

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Parent Press

April 30, 2021



CAVANAUGH'S CORNER:

Dear Parents;

Good Friday to you. I would like to congratulate our 2nd graders as they will be making their First Holy Communion tomorrow at 11 AM in church. I would also like to thank their teachers Mrs. VandeRyt and Ms. Schiller for preparing them for this special sacrament. Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs. Brandstetter, Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, and Deacon Mark in helping make tomorrow so memorable for our students.

Looking ahead to next week, this coming Tuesday will be Walkathon out of uniform for those who qualify. The theme is holiday. As you are aware, we have reached our first goal of raising \$10,000 so the students will be dismissing at 1:00 PM on the day of Walkathon which is Friday May 14th. We are also trying to reach a second goal of raising \$15,000. If we reach that goal, we will have an 11 AM dismissal on the last day of school which is June 4th. My thanks to Mrs. Awad and Mrs. Schloemer who do so much behind the scenes as Co-Chairs of this event.

On Friday of next week, we will be having mass and May Crowning with the 8th graders in church. After mass the 8th graders will be getting their pictures taken and then they will be dismissed for the day. Information has been emailed to 8th grade parents (through ONE CALL NOW) within the last week so if you didn't get it, please email Stephanie at ssitzler@stdominicdelhi.org.

The week of May 10th we will have mass on Wednesday May 12th (Grades 4, 5, & 6) instead of Friday May 14th due to Walkathon. Please make a note of it on your calendar.

This week I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Ward and talk to our 7th graders and 8th graders about public speaking. Public speaking is a skill that when done often enough and with practice, can give students confidence in not only their academic setting but in real life situations later in life (job interviewing, sports, or extracurricular activities in which they have to talk to their team or group). I would encourage you to promote the idea of public speaking and to have them practice with you so they can develop more self-confidence and have a feeling of accomplishment for a job well done. The Jr. High students admitted that this topic made them nervous to get up in front of their peers however they did a nice job while doing an exercise in public speaking this week. My thanks to Mr. Ward for his work with our Junior High students and my thanks to our Jr. High students who got out of their "comfort zone" this week and continued their academic growth.

This week, the funeral mass of Mr. Jim Whitaker took place on Thursday. When I came to St. Dominic twelve years ago, Jim taught Latin and English to our Jr. High students. Jim was one of the most kindhearted and funniest teachers I have ever known. He was also a classmate and friend of Fr. Jim's while they both attended the seminary. Please keep the Whitaker family and Fr. Jim in your prayers.

Lastly, I have attached the preliminary calendar for the 2021-2022 school year for your family planning purposes.

Until Next Week,

Stay Close to God & to each other,

Mr. Cavanaugh

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday 5/3	Change War Begins
Tuesday 5/4	Earned OOU for Walkathon, Holiday Theme
Wednesday 5/5	
Thursday 5/6	Earned OOU 4-8 th grades
Friday 5/7	Mass 7 th and 8 th grade May Crowning, Graduation Pictures Walkathon Turn in Day

Deadline for Parent Press is Wednesday by noon.

Please email your requests to Stephanie Sitzler ssitzler@saintdominicdelhi.org

COVID-19 UPDATE: St. Dominic would like to be more transparent with COVID-19 positive cases and quarantines. Each week we will put in the Parent Press the current Positive cases and current students/staff members quarantining due to a Covid-19 Exposure. St. Dominic still intends to send out an email if there is a positive case in the building.

Current Positive Cases:	STAFF: 0	STUDENTS: 0
Current Quarantining:	STAFF: 0	STUDENTS: 5

2020/2021 YEARBOOK ORDER: Orders are now being accepted for the 2020/2021 St. Dominic Yearbook! This year all yearbook orders will be **ONLINE**. You can order a yearbook by going to ybpay.lifetouch.com and using our school code 5898721. The yearbook is \$20.00. The deadline for ordering is 06/21/2021. If you have any questions, please reach out to Annie Schiller at aschiller@stdominicdelhi.org.

