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October 5, 2023 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Date

10/6/23 8:30 am., School Mass - 3rd grade	10/10/23 2:30 p.m. Dismissal/Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m.	10/16/23 No School-PD
10/6/23 Middle School Girls Basketball Registration Due	10/11/23 8:30 a.m., School Mass - Staff	10/20/23 8:30 a.m., School Mass - 8th grade/Picture retakes 10:00 a.m.
10/9/23 2:30 p.m. Dismissal/Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m.	10/12/23 No School/Conferences 9-12 p.m.	10/26/23 Spirit Day
	10/13/23 No School	10/27/23 8:30 a.m., School Mass - 7th grade/Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.

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School News

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CONFERENCES **BY SUNDAY NIGHT**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday October 9 and Tuesday October 10 from 3:30-7:30, in person. (School will dismiss at 2:30 on those two days.) The other time slot is Thursday October 12 from 9:00-noon. These will be in person unless other arrangements are made with the teacher.

The signup website opened to parents Monday morning at 9:00. It will close Sunday night Oct. 8 at 9:00pm.

Website: www.schoolbookings.net

Click the "Make an Appointment" button

Event code is pcwcu

Know your student's teacher names in advance. Students third grade and up should be present at conferences.

PICK A DATE TO DONATE

Have all parents seen the donation calendar that was sent home with their child last week? This fundraiser is running through the month of October. Filled calendars are eligible for Spirit Wear and a chance of a \$100 gift card!

* Partially filled calendars are also great...every dollar helps support our school.

Reach out to Vicki Nolan (vmccarthy76@yahoo.com) with any questions, or if you are in need of another calendar.

Mum Sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased a mum! Sales were just shy of \$900.

JMC Registration

Families - Thank you to those of you who have done your JMC registration! For those of you who have not done it yet, will not be able to have your child's picture taken for Facebook posts and your family will not be able to be in our directory. jmc is also where we notify you of important messages, and you can make sure your information is up to date. Here is the information again: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hVLENOXe8vP7g0Nyb5ZCZqWwvqE48N4fCgoo6He9UMI/edit> Please call Mrs. Jorgensen if you need help or to set up time to come to the office and do it.

■ Parent Institute Newsletter October 2023 Elementary School English.pdf

Parish Mass

On Sunday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. students and families of grade 1st, 5th and 7th grades will be leading the mass. We need parents to sign up their students and/or the family to participate in each ministry of the mass. This is an opportunity for our school families to give back to the parish and for the parish to see our school families in action. There are many positions to fill so please sign up your families today.

This is the beginning of a ministry that school families will provide to the church. Each month, different grades will be encouraged and sign up to participate in an assigned mass. Be thinking about how your family can help today. This is our fall schedule:

Date	Time	Classes
Sunday, Oct. 15	8:30 am Mass	1st, 5th, 7th
Sunday, Nov. 19	10:30 am Mass	K, 4th, 6th

Saturday, Dec.16	4:30 pm Mass	2nd, 3rd, 8th
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Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 27! We need volunteers, groups clubs, etc. to host trunks, sign up [here](#).

Parish News

Adoration

October, month of Mary, is a great time to come and sit with Jesus. Christ needs you to keep Him company. He has something to say to you. All day adoration is this Friday, October 6, 7 AM - 6 PM, except for the 8:35 AM School Mass.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Servers play an important role in the Mass and with developing our relationship with the Church and God. Be that important role! Grow in your faith and help Father!

CALLING BOYS & GIRLS 4TH GRADE & OLDER

Training Times
 Wednesday, November 8th 7:30-8:30pm
 Thursday, November 9th 7:30-8:30pm
 Meet in the church
 *Must attend 1 session, 2 preferred

Fall Clean Up Day

FALL 2023 CLEAN UP...is upon us again....the CLEAN UP PROJECT is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 for members of our parish who need a little help with yard clean up or minor home repair.

