

**Family Calendar - dates to know for 2023-2024 (updated August, 2023)**

**August**

21 – 5:00-6:00 pm New students, new parents, Kindergarteners, 6th graders visit school to learn information, drop off school supplies and meet teachers

6:00-7:00 pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th grade parents and students stop in to drop off supplies and meet the teachers.

23 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, start time/in seats at 8:20am (students can be dropped off between 7:50 and 8:20)

25 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

26 – Bishop Annual Event for Catholic Schools at St. Francis in West Des Moines

**September**

4 – Labor Day, No School

5 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for Preschool and PreKindergarten

12 – Beginning of the Fall school fundraiser

13 - Back To School Open House - parents visit teachers/classrooms - no students

25 – No school for students. Professional Development Day for staff

29 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

**October**

10 - School picture day

10, 11, 12 – Conferences

12, 13 and 16 – Students no school

16 – No school for students. Professional Development Day for staff

21 (Saturday) – 7:00 to 8:30pm, All School Family Halloween Party, Parish Hall

27 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

27 - Classroom Halloween parties, hosted by homeroom parents and parent helpers

## **November**

1 – All Saints' Day, Holy Day of Obligation, All School Mass

2 - Middle School Choir performs at the Iowa Wild Game - 10:30 am

10 – No school for students. Staff has Professional Development.

14 - School picture retake day

16 - Literacy Night for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade families, 6:00-8:00pm

16 and 17 - Santa's Workshop

17- End of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester/grading period

17 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

21 – Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day – Schedule for the day will come out in early November – If a Grandparent can't make it, please invite another family member or an adult family friend, preferably not the student's parent

22, 23, 24 – No school, Thanksgiving Break

## **December**

8 – The Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, *This Mass is on a Friday, so we will not have our regular Wednesday Mass*

14 - Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade classes, and middle school band and choir Christmas concert

15 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

20 - Preschool and PreKindergarten Christmas program at noon

21 – **Early dismissal at 1:00.** Classroom Christmas parties, hosted by homeroom parents and parent helpers, Candle lighting by the 8th graders and all school sing-a-long.

22 through 31 – No School, Christmas break

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## January

1, 2, 3 - No school, Christmas break

3 - Staff has Professional Development.

4 – First day back to classes for students for 2024

15 - No school for students. Staff has Professional Development.

26 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

28, 29, 30, 31 – Catholic Schools Week

31 - **Early dismissal for students at 11:30am. No lunch served. All Catholic school staff in Des Moines have Mass with Bishop.**

## February

1, 2 – Catholic Schools Week

2 - Team Day activities in classrooms, students wear a color or pattern assigned to their team

14 – Students in K-5 can bring Valentine's if they bring them for all classmates

14 – Ash Wednesday

13, 14, 15 – Conferences

15, 16, 19 – No school for students

19 - No school for students. Staff has Professional Development.

23- Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

23 - End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester/grading period

26 – Kick off day for the Spring Fun Run/Boosterthon fundraiser

## **March**

5 – Fun Run/Boosterthon Day

8 through 15 – No school. Spring Break.

19 - Spring Picture Day. There will not be a retake day.

29 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

29 – K-8 Lenten Retreat in classrooms. Early out at 1:00 pm for Good Friday

31 - Easter Sunday

## **April**

1 – No School. Easter Monday

2, 3, 4, 5 - Middle School ISASP Testing

11 - Literacy Night for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families, 6:00 - 7:30pm

8, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Grades 3, 4, 5 ISASP Testing

5 – Easter season/Springtime classroom parties

12 - No school for students. Staff has Professional Development.

26 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

## **May**

1– May Crowning Mass – All K-7 students please bring flowers that 8th grade can plant around our campus. 8th graders will bring fresh cut flowers to present to Mary.

6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

9 – Kindergarten mom's join the kindergarteners part of the day to celebrate Mother's. If mom can't make it you can send another family member or friend.

10 - No school for students. Staff has Professional Development.

16 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes, and the middle school band and choir concert

17 - Mission Awareness/Dress Down Day, students pay at least \$2.00 to go towards the monthly mission

17 – In the afternoon, Kindergarten dad's join the kindergartners to celebrate Fathers. If dad can't make it you can send another family member or friend.

21 - PreSchool and PreKindergarten last day of school

22 – PreSchool and PreKindergarten Graduation, Noon, Parish Hall

22 - Kindergarteners last day. Families invited to attend mass, where the Kindergarten are hosting their first mass. Mass is followed by a Kindergarten celebration with parents and their Kindergarten children at school.

22 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders last day. Clap out for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at 3:10pm. 8th grade parents can meet by the school office.

22 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation and Mass, 6:30PM, in the church. Small reception follows in the Parish Hall

23 – Kindergarten Visit Day, 2 sessions, 9-11am or 12:30-2:30pm. This is for Kindergartners for the 2024-2025 school year.

24 - Field Day and Free Dress Down Day

24 – Last day of school for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Early dismissal at 1:00PM

24 - End of the 3rd trimester/grading period

27– Memorial Day, No school

28, 29, 30 – Staff PD/work days

