

# *September 2017*

## *We are one body!*

### Family Gram

#### Celebration of Saints

#### **September 23~Saint Pio of Pietrelcinlo Padre Pio (1887-1968)**

Padre Pio was very devout and would spend a great deal of time in prayer, particularly in preparation for celebrating Mass. Large flocks of people would gather to attend his Masses, which would often last as long as two hours. He devoted his life to loving God and helping others to do so. He showed a special concern for the poor, the suffering and the sick. Padre Pio was beatified by Pope John Paul II in May 1999 and canonized in June 2002. One of his memorable sayings was, "Pray, hope and don't worry."

#### **September 26~Saints Cosmos & Damian (Early 300's)**

Damian and Cosmos twins who loved God and suffered a martyrdom for their faith. They were born in Arabia, who went to Syria to study and practice medicine. People who live and die for their faith give hope to the world long after their deaths.

#### **September 27~Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)**


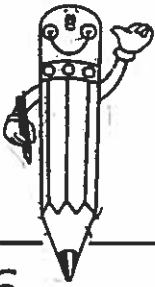


Vincent organized charitable groups to provide food and clothes for the poor. A few of his projects include starting a congregation of priests, opened hospitals and homes for orphans and the aging, established retreats for seminarians and raised money for the poor. Today we still honor and serve our most needy through our St. Vincent de Paul ministries throughout the world.

#### **September 29~Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael (Archangels)**

God has numerous ways to show his loving concern for us, one way is through the angels. God sends angels to intervene in people's lives when they need protection. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three such messengers. Michael is the angel who fought the devil and forces of evil. Gabriel was the messenger to Mary and the Annunciation. Raphael was the traveler, who journeyed off with a young man, Tobiah son of a blind man named Tobit. Upon returning from the journey, Tobit regained his sight. Because angels are very close to God, the Church urges people to pray to them to help them in their time of need.

The mission of Saint Damian School is to ensure that individual students reach their potential through the development of their Catholic faith, character, citizenship and academics.

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## The Good News of St. Damian~ September 2017

As we move into our first full month of school I'm sure everyone is getting into a daily school routine. The excitement of each day and each new experience is what makes learning a wonderful journey. School is delightful at the beginning of the year when everything is new. The theme this year for the Archdiocese is *We are One Body!* What a perfect theme for us to continue our work together in a caring way in service whenever we can.

### Communication

I hope to send home a *Principal Blast* each week with some quick updates and fun facts. I will try to keep them short. If you haven't already met some of our new staff members, please reach out and introduce yourself. I know they would love to meet you.

### Gala

The Gala is our primary fundraiser for the year and it requires many hands to make it successful. The Gala's date for this school year is February 22<sup>nd</sup> once again at Gaelic Park. We are looking for a few parents to run this event. If interested please contact our school office.

### Technology

We have updated our technology for this school year and we are excited to tell you all about it. We have iPad carts available for teacher/student use in all our halls as well as a newly updated computer lab. Our STREAM program is active each day with engaged learning and happy faces. When you are in our building stop by and see the pictures on the wall outside of the STREAM Lab.

### Curriculum

We have changed the junior high math books this year to continue with the rest of the school. *Go Math* is now the math series for the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We also have a new updated science series for the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Final Thoughts

Enjoy this school year and participate when you can! God bless each of you and thank you for choosing St. Damian School as your child's school family!

Peace be with you,  
Dr. Marian M. Stockhausen

# Welcome Back to School!



*It's that time, back to school shopping is here!*

*Support St. Damian by purchasing gift cards to do all your shopping with.*



*Earn money towards your tuition*



*Use gift cards for: groceries, gas, restaurants, and almost everything else.*

SHOP cards available before & after Mass and during posted scheduled School/Religious Ed hours

You can elect your credits to be sent to the organization of your choice

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DALE LUX @ 708 342 8516



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# Family and School News

## Looking Back...

Welcome to the new school year! We are so excited and have so many wonderful events already in the planning stage! We started out the year celebrating our teachers with a welcome back fiesta luncheon. We worked hard filling packets and working packet pick up day! We also held our first uniform exchange! A special thank you to all who volunteered their time, especially Mrs. Streer, Ms. Chicas, Mrs. Poulin, Ms Hladysheski, Mrs. Neu and Mrs. Foray!