Our Fall Clean Up is now in its 19th year of service to the needs of our parishioners and we thank all those who have been involved in past years and welcome them back again this year!

All volunteers - please be in the church parking lot on November 11, at 8:00 a.m. to begin our day. If you are able to contribute to this project in any way, large or small please call us. Please bring your own rake and be ready to work. Thank you! Questions: Sergio Loch at 515-707-6172, or 263-2922; sloch@grandview.edu; Paul Chicoine at 515-979-3822, pcchicoine@gmail.com

Community News



Windsor Heights FALL FEST
OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH

Fall Festival

in the heart of it all!

Friday October 6
Movie in the Park - Hocus Pocus
Join us for free pizza, popcorn, soda, and cookies and watch Hocus Pocus under the stars!

Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
The Windsor Heights Firefighter Association Pancake Breakfast is back! Stop by the Community & Events Center at Colby Park for a delicious breakfast supporting a great crew! Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family!

Saturday October 7

WHAMM - 9am Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon
This 5k fun run along the scenic Greenbelt Trail is a good time for the whole family! Early bird discount \$27, registration after September 1st is \$35. Includes t-shirt and pancake breakfast ticket.

Yoga with Mary McCarthy - 10am
Meet us at the pavilion with a yoga mat or towel for this FREE yoga class with Mary McCarthy. Whether this is your first yoga class or you're an expert Yogi, this class is for you!

Windsor Heights Parade - 1pm
The Windsor Heights Parade is back! Sponsored by the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce, the parade is full of fun - and CANDY - for the whole family! Route details: 70th south from Wilshire to University, east to 69th street, south to Colby Park. *Parade entry registration is open, sign up today!*

Saturday at Colby Park - 2pm
Colby Park has something for everyone Saturday! Inflatable bounce houses, petting zoo, silent disco, food trucks, vendor & community booths, live music and more! FREE fun for the whole family!

Community Awards, including Citizen & Business of the Year at 5:30pm

Dick Danger Band - 6pm
Des Moines Finest Top Forty R&B, Funk band, The Dick Danger Band headlines our 2023 Fall Festival, sponsored by the Windsor Heights Foundation. Bring your chairs and get here early - you won't want to miss out!

Fireworks - 7:30pm
Consider yourself warned - you DO NOT want to miss the best fireworks show this town has ever seen!



Flo Hunter
2022 Parade Grand Marshal

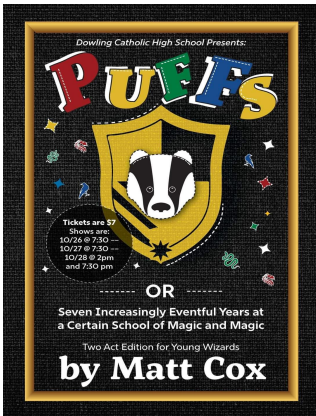


Please join us for the 62nd Annual Dowling Catholic Pancake Breakfast on October 29th from 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Proceeds from this great DCHS tradition support student clubs and activities. To purchase tickets, sign up to volunteer, or donate baked goods, please visit www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast.



Join us for a blood drive honoring Ava Vaske. Ava was a sweet, gentle and caring girl. She could always be found spending time with her family and friends. She was a graduate of STCS and DCHS(2021). In November 2021, while attending Iowa State, she was diagnosed with Small Cell Carcinoma of the Ovary. She had to receive blood and platelets many times during her intensive treatment, often times having to wait long periods while blood could be located for her. She was

O negative and could only receive O negative blood. Sometimes blood would have to come from another hospital and a few times a different city. Ava planned to hold a blood drive when she recovered to pass forward the gift of blood that had been given to her. Ava passed on September 11, 2023, and we honor her memory through this Blood Drive. Sign up to schedule an appointment to donate blood [here](#).



Support our STCS alumni in the Fall Play! The DCHS Performing Arts Department presents Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic on Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 28 at 2 & 7:30 p.m. in the DCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased [online](#).

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