

St. Damian School

Weekly Principal Update



September 22, 2017

EXCITING NEWS!

Our school received a \$100 grant from the Meemic Foundation. This grant allows us to purchase reading materials for our Junior High!

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Physical Education Classes

All students have spent the first month of school getting in shape and practicing for our annual fitness tests.

The next two weeks in gym class grades K-8th are being tested in some or all of the following:

Sit-ups (1) minute

Shuttle run (30 ft)

Standing broad jump

40 yard dash

¼, ½ or 1 mile run

Let's all give a great effort and do your best.

Mr. Panozzo

UPDATES

The Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago participate in the federal government's E-Rate and Title I programs, which provide schools funding for technology, virtual learning systems, professional development for faculty and staff, academic support, instructional material and summer programs. A portion of the funding for these important educational programs is made available through tax dollars. Every family generates federal dollars and every student should benefit from the programs these funds support, regardless of income. In order to maximize potential federal funding eligibility for our Catholic school system, the Archdiocese has requested that ALL parents and guardians of students in Catholic schools complete a **Household**

BLUE MASS TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 9 AM – ALL ARE WELCOME!

MUM PICKUP Saturday, Sept 23 from 10 am to 12 noon in the school parking lot.

POWER SCHOOL UPDATE FORM DUE BACK
Please return the PowerSchool Update form. Our school office needs this information for state reporting. Please include the **public school name and district number** that corresponds to your home address. Thank you for your assistance!

SURVEYS All parents please complete the Household Income Survey for Federal Funding. This was recently sent to you and we will resend. We need to have 100% of our families complete the survey even when there is no need, to assist us in possibly getting additional Federal Title dollars.

SPECIAL DATES

Friday, September 29 - 7th and 8th grade trip to Springfield.

Friday, September 29 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting in the large cafeteria 7-8 pm, to go over important 8th grade events.

Tuesday, October 3 - Spirit Night in Gym

Thursday, October 5 - 11:30 am early dismissal for all students. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from 12:30-7:30 pm. Please be sure to make your appointment. Staff dinner hour is from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Friday, October 6 - No School, Teacher Professional Development Day

Monday, October 9 - No School, Columbus Day

October 23, 24, 25 – SAVE THE DATE for our Parish Mission *Why God . . . Why Not God?* Presented by Fr Dom Grassi, author, inspirational speaker, educator, and counselor.

Income (HHI) survey. This is a CONFIDENTIAL survey. Survey responses will be protected and used only by the Archdiocese to determine eligibility for our school and students. The survey will only take five minutes for you to complete. The survey can be accessed at this link address

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3580050/Federal-Funds-Eligibility-Survey>

We need 100% participation in order to get the most funding for our school. Thank you.

Don't forget to **pick up your mums** tomorrow, Saturday, September 23 from 10 am to noon in the school parking lot. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser - over 400 mums were ordered! Happy fall.



We welcomed fall today with 90 degree temperatures! The weather will continue to be warm next Monday and Tuesday with temperatures in the upper 80's. Students may wear their gym uniforms both days next week. They may also bring a labeled water bottle.

Our students will attend a special **100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Mass** on Friday October 13 at 9:00 am. All are welcome! Father Joe will be visiting classrooms and talking to our students about Our Lady of Fatima. Please note there is no School Mass on Wednesday, October 11.

Damian Dash All are invited to sign up for the Damian Dash on Saturday, October 14. This is a fun family event. You can either do a 5K run or walk or one mile!



Soup-er Stadium Challenge continues through October 6

Do you know one of the biggest obstacles hindering a child's learning process? Hunger. One in five children does not know where his next meal will come from.

We are collecting food items for the Soup-er Stadium Challenge through October 6.

Every donation helps. Together we can help eliminate hunger and make a difference in the lives of our community members who are most in need. Be sure to

check out the virtual tracker and watch the number of seats in Soldier Field fill up with donations from our school and schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago at SouperStadiumChallenge.org.

A Prayer for Comfort

Dear God,

Please guide me as I walk down paths new and unknown, and hold my hand should I get lost on my journey.

Give me the wisdom to take steady breathing breaths, to hold my head high, and take each step with the confidence that comes from knowing I will be caught should I fall.

Help me see the lights in the darkness, to feel their warmth and remember that I am part of that warmth, for I have walked kindly in the world and given it my love.

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