive at school at least 15 minutes before the drop-off time. Parents who are dropping their child at school should arrive at school at least 15 minutes before the drop-off time.

Personal Cell Phones and Computers at School (Students)

Students are not allowed to have personal laptops or computers while in school.

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Calendar

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

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

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



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

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

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

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.

Immunization Requirements	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 (Hep B)	✓	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B
DTaP/DT	✓	DTaP/DT	DTaP/DT & at least 2 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	✓	✓	✓	✓

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** ≥ 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/d).
 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.

Minnesota Department of Health, Immunization Program | ID# 52799 (8/2021)

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