8TH GRADE BABY PICTURES: Attention 8th grade parents! Baby pictures for the yearbook were due today! If you have not turned it in, please send one baby picture to Amy Grider at agrider@stdominicdelhi.org. Please include the student's name in the email. Thank you!

WALKATHON: Today was our final walk-a-thon turn-in day. Our overall total is over \$17,000, so we will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the walk on May 14th AND we will dismiss at 11:00 on the last day of school on June 4th.

Thank you to everyone who turned in pledge money. We will continue the prize patrol next week. Anyone who contributed any money towards the walk will be in the running for prize patrol. Congratulations to this week's winners: Kailey Adams in 3A, Stella Mayer in KA, Leah Ison in PA, and David Wandstrat in 6B.

Tuesday, May 4th is the "Holiday" OOU day. If your family met Tier 1, your child will receive a colored notice from his/her teacher on Monday. (KA, 3B, 5B, and 8th grade boys will be OOU on Wednesday, May 5th due to PE classes on Tuesday.)

The Change War begins on Monday, May 3rd and ends on Friday, May 7th. The winning homeroom will be announced as the VIP's of the walk. Good luck to all homerooms! Please look in your child's yellow envelope for the food item donation letter. We are asking all homerooms to provide various food/drink items for the school on the day of the walk. Please look to see what your child's

homeroom is asked to provide. These items should be brought to school on Tuesday, May 11th. Thank you so much for all your support of our 2021 walk-a-thon.

Looking for ways to get involved? PTO is the place for you! We are still looking for volunteers for a few positions. Please reach out to Shannon Lively (slively81@gmail.com or 513-616-3974) if you would like to hear more about the following positions or would like to sign up for a position.

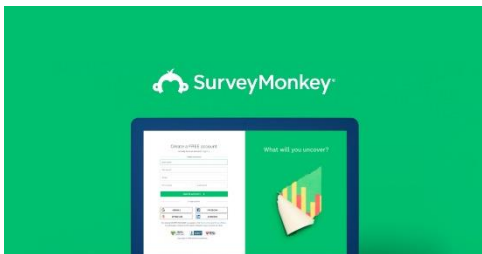
- **Hot Lunch (2 people):**
 - Coordinate two PTO Hot Lunch days a month for the students, organize volunteers and collect and record hot lunch sales.
- **Book Fair (1 person):**
 - Coordinate book fair community event and organize committee and volunteers.
- **Mumpkin Sale (1 person):**
 - Coordinate sale and organize volunteers.

Jake and Sydney Wittich Scholarships The PTO is now accepting applications for the Jake and Sydney Wittich Scholarships. Please see the attached instructions for nominations and return to the school office in a sealed envelope addressed to the PTO by May 14th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Korb (korbx3@gmail.com) or Rachael Hasselbeck (rachaelhasselbeck@yahoo.com).

USED UNIFORMS: We are coming to the end of the year and no one wants to purchase a new uniform right now. Please remember that we have a variety of used items that we will be more than happy to give you to get through the next 6 weeks of the school year. We have different sizes, shirts, pants, shorts, some spirit wear even a few skirts and jumpers. Should you need something, please contact Michelle Korb at stdominicuniforms@gmail.com. Also, if you have things to donate back to the school, please contact her as well.

EDUCATION COMMISSION ELECTIONS As was done last year due to COVID, this year's parish elections will include both on-line and in person voting options. Four candidates have been nominated to fill three open positions on the Commission for a three year term beginning May 10: Mike Stenger (current Vice-Chair), Nikki Servizzi, Christelle Middendorf and Jenn Luebbering. The Education Commission is a critical support mechanism for our Parish and School, and the current Commission members are excited to have the Parish involved in the selection of its next class of members.

