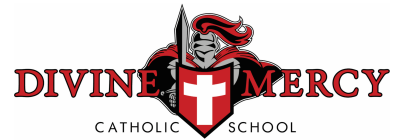


School Newsletter



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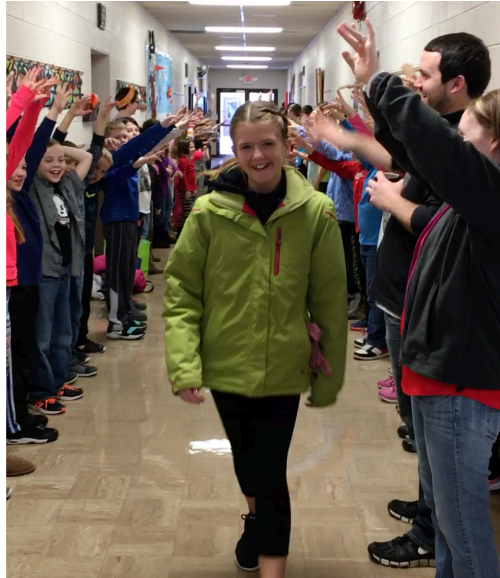
Dear Parents,

We were very happy to welcome back KatieAnna Bauble to school yesterday! Her speedy recover continues to amaze all of us, but not surprise us, because we all know how tough she is :)

KatieAnna wanted to share this with everyone:

I want you all to know that I really appreciate all the prayers and get well wishes you sent my way. I feel so grateful for your warm wishes and thoughtfulness. Every day I feel stronger and more energetic. My goal is to go back to school full-time after my six week check up. Thanks a million for your caring ways and for thinking of me during my recovery. I would also like to thank all of my classmates who brought in items for my bag. It's keeping me busy during this boring period of time.

-KatieAnna Bauble



I have another exciting announcement to make. I am happy to announce that Mrs. Michelle Reinhart was recently hired to be our school's intervention specialist. Here's a little bit about Mrs. Reinhart:

Hello! My name is Mrs. Reinhart I am an Intervention Specialist. I reside in Antwerp with my husband Joe, and my three children Molly, Allison and Eli. We are members of Divine Mercy Parish. I am currently attending Defiance College where I am just shy of receiving my Masters of Art in Education. I have worked as a substitute teacher in both Wayne Trace and Antwerp local schools for the past three years. I received my Bachelors degree in Psychology and Public Health from Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY. Prior to entering the wonderful world of education I pursued a career as a Social Worker and worked as a Children Services worker in both Defiance and Paulding County for 15 years. I am very excited to work with the children at Divine Mercy School!

Some of you may be asking what does an intervention specialist do? An intervention specialist works with students who are on an IEP (Individual Education Program/Plan) to help students meet academic goals that are outlined in their IEP. Mrs. Reinhart will be at Divine Mercy on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Funding for this position was made possible through the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarships that our school applied for this year. If you have any questions about the Jon Peterson Scholarship, I'd love to talk to you more about this program.

God Bless,

Mr. Linder

Important Dates:

January

Thur. 18th – Mass @ 9:15

Fri. 19th – 2 hr Delay –
Teacher In-Service

Mon. 22nd – No School for
Divine Mercy Students only –
Diocesan Conference

Fri. 26th – Mass @ 9:15

February

Fri. 2nd – Mass @ 9:15 &
food pantry

Mon. 5th – PTA meeting @
6:30

Thur. 8th – Mass @ 9:15

Fri. 9th – 2 hr delay for
teacher in-service & Mardi
Gras @ 1:30

Forms Coming Home:

- KofC Free Throw form
- Grade Cards (Friday)
- EdChoice Fact Sheet (emailed)



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Second quarter grades will be posted to Progress Book by this Friday. We will also be sending home a paper copy on Friday. Please continue to monitor your student's progress throughout the semester.

Mardi Gras will be held on Friday, February 9th, from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm. The PTA organizes a fair of activities and games for the students to play. There will be a raffle table where students can buy chances on items. We are asking all families to donate prizes and/or food items. Please see the flyer coming home for more details. The students love this day, and thank you for making it a memorable one for them!

Please return the flyer by Wednesday, January 24th, and please have the prizes brought into the office by Friday, February 2nd.

Attention all EdChoice Scholarship recipients: anyone who is currently receiving this state scholarship should submit a renewal form for next year. On February 1st, I will email the electronic renewal form to everyone who received the EdChoice Scholarship for this school year. Please email the completed electronic form back to me, and then I will upload it to the state. Others who are interested in this scholarship should check the Federal Poverty Guidelines to see if they qualify (attached). This scholarship is available for any student who is an incoming kindergartener or currently in kindergarten, first or second grade. Your family income must qualify based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The first application period begins February 1 and ends April 30, 2018. There is a second application period, but some applicants throughout the state that waited for the second window did not receive the scholarship last year. It's best if you turn in all required documents as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Linder for more information.

The girls makeup basketball game vs St. Louis Academy is:

Wednesday, January 31st - Girls home vs Besancon 6:00 p.m.

If you missed the free throw competition in Paulding last weekend, the **Payne Knights of Columbus are having their annual free throw competition.** This is open to any boy or girl ages 9-14. The free throw contest is on January 21st from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Antwerp's MAC gym. Please see the flyer coming home for registration information.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room. We hope to see you there!

Classroom Spotlight

In the first and second grade, we have begun taking timed tests to strengthen our math fact skills. We love to play math games and use videos to help us learn our facts! We also have been completing some fun science inquiries. Before things became super snowy, we took a trip outside to make observations using our five senses. Since it is cold and snowy outside, the kindergarteners joined us for music class to spend some time singing about penguins and dancing like them as well!

