





## February 29, 2024 News & Updates

### Upcoming Important Dates


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| 3/1/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 7th Grade      | 3/22/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 4th Grade |
| 3/1/24 7 p.m. Middle School Play              | 3/27/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 3rd Grade |
| 3/3/24 1 p.m. Middle School Play              | 3/28/24 Spirit Day                        |
| 3/4/24 Final Smith Pro Uniform Order Deadline | 3/29/24 2:30 p.m. Dismissal - Good Friday |
| 3/6/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 5th Grade      | 3/30/24 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt           |
| 3/8/24 Track Registration Deadline            | 4/1/24 No School                          |
| 3/8/24 - 3/15/24 No School Spring Break       |   |



**Dorothy**



*In*



**Wonderland**

By Brian D. Taylor

Presented by *STCS Middle School*

**Dorothy In Wonderland**  
 Come and see our Middle School Play this weekend. Performances will be on Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults/\$6, Students/\$3, children 5 years and under are free.

*Friday March 1st @ 7:00 pm*  
*Sunday March 3rd @ 1:00 pm*  
**Both performances take place in the Parish Hall**  
 Cost: Adults-\$6.00  
 Students-\$3.00  
 Children 5 years and under are free.

\*Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.\*

## 5th & 8th Graders & Families

Join us Sunday, March 3 at 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by a special brunch in the school gym. If you are unable to make it to 8:30 a.m. Mass, please join us for brunch at 9:30 a.m.. We want to share with you all the amazing opportunities the youth ministry has to offer and honor our 8th graders who are moving on to high school in the Fall. 8th graders, please send us your baby and yearbook pictures ahead of time. We will be creating a video presentation to show during the brunch. RSVP and pictures are due by Wednesday, February 28 to Megs at [mhowes@stsdsm.com](mailto:mhowes@stsdsm.com).



### Tuition Assistance

Catholic Tuition Organization/Diocesan Tuition Assistance online applications are currently open. The deadline for submissions is April 15th. The application deadline coincides with the federal tax filing deadline.

[CTO Flyer](#)

To apply, visit [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) and enter the **school code 450** and the **password 450ddm**. Please contact Kaisha Lowe, [klowe@stsdsm.com](mailto:klowe@stsdsm.com) with any questions.

### ESA

Click [here](#) to read up more about ESA and how it applies to your family.

### Sister Jude Scholarship

We have an exciting opportunity to share with you. For the past several years at the Gala, a paddle raise donation has been done to raise money for extracurricular activities for students who want to participate but families are unable to support the cost of the extracurricular activity. A portion of these funds will be used to help your family pay for extracurricular activities for your student. While the support may not cover the full cost of the activity, it could cover part of the fee. We are currently accepting applications for 2024 winter and spring activities.

Attached you will find an application to fill out to apply for Sister Jude Fitzpatrick Fund. Applications are due March 22 by 12 p.m. If you need a printed copy of the application, please stop by the school office Monday-Friday during school hours. You will be notified March 29 of your award amount. Kaisha Lowe, [klowe@stsdsm.com](mailto:klowe@stsdsm.com), if you have any questions.

[Sister Jude Scholarship Application](#)



## Lenten Meals

Come support our school by attending our weekly fish fry's! A portion of the sales will go towards supporting the Glowin' To The Gala. Grab a delicious dinner, support our school and meet new friends!

Join us each Friday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. during Lent (except Good Friday) for a delicious meal provided by our St. Theresa Catholic Knights of Columbus. The meal will include: fried fish, baked fish, fish tacos, cheese pizza, French fries, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese and desserts. Free will offerings will be accepted. We are looking for volunteers to make desserts. If you would like to provide baked goods for our upcoming fish dinners please sign up [here](#).



It's that time again! The Gala Committee is hard at work preparing auction baskets and are looking for donations of all kinds. Please see the [Sign Up Genius](#) for more detailed information.



## Mother-Daughter Event

**Saturday, March 2**

**1-3:30 p.m.**

**St. Theresa Catholic Parish Hall**

Join us for an event geared towards moms and daughters ages 8-13. Local author and Catholic speaker, Stacy Halbach will come to our parish to give a free mother-daughter workshop that will focus on the beautiful call of femininity and how to live that out in our lives. We will have delicious sips and snacks, crafts and priceless discussion over a wonderful topic!