To vote electronically (and view bios on each candidate, which are also included at end of Parent Press), please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5G32BTP>



Copy of 2021 Education Commission Election

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. Voting will close on Sunday 5/2 at 8:00 pm. One vote per adult parishioner, please. As an alternate to voting electronically, in-person voting will be available following all masses the weekend of May 1st/2nd in the Gathering Space. Written ballots and candidate bios will be available. Please vote using only one of the methods (electronic or in-person), but NOT BOTH. Thank you,
Peter Gibbs & Mike Stenger

Education Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: Every summer, we publish in the Torch (the parish newsletter) the accomplishments of our high school seniors. In the past the information has been forwarded to us from the local high schools and because of that, the information we have received is not always the same. This year we want to change the way we collect this information. We would like to recognize **ALL** St. Dominic parishioners who are graduating from high school. If you are going to college or enlisting in the military, we would like to include that as well as any scholarships and special awards received. To keep up this tradition we need your help. We need the graduate, parents, or grandparents to send us the information.

What we would like you to send is:

- Student name
- High School
- College attending in the fall or branch of the Military.
- Any awards received and Scholarships accepted.

The information can be emailed to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org or call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741 ext. 410. Please submit all information by Monday, June 14.

Register for Panthers Junior High Running Club: Boys entering the seventh and eighth grade next fall are invited to join the Panthers Junior High Cross Country team. If you are interested in learning about the sport of cross country and long-distance running, join the team for summer conditioning every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Fernbank Park, beginning July 6th. Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday practices & races will begin August 3rd.

The running club is open to all boys entering 7th or 8th grade from the West side of town. No experience is needed to join and conditioning is free. Meets begin in mid-August with 8-10 races ending in mid-October.

If interested, contact Rob Carvitti at panthersrunningclub@gmail.com.

St. Dominic School Calendar | 2021-2022 CALENDAR PRELIMINARY

4 Independence Day

JULY '21						
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3 School Resumes
17 M.L. King Day No School

19 K Parent Orientation
19 PS Parent Orientation
19 K-8 New parent orientation
23 Staff In-service day
25 First Day of School 1pm dis
25 ½ K and PS
26 ½ K and PS
27 PS and K start normal Schedule

AUGUST '21						
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17 Early Dismissal
18 No School
21 Presidents' Day No School

6 Labor Day -School Closed.
21 Early Dismissal

SEPTEMBER '21						
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8 End of 2nd trimester
18 In-service day, no students

11 Columbus Day No School
22 In-Service day, no students
31 Halloween

OCTOBER '21						
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15 Good Friday, No School
17 Easter Sunday
18 No school

17 End of trimester
22 Early dismissal/Conferences
23 Conferences
24 No school
25 Thanksgiving Day
26 No School

NOVEMBER '21						
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26 Last day of School, 1pm dismissal
First Day of school 8.25.2021
Last Day of school 5.26.2022
No School Students staff
Staff only no students
End of trimester
Early dismissal

17 Early Dismissal
20-31 Christmas Break
25 Christmas Day

DECEMBER '22						
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JAKE AND SYDNEY WITTICH SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are being accepted for the Jake and Sydney Wittich scholarships. These two individual scholarships are in loving memory of the wonderful lives of Jake and Sydney. In their short lives, these two children touched many others by their caring attitude. This spirit will continue to live through these two scholarships. The Wittich family valued a catholic education for their children. Through these two scholarships other children will have the same opportunity. The St. Dominic PTO and the Wittich family are accepting applications now through **May 14th**.



The criteria for the scholarships are:

1. One female student returning to St. Dominic.
2. One male student returning to St. Dominic.
3. These two students show respect to others. (Not just adults but their classmates as well).
4. The student's family is active in the St. Dominic Community (school/parish) and experiencing a financial hardship. With a tough economy and tight family budgets, the family is willing to make sacrifices for their child's Catholic education the same way the Wittich family did for their children.
5. Nominations may be made by staff, family, coaches, and parishioners.
6. A short essay regarding items 3 and 4 above accompany the letter of recommendation.
7. **Application deadline is May 14, 2021**

Please send letters of recommendations and essay to the school office in an envelope marked PTO Jake Wittich Scholarship (male candidates) or Sydney Wittich Scholarship (female candidates). Each scholarship is worth \$2,000.00.

