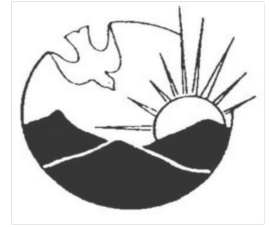


As a ministry of our Catholic community,  
Saint Dominic Catholic School **BELIEVES** in the blessings of faith  
through Jesus Christ;  
**INSPIRES** spiritual, intellectual, social and physical growth;  
and **CELEBRATES** God's gracious gifts.



We hope that your spring break involved the creation of new family memories, whether you were able to take a break or not. At SDCS, the week was another incredible week.

The week began with the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper East Tennessee Science Fair where 180 students representing 25 regional schools competed in fourth through eighth grade. It was rewarding to note that the top three places in fifth grade, a second place placement in fourth grade and three other awards went to Saint Dominic School representatives, who earned the right to represent our school through our school competition.

During the week, our first-ever endowment fund was created with a generous donation by our librarian, Dusty Newman. The newly established SDCS Bowling-Newman Author Visit Endowment Fund, in honor of Mr. Newman's deceased parents, will be used to bring popular children's authors to our school on an annual basis for years to come.

We're excited to see what news this week brings, all because of you!

### *The Days Ahead*

**Wednesday, April 3** – One week from this day, on Wednesday, April 10, we will begin our nationally-normed standardized testing (IOWA's and CogAT's). Those will involve kindergarten, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades over a period of five days. We respectfully ask that everyone be at school on time and avoid early dismissals. We also respectfully ask that sleep and meals are approached from a perspective of helping children perform at their personal best. Of course, those "asks" are true for every school day. Standardized testing provides the opportunity to be reminded of those things which help a child (and their school) be even more successful every day.

**Thursday, April 4** – There will be a SDCS Home and School Association (HASA) meeting in the library at 3:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**Friday, April 5** – Saint Dominic School teachers (and all teachers across the Diocese of Knoxville's system of schools) will be involved in professional development. This means that there will be no preschool or elementary classes. Of course, being the family that we are, we will be providing care for all those families who need it through our School Age Care (SAC) program. If you are interested in care for that day, please let us know.

**Monday, April 8, and Tuesday, April 9** – Those involved in LEGO Club after school will be meeting with either their Monday or their Tuesday group.

## *Review and More Detail*

- ***Please keep Saturday, April 27***, on your calendar as a day to stop by SDCS for a lunch prepared by Eden Galvez and/or to buy some homemade baked goods. The event will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. All proceeds will go toward support of the fifth grade retreat to Doe River Gorge. This retreat provides the fifth graders the opportunity to live and experience challenges as a family for three-days and two-nights. It is another way they bond as family, helping galvanize relationships which can last for a lifetime. If you would like to help in support that retreat through this event or in any other way, please let Mr. Davis know.
- ***FREE BEGINNER TAP CLASS, Thursday, April 11, 5:45, SDCS Gym***. Instruction provided by Jessica Flagg, friend and fitness/dance instructor colleague of Beth Barnette (SDCS parent). Learn basic tap dance steps - no previous dance experience needed. All ages welcome, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Tap shoes can be ordered through [www.discountdance.com](http://www.discountdance.com), or purchased at Tutus, Taps, and All that Jazz in Jonesborough. For more information contact Beth Barnette, [bethbarnette1@gmail.com](mailto:bethbarnette1@gmail.com) or 423.306.1237.
- ***Fish Fries each Friday night during Lent***: The Knights of Columbus, a fraternal Catholic organization, provides a community-wide Fish Fry at Saint Dominic Church each Friday night during Lent. There will be one this Friday, April 5. The dinners, served buffet style, are held in the Saint Dominic Church Parish Life Center and begin at 5 p.m. Yes, take out is available and it is “all you can eat.”
- ***40 Cans for Lent***: Right in front of our Lenten bulletin board, you’ll find a student-run store providing you a morning opportunity (7:45 to 8 a.m.) to buy (or donate something you bring in) food items for those in need. At the end of Lent, all items provided will be given to Saint Vincent DePaul for distribution throughout our community. Many of the items are less than a dollar. (Chicken Noodle Soup, Corn, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, and Tomato Soup items can be bought for 50 cents each.) Our Lenten store helps inspire us all to better embrace practices we are called more closely to during this season: Pray, Fast, and Give!
- ***Operation “Word of Mouth”***: Your efforts to share information about Saint Dominic School are appreciated and do make a difference. We continue to receive requests for information and are well on our way to a solid 2019-20 school year with great families. Should you have anyone you would like us to speak with, just let us know.

Please place ***May 14 at 6:30 p.m.*** on your calendar for our ***Spring Musical: Pirates***. You won’t want to miss it. Remind your family and friends to block that date.

*Dear Lord,*

*Please relieve me of the burden of self, so that I may better see Your will in all that I do today. When I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have a home, help me to remember the homeless. When I have a job, help me to remember the unemployed. When I am free from pain, help me to remember those that suffer. And through remembering, destroy my complacency and stir my compassion to make a difference in this world through my thoughts, my words, and, most importantly, through my deeds.*

### ***What’s on the Menu?***

Tues	4/2	Ham & cheese sub, chips, yogurt
Wed	4/3	French toast, eggs, sausage, fruit
Thurs	4/4	Grilled Cheese, Tomato soup, fruit
Fri	4/5	<b>NO SCHOOL SAC OPEN</b> bring packed lunch
Mon	4/8	Hotdog, chips, veggies w/ranch, fruit

### ***Servers***

Rene  
Carolyn  
Heather

**server needed**

**\*\*\*Peanut butter and jelly sandwich with side and fruit available each day as an alternate option.**