## Looking Ahead...

We are currently offering our Family & School Directory. This directory is handy when in need of a friend's or St. Damain family's number/email. All orders are due Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our first meeting in the library at 6:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Join us and share any great ideas you have for our school or to find out upcoming events to volunteer for.

## Fundraising...

We are currently selling **St. Damian Lancer magnets** (\$5) for your car or fridge! We are also offering two different kinds of **window decals** (\$2). If interested, you may purchase at the front office or any of our Family & School events!

We are always collecting pop tabs and Box Tops! Please keep your eyes open for Box Tops on many products you purchase. Cut them out and send them to school. We earn money for each collected.

**Thank you** to all our families for contributing to our fundraisers and helping us raise money for our students and our school!

# St. Damian School MUM SALE!



*Add beautiful FALL color to your home with huge, high quality MUMS from Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse in Grant Park, while helping St. Damian School!*

Choose from Yellow, Red, Purple, Pink, Rust and White! The MUMS are in 9 inch base and the plants are 18 inches across. **The MUMS are \$9 for a HUGE mound of flowers.**

Beautify your landscaping while helping to support our school.

Please fill out the order form below and send your payment with your order.

**All orders due by Tuesday, September 12 for Pickup at St. Damian on Saturday, Sept. 23.**

Checks are made payable to St. Damian School. Thank you for your support!

## St. Damian School Mum Fundraiser Order Form

PLEASE PRINT

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

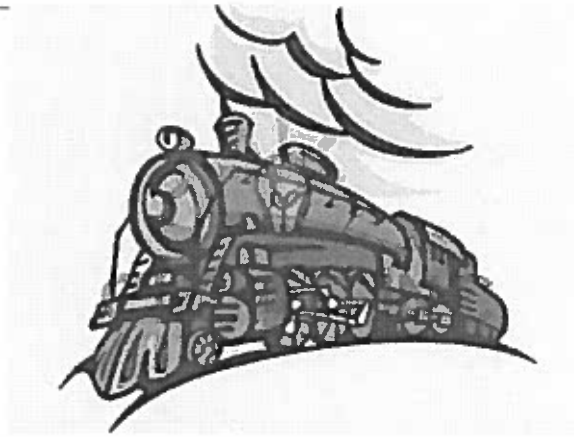
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Color	Price (\$9/each)
	Yellow	
	Red	
	Purple	
	Pink	
	Rust	
	White	
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		<b>\$</b>

Orders due by Tuesday, September 12th with pickup Saturday, September 23 at St. Damian School. Please make checks payable to St. Damian School. **Must order by Sept 12. No sales on mum pickup day.**

*For Office Use*



Tombola is defined as a popular raffle. It is a VERY POPULAR raffle at St. Damian; last year we paid out a total of one year's tuition payments. You too could have your tuition paid for a month with a simple \$10.00 per month investment each month or \$75.00 for the entire school year. So climb aboard the Tombola Train!

It works like this, each families name is entered in the Tombola if you paid for the month (or year) your tuition account is credited the Tombola amount of \$455.00. If a families name is pulled and they did not pay, we roll the amount over to the next month. If after three consecutive rollover months and still no winner, we will draw until a winner is picked.

Tombola drawings are done on the first Friday of every month; pictures are taken with your child and posted on our website and Facebook page.

Your payment options are as follows: Check or Money Order No Cash

_____	Full year	\$75.00 (October -May)
_____	6 months	\$50.00 (Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb)
_____	1 month	\$10.00 (October)

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Family Name:

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Child(ren)/Room#