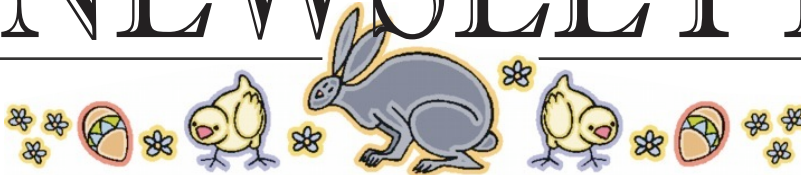


NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY EASTER

*By Faith we rose
With Him in baptism.
May our lives be holy
So that we will be
united
With Him forever!*

Activities halted on Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday

There is to be NO sports practices and NO activities scheduled in the schools on Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Holy Thursday through Easter are the great holy days of the year. Please observe and attend all of the special services scheduled in the Infant beginning on Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday Mass. Please join us in praying as a Divine Child Community.

Living Stations

The Living Stations directed by Mr. Urbiel and performed by the choir and chorus will be held on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 6:00 in the elementary school gym. The students of DCES will pray together with the help of the Living Stations on Holy Monday. Thank you Mr. Urbiel and the students of the choir and chorus for helping us focus and get closer to Jesus through the medium of the Living Stations.

Mission Banks

On March 27 and 28, the Mission Banks are due during the Weekend Liturgies. Lenten sharing is traditionally the largest mission fundraiser for the school year. Each student received a small cardboard box into which monetary sacrifices are placed. The collection of these offerings will be in Church at any Mass on the Palm Sunday weekend. If attending a different Parish this weekend, please submit the Mission Bank to the school Office on Monday, March 29.

Easter Cake Raffle

On Tuesday morning, March 30, the Homeroom Parents will be sponsoring an Easter Cake Raffle. Chances are 25¢ for one ticket or 5 for \$1. The proceeds will go to the Missions.

Flower Power Fundraiser

In keeping with our theme, Planting Seeds of Faith and Knowledge, DCES is offering the opportunity to purchase plants, seeds, and bulbs through the Flower Power Fundraising Company. Order your spring and summer fruits, vegetables and flowers through the Flower Power flyer, included as an insert in this newsletter, or on-line at flowerpowerfundraising.com. The flyer order form, complete with addresses, is due in the main office by Friday, **April 16**. The on-line ordering will continue through **April 23**. All orders will be directly shipped to the addresses you list. Please, help us spread spring seeds and place your seed and plant order now. Help make our fundraiser a blooming success!

Auction 2010

"Back in the Saddle" Auction will be held on March 20. Please help support this wonderful event. Auction help is always welcome on Tuesday & Thursday thru March 15, 7-9 pm 562-1009 x 223 or 224. Attend the auction for a great time!



PARENTS' GUILD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 @ 7:00 P.M.

Divine Child Elementary School MPR



March is Parenting Awareness Month

GOOD PARENTING INCLUDES...

1. Showing children love, concern, and respect at all times.
2. Giving children a safe place to live and play.
3. Helping children express all their feelings appropriately and listening to what they say.
4. Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible.
5. Having reasonable rules that are understood by all.
6. Being responsible and teaching children to be responsible.
7. Spending time with children.
8. Setting an example by what we say and do.
9. Working with our school and communities to make the better for children.

Street Crossing...

The crossing guards are on post to aid parents/students in crossing amidst traffic. Parents ultimately have the responsibility to ensure safe crossing of their children. When a crossing guard is not available, parents please remember it is still your responsibility to ensure safe crossing/transportation for your children.

Fundraiser Spirit Sweatshirts

Thank you to Carrie Ramon for all her hard work in coordinating the fundraiser sweatshirts. The 2010 shirts and sweatshirts are wonderful and we are proud to wear them. Thank you for helping defray the cost of field trips and programs.

Sweater Weather?