RSVP to Megs, [mhowes@stsdsm.com](mailto:mhowes@stsdsm.com) or 515-720-4060.



Congratulations Adrian Martinez, Abel Martinez, and Alix Williams! All three students received a 1 rating in their solo contest. A 1 rating is the highest rating you can get as a middle schooler. They put in a ton of hard work, way to go!

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# EASTER

## *Egg Hunt*

SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
EGG HUNT BEGINS AT 10 AM  
SCHOOL FIELD

BRING YOUR OWN BAG OR BASKET!



CANDY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL OFFICE.

Save the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Candy donations are needed - please drop off in the school office.



Start gathering your teams and sign up for the annual dodgeball tournament held on April 5, 2024! Click [here](#) to register. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Track Registration for all 5-8th graders is open!

Cost is \$50

All registrations are due by March 8th in order to place our uniform order.

### Practice Schedule:

Thursday 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Francis Track

Saturday 3-4:30 p.m. at Dowling Catholic High School Track

\*Practices begin on March 21st

All athletes must make it to at least one of the two practices leading up to that week's track meet in order to participate. Click [here](#) to register.

### 2024 Parochial Track Schedule

Monday, April 1 - 7/8 Meet #1

Monday, April 8th - 5/6 Meet #1

Monday, April 15th - 7/8 Meet #2

Thursday, April 18th - 5/6 Meet #2

Tuesday, April 30th - 7/8 Meet #3

Monday May 6th - 5/6 Meet #3

Monday, May 13th - Championship Meet (all grades 5-8)

## Diocese of Des Moines Career Fair

Calling all educators (Catholic and non-Catholic)! Kickstart a rewarding career in education with the Diocese of Des Moines! Join us for a virtual career fair and discover the Catholic School difference. During the career fair, participants can visit with school administrators and interview to work at our schools. Click [here](#) for more information.

### JOIN OUR TEAM



## Substitute Teaching

Would you like to earn some extra money while helping our great school? Read through the [attached flier](#) to learn more about becoming a substitute teacher and helping our school.



## Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Support your parish and parish school Girl Scouts as they sell Girl Scout cookies February 1st through March 24th. Last year, Troop 363 cookie sales helped make it possible to donate \$1,100 to the Togo Committee for a teacher's salary. Cookies will be available for purchase after all Masses March 16 & 17th. Or contact Angela Thrailkill to find a St. Theresa Girl Scout to fulfill your order - 515-971-0674. Thank you.

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## Sports Camp and Clinic Information

### Summer Youth Camps

DCHS registration is open for summer youth camps

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/dowling/camps>

### DOWLING SOCCER CLUB - MINI + MIGHTY MAROONS

MINI-MAROONS are for children ages 4-5 and MIGHTY-MAROONS are for 6-7-year-olds looking to have fun and compete in short-sided games. Our program is held from **10:00-11:00 am on Saturday** mornings at Dowling Catholic High School. There will be a total of **6 sessions held April 20 through May 25**. Each week, players participate in 30 minutes of age-appropriate instructions followed by 30 minutes of small-sided scrimmaging. It's a great way to be coached by the Women's Varsity Coach at Dowling Catholic High School JP Pearson and many of his players.

Mini Maroons: \$65

Mighty Maroons: \$75

**Deadline: February 29**

**Registration for these programs** is now open and available at: [www.dowlingsoccerclub.org](http://www.dowlingsoccerclub.org)

Questions? Please contact Dowling Soccer Club at [DowlingSoccerClub0@gmail.com](mailto:DowlingSoccerClub0@gmail.com)

Check us out on Facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/DowlingSoccerClub1>

## **Football Camp**

Click [here](#) for more information regarding the 2024 Youth Drake Football Camps.

## **Summer Swimming Lessons & Swim Team**

Click [here](#) to read more about the summer swim team at Dowling Catholic High School. Click [here](#) to read more about the swim lessons offered at Dowling Catholic High School this summer.

## **Middle School Throws Camp 2024**

Date: March 23rd

Time: Session 1 (9-11:30), Session 2 (12-2:30), Session 3 (3-5:30) Only if there is enough interest

Location: St. Francis Track

Limit: 25 athletes per session, will allow me to make 5 groups of 5 and be able to help each athlete more. We had about 48 kids last year over the 2 days, and the biggest session was roughly 26 kids.

Questions? Contact Logan Greiner - greinerlj@yahoo.com

Sign up [HERE](#)

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