Name of Nominator:

Nominator Address:

Nominator Phone/E-mail:

Name/grade of Student Being Nominated:

Name of Student's Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians Phone/E-mail:

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: 5/14/2021

Wittich Scholarship Essay Form

1. Write an essay as to why you are nominating the fore mentioned student for a Wittich Scholarship.
2. Write about your knowledge of how the student shows respect to others (both youth and adult).
3. Write examples of how this student's family is active in the St. Dominic Community (school/parish).
4. Write about how this student's family values a Catholic education for their child and why this family has a financial need.

Please do not use the students name in the recommendation.

This can be typed or handwritten and on as many pages as necessary.

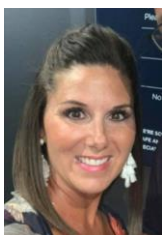
2021 St. Dominic Education Commission Candidates



Mike Stenger

My name is Mike Stenger and I would like to serve on the St. Dominic Education Commission. I currently have two children attending St. Dominic. Gibson will be entering Second grade in the 2021-2022 school year and Simon will be entering 4s Kindergarten. I am a graduate of St. Dominic class of 91 and my wife Julie Johnson-Stenger is also a graduate. I continued my Catholic education at Elder and concluded it at Thomas More College with a B.A. in History. In effort to broaden my educational background I studied Computers at Cincinnati State and received an Associate degree. I have utilized my skills in both the restaurant and tech industry for the past 20 years.

My parents Dave and the late Mary Stenger have been parishioners for over forty years. They valued a Catholic education just as I do. A Catholic education helps the mind, body and spirit of every individual reach its full potential. It would be my goal as part of the education commission to make sure that we give each student the tools they need to reach their full potential. As individuals reach their full potential the entire St. Dominic community will benefit. The sense of community that St. Dominic and my Catholic education instilled in me is the same environment I want family and friends to flourish in. Part of being a Catholic is a call to service and it would be my honor to serve the St. Dominic community on the Education Commission.



Nikki Servizzi

My name is Nikki Servizzi and I am interested in serving on the Education Committee. I have a passion for learning and stay current with all successful educational trends. If you choose me to serve, I will bring an incredible level of knowledge of those trends in modern education and my vast experience as a professional educator to best serve our parish school. I have a reputation as goal oriented, an effective communicator, and a hard working leader. Listed below are my qualifications:

- 12 years of Catholic Education and a proud Mercy High School Graduate
- Bachelors Degree – NKU – Elementary Education
- Masters Degree – NKU – Gifted and Talented Education
- Masters Degree – NKU -Instructional Educational Leadership
- Yearly completion of 12 CEU's on Modern Educational Trends to maintain education credentials
- 17 years teaching at Erpenbeck Elementary School – Top Ranked School for Boone County Schools
- 2 time State of Kentucky Lesson Plan award winner from Kentucky Education Association
- Head of Textbook Committee for Erpenbeck Elementary School
- Elected 4 terms on Site Based Decision Making Council for Erpenbeck Elementary School
- St. Dominic Parishioner for 5+ years.
- Married since May 2005.
- Parent of 1 St. Dominic student and 2 future St. Dominic students.
- VIRTUS certified.
- Coached sports for the St. Dominic Athletic Association and assisted with Little League Basketballmanagement.
- Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Delhi Swim Club

Thank you for taking a minute to read this. I certainly appreciate your vote and continued support for St. Dominic parish.

Christelle Middendorf



My name is Christelle Middendorf and I would be honored to serve on the St. Dominic Education Commission. I have been a parishioner at St Dominic since 1986. I have been involved in various ministries (lector, Eucharistic minister, past preschool catechist, and a new member of St. Vincent de Paul Society) at St. Dominic as well as other volunteer activities (Girl Scouts, church festival) through the years.