After Easter, please use the weather to judge whether a sweater is needed. Until then, sweaters are part of the every day school uniform. When it is warm and a sweater is not being worn, please have all shirts/blouses tucked into the waistband. Remember to wear only white undershirts beneath the white shirt/blouse. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Improvement Team

The school website has a link for making suggestions for school improvement.

The School Improvement Team meets monthly to address all suggestions. Currently, there has been review of an outdoor building sign and monument.

Outdoor Dismissal Difficulty

Students have always been instructed to use the supervised crosswalks and go directly to their cars at dismissal. Walkers are directed to meet their other family members in a specific area and begin walking after everyone is assembled.

Many students are now running around the grassy area and have been climbing trees and snow piles. The junior high area is one spot where parents are allowing students to play. This area is off limits for tree climbing and tag. Junior high students have clubs and need quiet classroom time. The way students play at home is different than the way they are allowed to play at school. **STUDENT SAFETY COMES FIRST.**

Some parents are not parking in designated areas. The front flag pole parking lot is not a drop-off or pick-up area. The buses run through that parking area and bus students are dismissed from the door with the buzzer. Please use the West or South parking lot when the early dismissal is after 2:30. All parking lots have a 10 mile an hour speed limit. This also includes traffic speed after hours for sporting events. **Please help with teaching safety and respect for others by following the school rules!**

DC-CSI

The Crime Scene Investigation Program sponsored by the Ann Arbor Science Museum came to Divine Child during the week of February 8. Students were witness to the staged crime of the abduction of Oscar the stuffed animal. Fingerprints, fibers, pen strokes, and answers to extensive questioning were gathered. Analysis of all scientific data was available to students in the MPR and a formal questioning of all suspects occurred in the gym. Through scientific inquiry and analysis, Mrs. Metcalf was declared the thief who stole Oscar. Thank you to the Parent Guild for organizing this amazing science program and a special thanks to the students and staff who agreed to be suspects: Mrs. Sarb, Ms. Shree, Nick Birch and Marilyn Manchell. A very special thank you to Mrs. Metcalf for role-playing the thief, especially since we know we can always go to her for help. We appreciate her good heartedness while we all learned about data gathering and decision making.

Gently Used Book Sale - Spring Cleaning?

When spring cleaning, please save those gently used books for the "Gently Used Book Sale" coming in May during book bingo. Forward your gently used books of all levels to the office. Thank you for helping in enhancing student reading.

Safety Program

Second semester is the time for safety programs to begin in the school. Mrs. Metcalf addresses safety issues to all students in grades 2 and 4. Mrs. Naugle presents the program to students in grades 6 and Mrs. Pierce in grades 8. This program is a requirement from the Archdiocese of Detroit. DCES is working hard to keep all students safe!

Congratulations Band Students

Lindsey Brewis, Caryn Murray, Niko Papanastasopoulos, Thomas Papich, Rachel Szalay, and Ayla Wing, earned first or second division ratings and medals at the Michigan Schools Band & Orchestra Association Solo & Ensemble Festival in January. Congratulations students and thank you for all your hard work. A special thank you to Mrs. Christine Shefferly, our fabulous band director for all her hard work. An additional congratulations to all of the band members who played at Solo and Ensemble: Lindsey Brewis, Blaise Hebert, Shelbi Hines, Caryn Murray, Thomas Papich, Niko Papanastasopoulos, Rachel Szalay, and Ayla Wing. Standing Ovation to our DCES Band Members!

Absent Homework

Students who are absent from school are often worried about their homework. Homework is posted for grades 4-8 on the elementary school website: www.dces.info. Parents and students should check the website after 4:00 p.m. for updated daily homework. Students in grades 1-3 receive a weekly homework assignment sheet. Parents, brothers, sisters, or classmates may pick up the absent student's books from the homeroom or locker after school. Please remind your children to write down their locker numbers for you. Teachers do not require the absent work complete on the first day of return so please do not have high anxiety over one day's absence. The website offers a great way to retrieve homework without having it sent to the office, siblings missing class time going to retrieve homework, or a classmate who accidentally forgets to write something down on the homework sheet. Please use the homework website for absent work and for those I forgot times.

