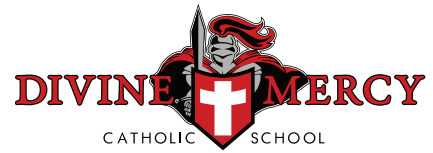


School Newsletter



February 28, 2018

Dear Parents,

Most of you are probably aware of the recent, tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida. It's unfortunate, but necessary that even our school be prepared if such an event were to ever happen here, God forbid. Yesterday the students conducted their second lockdown drill of the year. The ALICE training that we use was adopted several years ago by all the schools in Paulding county. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) offers a more proactive way to handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. ALICE tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional "lockdown only" approach.



If your student wants to play in the **basketball marathon**, please let the office know by this Friday, March 2nd. We will submit our final rosters this Friday. No additions will be made after that.



Tomorrow, March 1st, students will go to see the play **The Lightning Thief** (based on a Rick Riordan book) in Fort Wayne at the Saint Francis Performing Arts Center. Students will leave first thing in the morning on buses, and be back in time for lunch.

Important Dates:

March

Thur. 1st – Lightning Thief Play in Ft. Wayne @ 10:00 a.m.

Fri. 2nd - Mass @ 9:15
- Stations of the Cross @ 1:00
- Jump-a-thon school event from 2:00-3:00 in gym

5th-9th - Right to Read Week activities

Fri. 9th - 2 hour delay for teacher in-service
- Stations @ 1:00

Mon. 12th - Author Alan St. Jean visit

Fri. 16th - End of 3rd Quarter
- Mass @ 9:15
- Stations @ 1:00

Fri. 23rd - Mass @ 9:15
- Stations @ 1:00

Wed. 28th - Battle of the Books @ 1:00

March 29th - April 2nd - No School - Easter Break

Papers Coming Home:

- School Dance registration paper
- Right to Read Week signature slips (were sent home last week and yesterday)



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All fundraising money for **Jump Rope for Heart** should be turned in by the end of the week. Our school jump rope event will take place this Friday, March 2nd. Thanks to Mr. Grant for organizing this even, and thank you for all of your support of the American Heart Association.

STARTING TODAY

Starting today, February 28th, students who read the following amount of pages per night, and return a parent signed slip (attached) back to the office will receive a ticket to place into a staff members bucket. The staff member who has the most tickets by Friday, March 9th, will get a pie in the face.



Amount of pages to read each night:

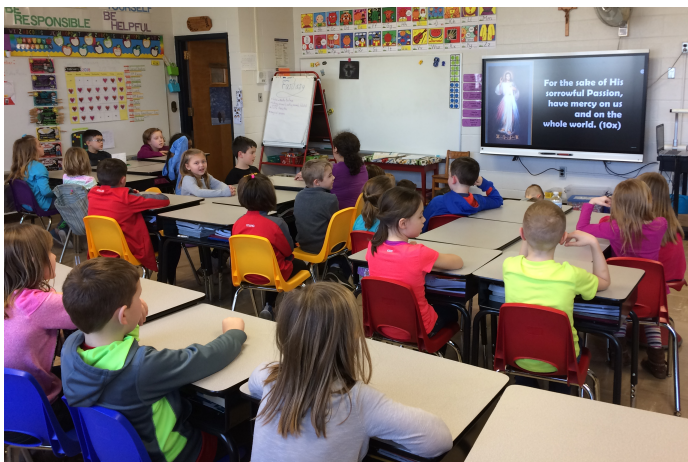
preschool: parent reads a book to the student	3rd grade: 20 pages
kindergarten: 5 pages	4th grade: 25 pages
1st grade: 10 pages	5th grade: 30 pages
2nd grade: 15 pages	6th grade: 35 pages

Please see the attached flyer for right to read week details (March 5-9). Please notice that each day during right to read week will have a **dress up option**, and a **reading activity**.



Classroom Spotlight

In the first and second grade classroom, we have been very busy! We celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like we were 100 years old, and we did a bunch of different tasks in 100 seconds. We tried to see how many times we could write our name, and you could have heard a pin drop in our room the students were so focused! In music class, We have been learning about rhythm and beat. I took one of each students' shoes to lay out the pattern of a poem we learned so that we could step out the beat. Since it is Lent, we are learning how to sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet as well. They all have such beautiful voices!





Kick the Dust Up

All Family – Students and Parents Dance



All Proceeds from the Dance will go to Divine Mercy School PTA.

Grab your cowboy boots & hats and join us for the 2018 Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance sponsored by the Divine Mercy PTA



- Saturday, April 7 from 7PM ~ 9PM in the School Gym
- Cost: Parent - \$10 / Children - \$5 Each
- Enjoy Refreshments, Dancing & School Spirit
- Raffle Tickets are available to purchase in advance or the night of the dance for several great gift baskets! (Exciting items will be announced as we approach the day of the dance.)
- Captured Photos by Kathy K will be on hand the night of the Dance. (Photo orders, along with payment, will be taken at the dance.)
- Optional Pre-Dance dinner offered by Good Times. (Prepay for dinner below. Dinners available starting at 5:30PM.)

Please return the form below along with payment to Divine Mercy, by Friday, March 30th. Make checks payable to "Divine Mercy PTA". Your name will be added to the PAID list and you will be checked in upon arrival Saturday, April 7.

New this year, we have partnered with Good Times for a Pre-Dance dinner. Pre-purchase a meal with your son or daughter for \$7 per person. Dinner will be served at Good Times from 5:30 – 7:00, if you purchase this ahead of time your name will be on a list to enjoy dinner prior to that evenings dance at school.

Last Name : _____ Parents Name : _____

Student(s) First Name : _____

Total Enclosed:

Parent \$10 x _____ = _____

Student \$5 x _____ = _____

Raffle Tickets (2 for \$1.00) # _____ = _____

Pre-Dance Dinner \$7 per person x _____ = _____

Parent -- Pulled Pork Sandwich / Scalloped Potatoes / Cole Slaw and Soda

Student – Popcorn Chicken / Fries and Soda

TOTAL = _____