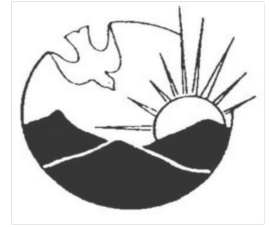


As a ministry of our Catholic community,  
Saint Dominic Catholic School **BELIEVES** in the blessings of faith  
through Jesus Christ;  
**INSPIRES** spiritual, intellectual, social and physical growth;  
and **CELEBRATES** God's gracious gifts.



Being in retreat with our fifth grade class last week provided a deeper vision into the diversity of opportunities Saint Dominic School can provide in the development of the whole child. Living under one roof, our fifth graders were typical fifth graders – having fun, being noisy, making a mess, and all the other things fifth graders do. At SDCS, though, they get to do that with other fifth graders they have come to know really well. It really does remind you of brothers, sisters, and cousins of a large family being together.

There is yet another difference. From time-to-time, the children are called to set those child-like behaviors aside and to more deeply consider faith and the impact it has on their lives. That happens in the way the counselors are able to share with them, through Mass in the cabin, through a decade of the Rosary before bed, in prayer throughout the trip, and through the mentors we are able to surround them with.

Our children are different. They have been exposed to thoughts and ideas, challenges to their ways of thinking, which other fifth graders just haven't been, to the depth our children have. Our prayer is that they embrace the ways they are different, recognizing their preparation through SDCS has set them up for life – and beyond.

None of this happens without you. Thank you for making a difference.

### *The Days Ahead*

**Monday, May 6** – Graciella Mondragon “**rings out**” at 3 p.m. in celebration of her time with SDCS.

**Tuesday, May 7** – Helina Ogbazghi “**rings out**” at 3 p.m. in celebration of her time with SDCS. Second and third grades travel to Saint Anne School in Bristol, Virginia, to hear from popular **children's author** Jerry Pollatto. Fourth grade travels to Eastman Employee Center for a **Safety Fair**. (Not all learning takes place in a classroom.)

**Wednesday, May 8** – Cooper McLain “**rings out**” at 2 p.m. in celebration of his time with SDCS. **Preschool field day events** held at East Tennessee Gymnastics Club. (Leaving SDCS at 8:45; returning at 11:15.) **Dress rehearsal for the Spring Musical: Pirates from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 9** – Ryan Moncla “**rings out**” at 3 p.m. in celebration of his time with SDCS. Last **Health Class** (with Mrs. Bertuso) and **Torchbearer Club** session of the 2018-19 school year. Fourth and fifth grades to Saint Anne School to complete **writing workshop** with Mrs. Nicole Hughes.

**Friday, May 10** – Izzy Nekuri “**rings out**” at 3 p.m. in celebration of her time with SDCS. In honor of Mother's Day, we'll show thanks to all mother's (our own and those who are like mother's to us every day) by **bringing flowers to lay at the foot of Mary's statue** in our gym lobby. At 9:30 a.m., we'll celebrate the end of the preschool year in the gym with family and friends. All are welcome to join us.

## *Review and More Detail*

- ◆ **Remember the Mom's in your life:** Sunday, May 12, is *Mother's Day*. It is a day to remember those women who brought us into the world and those women who have been like mothers to us throughout the years, helping guide and raise us. No doubt, our SDCS has many angels in its building every day who aren't your child's mother, but are very much mother-like in the way they love your children. We are grateful to all who take on the responsibility of loving all our children as they would their own.
- ◆ **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. There is still financial assistance available, for those families which qualify.
- ◆ **Saint Dominic School Board membership:** If you have an interest in serving Saint Dominic School as a *member* of its School Board, please let Mr. Davis know. The School Board is tasked with maintaining the health of the school, while planning for its sustainability.
- ◆ You're invited to explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life at VBS June 17-21, 8:30 am - noon. Register online at [www.saintdominickpt.org](http://www.saintdominickpt.org) or fill out registration forms and return them to the main office. The fee is only \$5 per child, max of \$15 per family. Scholarships are available. You can pay on-line or via cash or check. Students enrolled in SDCS's SAC summer program the week of VBS pay no fee, but still must register. **To be guaranteed a special VBS T-shirt, register by May 24!** If you would like to purchase a music CD, indicate that in the comments and pay an additional \$7. Preview music at <http://vbs.osv.com/totally-catholic-roar>.

### *What's on the Menu?*

### *Servers*

Tues	5/7	Chicken patty, broccoli, fruit	Rene
Wed	5/8	Hot dog, chips, veggies w/dip, fruit	Carolyn
Thurs	5/9	French toast, eggs, bacon, fruit	Heather
Fri	5/10	Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit	Kayla
Mon	5/13	Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, broccoli, fruit	<b><u>server needed</u></b>

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