Bingo for Books

Thank you to all of the students who participated in Bingo for Books. Not only do we have fun playing bingo together but we are raising funds for new books too. Our last bingo was on Monday, March 8 and the cafeteria was packed with avid and excited bingo players, young and old alike. Thanks for participating and we hope you liked the new reading pencils that Mrs. Thomas was distributing, along with the book-worm tag and out of uniform pass that Mrs. Daly and Mrs. O'Connor were handing out. Congratulations to the Winners who were able to shout BINGO! Mrs. Grabarkiewicz is calling everyone to come for Bingo night in April. Watch the monthly calendar for the date and time.

Upcoming Survey and E-Mail Gathering

DCES will soon be offering a survey on various school topics. One of the questions will ask for the submission of an e-mail address for emergency closings and/or e-mail school updates. This will be a private site and will not include ads or used for outside distribution. This survey link will be on the school website in April.

Hot Lunch On-Line Trial & Update

A new hot lunch order form will soon be available on line. Please visit the website to log into the lunch order form. This form is a trial on-line ordering form for this year. Please complete and submit both the form in the regular way and also submit the form on-line. This way we can compare the data and work out the glitches in the system without your child missing any lunches.

Mathcounts Winners!

We are so proud of Olivia Stoops, David Bustamante, and John Pestenariu for winning second place in the Mathcounts Competition. The students worked hard under the guidance of Mr. Scott Sterbenz, their coach. David Bustamante even advanced to the highest level in the individual competition. Thank you, junior high students for representing DC so well and using your math skills to highlight DC.

Submitting Pictures

Please submit (e-mail j.peg, gif) your winning school photos to Miss Primeau for possible publication on the DCES website or yearbook. We know that you, as parents, have wonderful pictures of your children as well as of the teams, classes and activities. Please share and Show!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Procedure for Confession**

Enter the confessional.
 Say and Make the Sign of the Cross.
 Say to Father, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.
 It has been _____ since by last confession."
 Tell your sins. When you are finished say, "For
 these and the sins I may have forgotten, I ask God's
 forgiveness."
 Father will say a few words. Listen for your
 penance.
 Recite the Act of Contrition.
 Father will extend his hand and pray. Listen for ab-
 solution.
 Say, "Thank you, Father."
 Leave the confessional and say your penance.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for my sins.
 In choosing to do wrong and in failing to do good.
 I have sinned against You and your Church.
 I firmly intend, with the help of your Son,
 To make up for my sins and to love as I should.
 Amen.

**DCES Awarded for Achievement
in Catholic Identity**

DCES received Archdiocesan Recognition and was
 awarded "Second Place" for Achievement in Catholic
 Identity on the Archdiocesan Religion Test for grades
 three and five. Mrs. Bernadette Sugrue, the Superin-
 tendent of the Archdiocese of Detroit recognized
 DCES as a school that clearly wants to share Christ in
 and through the Church. Thank you to our third and
 fifth graders for learning about our Catholic faith and
 sharing that information on the Iowa Tests. We are so
 proud to have archdiocesan-wide recognition for all
 our hard work in spreading our Catholic faith.

Hot Lunch Form Reminder

Please remember to complete the entire form for hot
 lunch including the milk column. When adding, please
 remember that pizza is \$2.00, snack pizza roll is \$2.00
 and the rest of the lunches are \$2.35. An extra entree
 may be purchased for \$1.30 on hot lunch days only.
 Just remember that lunches are ordered by the month.
 Refunds are not issued for snow days or for when your
 child is absent on a hot lunch day. If there is a small
 miscalculation or a snow day, the money will be used
 to purchase games and cards for students to use dur-
 ing the indoor lunch periods. Thank you once again
 for your cooperation!

