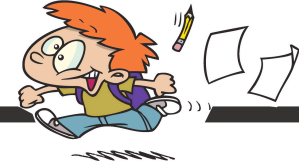


NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2010



Congratulations and Best Wishes to our 98 Graduates

Administrators and teachers congratulate this group of young people in making such excellent strides in learning over the last eight years. We wish them God's blessing as they progress in life and move on to their high school years.

A Huge Thank You to all the wonderful workers both paid and volunteer who helped to make this year such a blessed and successful one. Not only has the school received scholastic and athletic awards, but also excelled in showing it is a loving and caring community. God bless you all for contributing to our growth

Summer Reading and Math

Summer reading and math packets will be going home with the students on June 4, 2010. Information is also available on dces.info

Camp Read for Current Grades 1-3.

A few spots remain for CAMP READ for our current first, second, and third grade students. Preview the camp information on dces.info. or contact the office. Enroll now in order to join the DCES CAMP READ for two weeks of reading fun and activities.

Failing Subject

Any child who has failed a particular subject (U average) **MUST** be tutored or attend summer classes for that subject. Visit our Summer school link at www.DCES.info and click on the summer school tab at the left. A list of subject requirements and resources are listed for your convenience.

Sports Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity including all sport teams, a student must have at least a 2.0 grade point average (all C's) with satisfactory conduct. The report card/progress report verifies the current grade standing at the time of sign-ups. Please check the grade point average before signing for any team or activity.

CYO Sport Physical

Parents, please keep in mind that if your child plans to try out for one of the CYO sports teams, a physical is required to participate in the try-out. One physical will cover the entire school year. Remember to please visit the school website to obtain the sports physical form prior to the appointment.

Attention All Parents/Guardians

Please note that parent requests for certain teachers for next year is not permitted. The Divine Child teaching and ancillary staff are highly qualified professionals who work together to meet the academic, spiritual, emotional and social needs of our students. Our parish school is committed to instilling Catholic values and we do appreciate your willingness and cooperation in this partnership. If there are behavior difficulties please send a note to Mrs. Metcalf.

Standing Ovation!

Congratulations to our Intermediate and Junior High Bands on their successful concert. DCES applauds our finest! A special thanks to Mrs. Shefferly for her fine leadership of our band students.

Thank You

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A special thank you to our seventh grade homeroom parents for organizing the wonderful Confirmation reception. May God bless all of you for your good works.

Uniform Swap Shop

Wednesday, June 9

7:30-11:00 a.m.

Elementary School Gym

The PG will help sell your gently used, washed uniform apparel on Wednesday, June 9. Please list the following information on an envelope pinned to EACH article of clothing:

1. Your name and phone number.
2. Asking price.
3. Child's name, grade, and room number.

All this information MUST be written on an envelope and attached with a safety pin to EACH article of clothing

*Please do this prior to arriving.

Drop off your items to the GYM ONLY on Wednesday, June 9, starting at 7 a.m. All items will need to be picked up by 11:45 a.m.

All left over items will be donated.



PEACE SHIRT COLORS	
GRADE 1YELLOW
GRADE 2ORANGE
GRADE 3BLUE
GRADE 4RED
GRADE 5PURPLE
GRADE 6GREEN
GRADE 7BLACK
GRADE 8GRAY

Uniform Reminder

Remember to purchase your required uniforms throughout the summer from both:
Schoolbelles (313) 937-0240.

GIRLS	Grades 1 - 4
Jumpers	Red plaid - Knee length
Blouse	White Long or short sleeved (Peter Pan or Oxford styles) Banded type acceptable
Sweater	Red Cardigan or Vest Grades 5 – 8
Skirt	Red plaid – Knee length
Blouse	White Long or short sleeved
Sweater	Grades 5 – 6 Red Cardigan or Vest Grades 7 – 8 Red Pullover or Vest
BOYS	Grades 1 – 8
Slacks	Black or Gray
Belt	
Shirt	White Oxford
Tie	Red Knit/Red Polyester
Sweater	Grades 1 – 6 Red Cardigan or Vest Grades 7 – 8 Red Pullover or Vest

All students are required to wear closed low heel DRESS SHOES and socks or tights. Ballet style, Crocks, or sandals are not permitted. Hairstyles are to be conservative with natural hair color. (No sculptures, designs etc.) No makeup or jewelry is permitted. The t-shirt or camisole worn under the shirt/blouse must be solid white.

Gym Clothes

Uniform T-shirt/sweatshirt (PG) or Spirit shirt
Black Nylon Windpants (Target or Schoolbelles)
(No button-down style, No tear away, No dragging length, No spandex/yoga)
Tennis shoes – flat bottomed and fastened without zippers.

The purpose of the dress code is to minimize clothing competition. Not only does a code prevent elitism, but it also reduces cost and morning “what-to-wear” discussions. If a student cannot comply with the dress code on a particular day, a parental note must be submitted in the morning.

Continue to Learn During the Summer!

Studies show that many students suffer from what is called summer learning loss. When they return to school in August, they have forgotten many things they worked so hard to learn the prior school year. Skills need to be practiced in order to stay at the same level. By taking several months off from practicing the skills, students become slow and sluggish instead of clear and sharp. Summer learning can be fun if you approach learning as exciting. Here are some informal ways to help your child keep learning over the summer.

