

The Principal's Newsletter

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Saint Dominic School is a Christ – centered learning community that fosters Catholic faith and Christian values in our students while striving for academic excellence. We prepare our students to become responsible leaders and role models within the Church, family and community.

REREGISTRATION FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR New Registration and reregistration for the 2010-2011 school year is currently underway. Kindergarten readiness screening will take place in early March. We are still accepting registration for all grade levels including The Early Learning Center. If you know someone who is interested in our school please have them call the school office at 860-628-4678 between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 2:30p.m. or e-mail us at school@saintdominicchurch.com, thank you.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RETURNING to Saint Dominic's in the fall, please notify the school office ASAP. It will be helpful to know if extra spaces are available for new students.

LENT – begins on Ash Wednesday Feb.17th during school vacation. Please bring your family to Church so they can receive ashes, thank you. The students will also be participating in the Stations of the Cross every Thursday afternoon during Lent on February 25th, March 4, 11, 18 and April 1 at 2:15p.m. and on March 25 (time to be determined). Parents, grandparents and parishioners are invited to join us as we journey with Jesus.

SAINT DOMINIC NOURISHES - An exciting new way for our children to participate in the weekly mass will launch Feb. 27 and 28. St. Dominic Nourishes is designed to inspire us all while responding to the growing need for food in our community. Children in the parish will be encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to mass **each week** and when the offertory takes place they may all come forward to the altar to give their gift to the community. The program should provide children the opportunity to participate in the mass while learning about the importance of giving to less fortunate people in our area. Start getting your children excited about their participation! Questions: E-mail Mike Soltys at soltysfamily@cox.net or 860-621-1142.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL HSA NIGHT @ TD Homer's in Southington - You are invited! Please bring your friends & family to help support Saint Dominic School H.S.A. on **Tuesday, February 9th (5pm-10pm) at TD Homer's Southington**, 461 Queen Street. 10% of your check will be donated to **Saint Dominic School HSA!** The H.S.A. kindly requests that you do not use gift cards purchased through the Scrip program, as TD Homers generously donates back to us 15%, thank you. A flyer was sent out with additional information. For more information about the event please contact Bethann Hooks (860) 276-9935 bhmsh@aol.com

THE RESCHEDULED SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING is this Wednesday, February 10th at 7:15p.m. in the Learning Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place on Tuesday, February 23rd at 1:15p.m. Congratulations to our Second Grade Class! Thank you, Mrs. Novicki and Mrs. Proffitt, for preparing the children for this sacrament.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL AUCTION – Just a friendly reminder that the RSVP date for attending the auction is quickly approaching. If you plan on attending the auction, please send in your reply no later than Monday February 8th. A flyer is attached to this email. Also, anyone attending the auction who would like to volunteer an hour of their time please contact Bethann Hooks at bhmsh@aol.com, thank you.

EARLY DISMISSAL & VACATION - Our winter break is February 15-19. We will have an early dismissal (12 noon) on February 24th for a professional development workshop with Saint Thomas School. Aftercare will be available until 5:30p.m.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS - Saint Dominic School follows the decision of the Southington Public School system when weather causes the cancellation of school, a delay in opening or an early closing. Tune in to local radio/television stations for any announcement during inclement weather. **In the event of a delay in the opening of school Pre-K morning session is 9:30 – 11:30 and Pre-K afternoon session is 12:30-3:00.**

Please make an alternate transportation plans for your child in the event of an early dismissal due to weather conditions. Make sure your child knows where he/she will be going and that you are aware. The children become very upset when the routine is disrupted and they are unsure of where they should go.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not make individual phone calls to inform parents of early school closings. Please check the media including our website for this information and have prior arrangements in place for your children so that they do not worry about their dismissal plans.

If school is dismissed early (12:30p.m.) due to inclement weather, all afternoon and evening school activities including After Care will be cancelled. If school is cancelled, all extra curricular activities will also be cancelled.

THANK YOU- A special thank you to all the students, parents, school board members, faculty and staff who helped make the open house a great success.

Mrs. Diane Loukopoulos – is currently out on medical leave while awaiting knee surgery. In her absence, Mrs. A. and Mrs. Markowski will be covering her Before and Aftercare responsibilities. Mrs. Thorpe has been covering within the classrooms and starting this week Mrs. Trish Gavagni, an alumni parent, will be helping out a few times a week. Please keep Mrs. L. in your prayers.

SMART TUITION ACCOUNTS – Please be aware that payments made to SMART via your bank account are Pending Payments for 7-14 business days. This is the time it takes to clear from your bank to SMART Tuition.

REPORT CARD ENVELOPES - Report cards were issued to all students on January 22nd. Report card envelopes need to be signed by parents and returned to school, thank you.