Tuition Assistance Opportunities

The following applications for financial assistance
 are available:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available from</u>	<u>Due</u>
Archdiocesan	School Office	4/12/10
Community Caring	www.communitycaring.org	3/12/10

On Abstinence (Age 14 and older)

Complete abstinence is to be observed on Ash
 Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent.
 Meat may not be eaten on these days.

On Fast (Age 21-59)

The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Fri-
 day. On the days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two
 other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be
 taken according to each one's needs, but together
 they should not equal another full meal. Eating be-
 tween meals is not permitted; but liquids, including
 milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or abil-
 ity to work would be affected, the law does not oblige.
 In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest
 or confessor should be consulted.

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS

Please continue to help our school!

- Save Campbell's Labels
- Save General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Save empty laser and ink cartridges and visit
www.ETCEP.com
- Drop off paper for recycling
- Purchase from Market Day
- Purchase Scrip
- Amazon On-line shopping through the Divine Child
website (<http://www.divinechild.org> also at dces.info)
- Load your Kroger card
- Use your Target Card
- I-Hop receipts
- Dream Dinners for Caring Committee
- Olga's first Friday dinners with coupon on website
- Sign up at Gordon Foods
- Wait until September to Purchase/Renew your
magazines

Congratulations-DCES Second Quarter Honor Roll Students!

Congratulations to our 164 DCES students
who have earned honor roll status during the second quarter:

Grade 5

Katrina Arriola
John Balash
Julia Bardelli
Molly Broekman
Kelly Case
Gabriel Chimienti
Hannah Cifaldi
Jesse Collins
Anna Crandall
Emily Crawford
Aurelia Czeski
Vincenzo DiDomenico
Sarah Dombrowski
Emily Ferracciolo
Jacob Fundaro
Kevin Gondoly
Angela Gorski
John Hale
Gabrielle Hancock
Sarah Kiefer
Nicholas Lenaghan
Vincent Marcyan
Kathryn May
Madeline Maziarz
David Metaxas
Ryan Newell
Elizabeth Nicolin
Zachary Papanastasopoulos
Nicholas Remington
Sarah Ritchie
Adam Roberts
Peyton Schock
Grant Seidell
Sarah Sibole
Charlotte Singer
Liam Soraghan
Kathleen VanAntwerp
Gemma VanBuhler
Bradley Varady
Robert West
Joshua Wildauer
Karam Zeitouni

Grade 6

Katherine Adams
Madison Begin
Megan Brick
Martin Brown
Isabella Cavataio
Mariya Chackunkal
Timothy Ciarelli
Mary Coleman
Taylor Combs
David Connolly
Julia delRosario
Nicholas Dey
Theresa Felice
Grace Fiscelli
Emma Foley
Claire Grabowski
Mark Grabowski
Katharina Grenn
Elizabeth Johnson
Ashlyn Kelly
Meaghan Landwehr
Jonathon Lesinski
Travis Malinowski
Nicklas Malone
Layale Matta
Emily McMichael
Thomas Metaxas
Brandon Miotkie
Nicole Mitchell
Arie O'Brien
Aleksander
Papanastasopoulos
Christopher Prus
Alexander Reinhardt
Charles Rich
Lauren Sandie
Erika Selakowski
Isabella Vargas
Naoh Welker
Alyssa Witzleben

Grade 7

Victoria Alvarez
Amanda Azzi
Natalie Berry
Kayla Bonell
Miranda Boulahanis
Natalie Cantalino
Nicole Chackunkal
Susanne Constan
Ashley Dewicke
Troy Dolkowski
Brendan Ferracciolo
Joseph Fontana
Bethany Galdes
Trevor Goslin
Collin Goslin
Victoria Hoerauf
Emily Hogan
Gillian Klassa
Hanna Korpics
Ethan Korte
Connor Kovarik
Brendan Landwehr
Jonathon Lapshan
Stephen Leitz
Peter Micallef
Mary Ann Myler
Anna Nelson
Hannah Newell
Nikolaos Papanastasopoulos
Kaylee Persichetti
Andrew Sargent
Kasey Schock
Elyse Seitz
Christopher Sheridan
Sara Springer
Alexia Spyrka
Sylvia Stepien
Olivia Stoops
Andrew Suchy
Rachel Szalay
Joseph VanBuhler
Catherine Vink
Cynthia Vink
Hailee Zahreddine