1. Read! Read! Read! Read with your child every day. Reading is a skill. Once you know how to read, the skill of speed needs to be increased. The older the child, the faster he/she should read. This only happens through reading.
2. Visit the library or book store regularly. Look for special summer reading programs for kids. If older children like a specific type of book or author, visit Amazon.com which will provide alternate choices that your older child would enjoy.
3. Plant a garden. See how seeds develop into plants. See how much nurturing must go into a garden.
4. Read the newspapers together. Talk about what is going on in your town or in the world.
5. Use everyday ways to use math. Have the child estimate the bill before it arrives. Keep track of mileage and how many miles your car runs on a gallon of gas. When shopping ask your child to figure out what 20 percent off an item would be. Have your child compute the tip when eating in a restaurant.
6. Read maps and make maps of your own. Learn how to read a legend.
7. Cook together. Have your child follow a recipe.
8. Visit new countries on the internet. Have your child research your vacation destination. Write letters to our soldiers or the elderly in the nursing homes.
9. Visit the website: www.readthinkwrite.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer
10. Turn one day into science experiment time. Do simple kitchen/outdoor science experiments that can be fun and filled with learning.

Parent Quiz

Are You Preparing Your Child for a Safe Summer?
Take this quiz to see if you and your child are making plans to keep him safe this Summer.

Give yourself five points for something you do often, zero points for something you never do – or any score in between.

1. I require my child to check with me before leaving the house.
2. I discuss with my child where he may and may not go.
3. I always expect my child to be with a buddy or group when he goes out.
4. We have discussed steps to take in case of emergencies.
5. I caution my child to stay away from cars unless we both know and trust the driver.

How did you score?

Above 20 means you are working with your child to form a summer safety plan.

Fifteen to 19 is average.

Below 15? Check the quiz for suggestions to keep your child safe during the summer months.

Protecting God's Children

As part of the USA Bishop's Safe Environments Program, it has been mandated by the Archdiocese of Detroit personnel that all adults and paid persons working with children attend the Protecting God's Children workshop. This 3-hour long session stresses awareness, communication and responses to the issue of child abuse. Registration is through an on-line procedure. The maximum enrollment is 100 persons per class.

Go to www.virtus.org

Click on registration

Follow prompts

All parents are encouraged to attend a workshop!

**West Wayne Vicariate
Vacation Bible School 2010
"High Seas Expedition"**

Fun for kids in preschool through 5th grade! Two sites this year!

June 28-July 1 9 a.m.-12 noon
St. Mel Parish 7506 Inkster Rd.

July 19-July 23 9 a.m.-12 noon
St. Sebastian parish 20710 Colgate

Cost \$20 per child if you register before June 1
\$25 per child if you register between June 2-June 20
For registration forms, contact Mrs. Karen Mitchell
at (313) 562-8667. Register early! Space is limited!

PG MINUTES • May 12, 2010

1. Opening Prayer

2. Welcome and Approval of February 24, 2010 meeting minutes: Meeting called to order by Marte Biscaro and Janice Sandie.

3. PG Board and Financial Update: The cash balance in the PG account as of April 30, 2010 is \$16,269.81. DOVES breakfast, donations to families and deposit on the new signs were among the expenses paid. Sue Sabo will be the new PG treasurer for next year. Many thanks to Jean Grabowski for volunteering for this year and prior years!

4. Board Member Reports:

Book Bank: No new news.

Caring Committee: Will be operating over the summer. If you know of anyone in need please contact Linda Collins or Stephanie Wollard. They provide meals, child care, driving help, school lunches, etc. To sign up to help, go to the dces website and go to Caring Committee. It will take you to the "Lots of helping hands website". A mass e-mail goes out for helpers and you can choose to respond.

DC Apparel: Will be at the Swap Shop on June 9 at 7:30 – 11:00 am.

DOVES: If you haven't taken the **Protecting God's Children** workshop, please do so ASAP. It is mandatory if you plan to work with school age children in any capacity. The classes are listed on the website www.virtus.org and count as DOVES' hours.

Halloween Sock Hop: If you have any fresh ideas, please contact Bridget Wilkie. Next year the sock hop will be October 23, 2010.

Homeroom Parents: Easter Cake Raffle was a big success! We had 103 cakes this year and raised \$2015.00 for the missions! Thanks to all moms and faculty who brought in cakes and to Beth Kastler for organizing! Picnic dates have been set and homeroom moms are making plans.

Market Day: Sales are down this year. Discussed ideas to increase sales.

Newsletter: Peggy Kerry is in charge of typesetting the Newsletter. Her email is pkerry@wowway.com. If you want to submit something, first have it approved by Sister Cecilia or Mrs. Grabarkiewicz.

Programs: Planning for next year has begun. There will be one Family Program and one Parent Program again. The Crime Lab, put on by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, was a success. The students enjoyed the detective work. Mark your calendars, the Parking Lot Dance will be held on Saturday, August 21 from 7:30 to 11:30.

Swap Shop: Will be held on June 9 at 7:30 'til 11:30 am. Lori Fortura needs volunteers to help with the sale. Please consider volunteering.

5: Old Business/New Business:

School News:

CYO Physical Forms- Now available online at the website, www.dces.info, under athletics. Print out the form and take it to your doctor's office.

Lunch Forms- Can be filled out online. You must send your check into the office.

Summer Reading Lists- Look for the summer reading lists to come home at the end of the year.

Summer Reading Programs: Camp Read for 1st thru 3rd graders June 14-25, 2010. Place: Divine Child Elementary School. Cost: \$150.00 per student. Any questions, contact Mrs. Thomas in the grade school. Form can be downloaded online at www.dces.info

Junior High Activity: Civil War re-enactment on May 14 put on by Greenfield Village.

School Improvement Meeting: Topics discussed included updating the cameras and forming a school email blast list.

New Signs around School: The Parent Guild is providing the funds for the new signs for DCES! Thanks PG!

6: Next PG Meeting Date: Fall of 2010. Time and date TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Bustamante-Secretary
