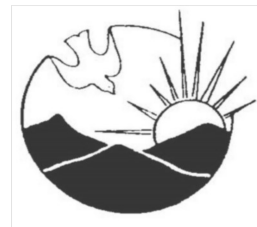


Monday Memo

December 17, 2018

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.



Dear Saint Dominic School Family,

As we continue this season of Advent, we look to Christmas for its true meaning.

The 10-Day and beyond Outlook

Thursday, December 20 – The preschool children will be celebrating Christmas with a Polar Express Day. It is a pajama day and dismissal for both preschool classes will be from the classrooms. We'll also be celebrating the last "all-school" elementary Mass of 2018. Join us!

Friday, December 21 – There will be much Christmas cheer throughout the building with classroom parties in each room. Preschool will dismiss at 11 a.m. and elementary will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. That means the Crescent Drive pick-up will be in much use for that morning. Please keep it clear, unless picking-up students. School Age Care (SAC) will still be available until 5:45 p.m.

Monday, December 24 – Celebrate Christmas with Mass at Saint Dominic Church. There are three choices: 4 p.m. (Children's Mass); 8 p.m.; and Midnight.

Monday, December 24, through Wednesday, December 26 – All programs closed.

Tuesday, December 25 – A celebration of the greatest gift ever – the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas! You are a gift to us. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at Saint Dominic Church.

Thursday, December 27, and Friday, December 28 – School Age Care (SAC) available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Monday, December 31, & Tuesday, January 1 – All programs closed. Best wishes for a wonderful 2019! We look forward to the year it will be. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Wednesday, January 2, through Friday, January 4 – School Age Care (SAC) available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Monday, January 7 – Faculty/Staff Administrative Day – School Age Care (SAC) available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8 – All students return to SDCS for the best year ever!!!

What's on the Menu?

			<i>Servers</i>
Tues	12/18	Hot dog w/chili, chips, veggies, fruit	Rene
Wed.	12/19	Pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit	Carolyn
Thurs	12/20	Chicken & dumplings, cranberry sauce, green beans, Biscuit, fruit	
Fri	12/21	Early dismissal. No hot lunch, SAC students need to pack a lunch.	

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

To Think About

- ◆ Thank you to all those who helped prepare for and to all those who witnessed SDCS's 40th annual Christmas Program. As is always the case, Mrs. Bellino was able to highlight each class, while still providing chorus and all-school features. Under her direction, our children sing, sign, act, and play instruments. It is an amazing display of challenges met. Your children are incredible and our Music Program provides evidence of that. DVD's are available through the SDCS office for \$5 each.
- ◆ If your elementary child is interested in another musical experience, Mrs. Bellino – dad7276@aim.com - is organizing a performance for the 4 p.m. children's Christmas Mass on Monday, December 24. The performance will involve the singing of Christmas carols, performance of a song with American Sign Language, and use of small percussion instruments, like claves and bells. All children, kindergarten through middle school, are invited to participate. (You don't have to be Catholic.) There is one rehearsal remaining, on Sunday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Bellino with any questions. If this will be your first rehearsal, please reach out to Mrs. Bellino. She will provide your child with a CD so they can practice on their own before Sunday.
- ◆ While we're at it, thank you for your support of SDCS's efforts to promote unique and creative learning in so many ways, including through the use of LEGO. The SDCS First LEGO League Junior efforts continue to lead the way among area elementary schools. On Saturday, December 8, 2018, many of you helped support those efforts through participation in the 2018 Model City Mission Moon EXPO and INTO ORBIT LEGO Qualifier. Your children, once again, but in a different way, proved that they are incredible.
- ◆ The Catholic School Calendar Fund raffle is on-going and will be until January 19, 2019. SDCS has been credited with 274 tickets sold as of today, December 17. Last year, SDCS was responsible for 407 raffle tickets sold and collected over \$15,000 for those efforts. With your help, we'll surpass that number this year. We are grateful to all of those who have already participated, including those who have sold at least six per staff member and/or family. Should you have any questions, please let Mr. Davis know.
- ◆ SDCS is humbled by the way its school community reaches out to and supports so many in the area. We are grateful to play a small role in those efforts and proud to be associated with those who want to give in such special ways. Not all of the stories are shared here. Some are private and personal. Just know that through your faith and love, a difference is being made. Just know that once you are part of this family, you always will be part of this family. Families love and support all of its members. Thank you for proving that each and every day.