Grade 8

Cameron Bardelli
Mary Beuckelaere
Joseph Biscaro
Lindsey Brewis
Sean Brick
Ian Broekman
Angela Brown
David Bustamante
Vincent Colarossi
Michael delRosario
Justin Dolkowski
Jacob Earl
Grace Johnson
Emily Kiefer
Kyle Makowski
Liam Maloney
Jonathon Marcyan
Stephanie Mitchell
Hannah Moore
Alex Morin
Samantha Moylan
Caryn Murray
Sheila Nicolin
KiLee O'Brien
Lauren O'Leary
Brendan Olech
Victoria Palise
Marc Parzianello
Monica Plawecki
Adam Rauh
Joseph Runco
Michael Salter
Courtney Sayyae
Kevin Sekerak
Kiera Soraghan
Beth Tarnacki
Jack Thibault
Zachary Welker
Ayla Wing

National Vocation Awareness Week - 7th Grade Vocation Day Highlights

What does a young man with a business management degree, a Bowling Green full-ride merit scholar with aspirations to be a college professor, and a jet-setting world traveled stewardess all have in common? They all listened to the gentle whisper of God calling them into their religious vocations. That is what DCES 7th graders found out about Fr. Jim Bilot, Fr. Mc Donell, and Sister Francesca on Friday January 15th at their Vocation Day.

National Vocation Awareness Week was celebrated January 10- 16, 2010. A special event that took place during that week was the 7th Grade Vocation Day which started with Mass. After Mass, Father Mc Donnell explained that the root word for vocation is vocare, which is Latin for “to call”. A vocation is a call from God. Three main things must happen for a vocation. 1.) God calls you. 2). We must quiet ourselves to listen for and hear the whisper of God . 3). We must have the courage to pursue the path. The vocation you choose must be your path to Holiness, your path to happiness, and your path to Heaven. Then Fr. Jim Bilot and Fr. McDonnell took the boys to the rectory, and Sr. Francesca took the girls to the convent where they shared their personal testimonies, explained the structure and education necessary for life in a religious vocation, gave a brief tour of the facilities, and showed a short movie about religious life.

Sister Francesca stated that it is estimated that God calls 6 people out of 100 to the religious life. She went on to explain that in the room of 50 girls, that God would call approximately 3 girls to the religious life, but only 1 would answer the call.

Thank you Fr. Jim Bilot, Fr. Mc Donnell, Sister Francesca, and the 7th grade teachers for putting on such an informative Vocation Day! Let us all pray for our young people and for an increase in vocations to the religious life. More information about religious vocations can be obtained from the Archdiocese of Detroit website at www.aodonline.org under the pathway “Vocation“.



Buddy's Pizza is BACK!!

Congratulations to all readers!!! Out- of- uniform day was February 16; the kids were able to show off the Good Ole' USA colored shirts!

Two Border's gift cards were given to each classroom in 1st - 6th grade. The recipients are determined through a random drawing of all the students who read more than 500 pages. One iTunes gift card is given to each 7th & 8th grade class; the winner randomly determined from those who read the 300 or more pages.

Keep in mind that the Book Bank program has changed. All kids in 1st – 6th grades who read 500 + pages will receive an out- of- uniform day. If the kids also draw a **detailed picture** of their favorite book, they will receive the **pizza coupon**. 7th & 8th grades have to read only 300+ pages to receive the out- of- uniform incentive coupon. Authors of book reports receive a pizza coupon. Any book report written by a 7th or 8th grader will be judged by the Henry Ford Community College English Department. The grade level with the best papers will have these bound as a keepsake!