SCRIP PROGRAM - Thank you to everyone for your support of our Scrip card program. Save on gas and avoid all those trips to the mall. Visit shopwithscrip.com and choose from hundreds of local and national vendors such as Price Chopper, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Outback, Applebee, Sunoco, TD Homers, ToysRus, Wood n Tap and Lowes. Purchase gift cards at their face value and retailers will donate 2-15% of your purchase back to Saint Dominic School. The 4 Options for Shopping Made Easy are as follows:

1. Log onto shopwithscrip.com and register under "not a member" using your email address and a password. Enter enrollment code 15B1894515683.
2. Purchase gift cards in the Geraghty Parish Center after all Masses.
3. Stop by the School Office Monday through Friday 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
4. Fill out the form attached to this email and send to the office with your check made out to Saint Dominic School. Thank you for your participation in this great fundraiser.

COMING SOON - Mastercard and Visa will be available for scrip card purchases, more information to follow after February vacation.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER - HSA is looking for someone to chair the Saint Patrick's Day Dinner. It is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th. If you are interested, please contact Rose Melvin at themelvins1@cox.net or Lynn Bairos at lynnbairos@yahoo.com, thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Saint Dominic School will again be offering a summer enrichment program in July. Kids' Camp 2010 will run July 12th - July 23rd. No classes are held on Fridays. Registration forms will be sent home in April.

LEGO CLUB: Any parent interested in supervising monthly, after-school Lego meetings should contact Natalie Hubert - nmhubert1@cox.net. This has been a very popular club and with your help we can continue to provide this opportunity to our students.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Dear Parents, We thank you all very much for contributing milk gallon jugs for our igloo. We are excited as it is finished and we are all taking turns going inside our igloo to read. We have attached pictures of the igloo for your enjoyment. We love it very much!!! Thanks again, Mrs. Markowski and students



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Student of the Month" for December. The following students were recognized for their "Effort", Jared Guida, Ray Hardy, Amanda Koczera, Joshua Zatulskis, Reese and Ryan Purdy, Steven Butterly Isa Miani, Jake McPhail, Robert Adamo, Dominic Ranieri, Jason Lau, Karolina Wneta, Michael Nanfito and Harrison Proch.



HOT LUNCH CORNER: We will be celebrating Valentines Day with a delicious cupcake on our February menu. Also, Chinese New Year will be celebrated with a special lunch consisting of Lo Mein Noodles, Pork Fried Rice and Fortune Cookies !!!!! I wish everyone a wonderful winter vacation, Darylann Archambault, Food Service Manager

BOWLING LEAGUE – Thank you to Mr. Miani, Mr. Pernerewski and Mr. Reardon for offering to get this activity going, a sign up sheet for students in grades K-5 who are interested in participating is attached to this email. Bowling will start on Saturday, March 6th.

EMPTIES FOR CASH Attention All Parents! We have received our first check from "empties for cash" for \$52.00 for 72 ink cartridges. If you would like your own collection box to take to your place of work contact Joanne Tenney at sdsadvancement@saintdominicchurch.com. The box is 14" wide by 9" high and is decorated with the "empties for cash" logo. This can be a very successful program with minimal work. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students, not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school. Once your box is filled send it to the office and we will ship it out. Keep collecting, every cartridge helps, thank you.



A+ BONUS BUCKS - Welcome to the easiest and most rewarding "fund-raising" program available to Saint Dominic School. We are pleased to be able to offer parents and other supporters the opportunity to assist our school in fulfilling its educational needs through our A+ BONUS BUCKS Program. Thank you for your support of our efforts to assist schools with their educational needs. We look forward to a rewarding year of **A+ BONUS BUCKS!** **Register your Stop&Shop Card! Enroll on-line at www.stopandshop.com/aplus by October 31st and our school will receive credit for ALL of your October purchases! Enroll on-line at stopandshop.com/aplus**

HOMEWORK HELPLINE 1-800-866-BIGY - You can call or visit bigy.com/homework for Big Y's FREE one-on-one homework assistance service for students in Kindergarten through grade 12. A staff of certified teachers will help you even with your toughest homework assignment is available Monday through Thursday, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

SOUTHINGTON YOUTH SERVICES is offering two sessions of the popular Red Cross program "While I'm in Charge" in the coming months. They are scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, April 13 from 1-3. The classes are held at Southington Youth Services, 93 Main Street. Both of these dates are during school vacations. The course is intended for youth who are in 4th, 5th or 6th grade and teaches them how to keep safe when they are left at home on their own. It is taught by Red Cross certified instructor, Terri Benoit. Space is limited, so sign up soon by calling Youth Services at 276-6281. There is a \$10 fee.

Transforming The difficult Child is the next topic in the Southington Youth Services Parent Information Series on Thursday, February 25th from 7-8:30 pm. A one night workshop designed to help gather insight into the mind of a difficult and/or spirited child. Learn a powerful set of strategies designed specifically to turn the challenging child around to a new pattern of success. All programs are only available to Southington residents, and are held at Southington Youth Services, 93 Main Street. Admission is free. Space is limited. Please call (860) 276-6281 to register or for more information.