I am a retired public school teacher of 34 years and have spent the last two years teaching part-time at St. Teresa of Avila School. I plan to fully retire from teaching at the end of this year to be able to spend more time helping with my granddaughter, who will be a kindergartener at St. Dominic, as well as pursue other areas of interest. I have just recently begun working with the St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Dominic and am looking forward to being able to help with that ministry more.

I am married with two adult daughters who both completed the CCD program at St. Dominic while attending public schools. My husband, Joe, is a lifelong member of St. Dominic parish and retired Delhi Township police officer.

I would love to be able to use my experience in the field of education, as well as my desire to promote the Catholic faith, to be of service to the staff and students of St. Dominic School. I would appreciate your support.



Jenn Luebbering

My name is Jenn Luebbering, and I would love the opportunity to serve on the Education Commission at St. Dominic. While my family is relatively new official members of St. Dominic, we have been involved over the past 20 years, and my husband, Andrew, and his family have been members of the parish his entire life. We have 2 children, Evie (age 5, Kindergarten), and Jack (age 2). While we live in Cheviot, we chose St. Dominic because of our past here, and because we know just how amazing of a school this is.

We are lifelong West Siders. My husband is St. Dominic Class of '97, Elder Class of '01, while I am a graduate of Resurrection (in Price Hill) Class of '99, and Seton Class of '03. My Bachelor's in Graphic Design is from Mount Saint Joseph University. We have family and friends whose children attend St. Dominic and we look forward to our children spending their grade school years here. Faith education has always been a focus for us, as we have always volunteered with our previous churches, mentoring middle school students, and myself, leading a fellow group of moms as we raise our children in Christ.

I have always had a passion for education and teaching, and while my career led me down a different path, youth education has continued to be very important to me. My past in management, both sales and organizational, as well as graphic design, helps give me different ways to look at problems to find creative and successful solutions. I believe it is incredibly important to take an active role in children's education and continue to strive to learn new and better ways for our children to maximize their potential. We are blessed to see just how far education has come since we were in school.

We are called to serve one another, and I would be honored and blessed to serve you on this Education Commission, as our family's journey at St. Dominic is just beginning. We look forward to spending the next decade together as our children grow and learn here.

Dear Parents,

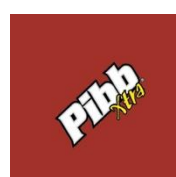
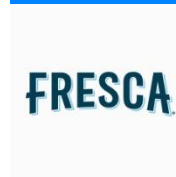
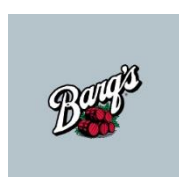
We're excited to share that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. This program helps St. Dominic earn money for the school. Coca-Cola will make a donation to St. Dominic School when any participating Coca-Cola product is purchased and the purchase is credited to St. Dominic.

If you purchase a Coke product, a product code will be under its cap or printed on its paper packaging. Save the cap or cut out the code on the packaging. From here, there are 2 options:

- 1.) There will be a Coke collection box in the school office and by the concession stand at the gym. Put your codes or caps in the collection boxes. St. Dominic PTO will enter the code online and credit St. Dominic to earn money for the school.
- 2.) If you would prefer, you can enter the code, yourself, online. Go to the Coca-Cola website, choose to credit St. Dominic School, and enter the code on the Coca-Cola cap or packaging. If entering codes on the website, yourself, you do not need to turn them into the office or gym. The website is: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

Both ways help St. Dominic earn money for our school!! Thank you from the PTO!!

Below is a list of participating products:





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Upcoming Grade School Events!

Baseball Grade School Night – April 27

Come on out to the Panther Athletic Complex (PAC) to support the Panthers as they take on Talawanda!

Free Admission for Everyone!

Varsity begins at 5:00 PM

PAC – 1915 Quebec Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45205

Lacrosse Grade School Day – May 1

Join us at Elder High School in “The Pit” to cheer on the Panthers as they battle Lakota East!

Free Admission for Grade School Students!

Junior Varsity begins at 11:30 AM

Varsity begins at 1:00 PM

Elder - 3900 Vincent Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45205

Visit ehsports.com for information about Elder Athletics