Please remember that all book bank records must be turned in the day they are due. Absent students may submit the record upon their return to school. The reports and coupons will be generated by the Friday of the turn-in week.

**Remember to turn in
your Reading Record on
March 2, 2010!**

DC Book Bank -
Every reader wins!

Nikki Rinke 313-724-1173 or
313-909-0808 nikkirinke@phoenixeng.net

PG Minutes

February 24, 2010

1. Promethean Board Demo: We went upstairs to Mrs. Doherty's room for a demonstration of the Promethean Boards! We learned how this tool is being implemented into the classroom curriculum. Thanks Mrs. Doherty!

2. Opening Prayer

3. Welcome and Approval of December 2, 2009 meeting minutes: Meeting called to order by Marte Biscaro and Janice Sandie.

4. PG Board and Financial Update: The cash balance in the PG account as of Jan. 31, 2010 is \$25,346.05. Expenses were paid for Borders gift cards, mailing and promotional expenses for the boutique, donations to caring committee and auction, and programs including Brainstormers, Ann Arbor Hands on Museum and Career Day.

5. Board Member Reports:

Book Bank: No changes. There will be an ice cream social in May. Please send ideas to rinke313@yahoo.com.

Book Fair: Book Fair is taking place the week of March 8, 2010. Look for information and order forms to come home.

Caring Committee: If you know of anyone that has a special need or circumstance that could use our help, please contact Linda Collins. The caring committee has helped families that have had an illnesses or tragedies by sending meals, babysitting, mowing lawns, etc.

DC Apparel: Getting new sports pants and PJ pants with drawstrings. Working on a new hoodie for sale. Gym shirts, long and short sleeve, are still available if you need to purchase them.

Doves: Needs volunteers to input hours into the computer. If you need Doves hours or just want to help out, please consider volunteering. Statements of hours just went out to all families and about half the hours have been completed.

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

Homeroom Parents: Moms are getting auction items ready. The Easter Cake Raffle will be Tuesday, March 30th, 2010. Bring your money to purchase tickets to win a cake!

For your information, this year's class picnics will be as follows:

Levagoood Park: **Area #3** is off Silvery Lane and has parking lot access

Area #5 is off Wilson and Has Wilson Access

Wednesday, June 2, 2010	Area 3	5 th Grade
Thursday, June 3, 2010	Area 3	1 st Grade
Thursday, June 3, 2010	Area 5	4 th Grade
Monday, June 7, 2010	Area 3	2 nd Grade
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	Area 3	3 rd Grade
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	Area 5	6 th Grade

Programs: Mark you calendars for the upcoming Family Science Night on March 24th. We need volunteers to help make the night a success. Students 16 years old and older can get Christian service hours for helping out, too. There will be some new exhibits this year so bring the kids and come enjoy.

6: Old Business/New Business:

Auction: Homeroom moms are doing a great job this year preparing items for the auction. Please come and support the auction by attending on March 20, 2010. "Back in the Saddle" is the theme for the auction this year. Wear your cowboy hats and boots and join in the fun! Advance tickets were sent home so buy your tickets! Doors open at 6:00pm. Some of the auction monies have benefited DC Elementary School with such things as, air conditioning, tv's in the classrooms, computer equipment and speakers.

Online Auction: Please check out the website <http://auction.divinechild.org/> and make your purchases online to help out the schools.

Men's Club: Tim Rinke, President of the Men's Club gave a short presentation to encourage young Dad's to join. They meet the last Monday of the month and have 4 major events during the year to raise money for DC athletics. Come check it out.

School Improvement Committee:

We are still getting bids for outdoor signs for the Elementary School to direct visitors to our proper Main Entrance.

The website, www.dces.info, is being updated regularly so check it out for forms, upcoming events and other information.

Please use the school improvement link at the top of the home page for any comments or concerns you would like addressed. The committee reads all suggestions.

7: Next PG Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the MPR

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Bustamante-Secretary
