

# *Divine Mercy Academy*

## **Schoolwide Newsletter**

*January 28, 2019*

OUR VIRTUE: *Valor*

THIS WEEK:

**Saint:** Peter Chanel

**History:** Underground railroad and slavery

**Nature Studies:** Potential and kinetic Energy

**Query:** Would you have taken part in the Underground Railroad to help escaping slaves? Why or why not?

### *All School News:*

- Please sign and return report cards by Friday.
- We have to retake school pictures. (There was a computer crash...) This will happen this Wednesday, January 30.
- **Our gala is on Feb 9, starting at 6:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn! Please get your tickets early and encourage your family and friends to attend.** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year; we greatly depend on the funds raised to cover the school's operating expenses. Plus, you get to enjoy a free full bar, hors d'oeuvres and a live and silent auction. It's a fun night- we hope to see you there!  
[www.dmamt.org/beach-ball](http://www.dmamt.org/beach-ball)
- Catholic Schools week is this week, Jan. 27th - Feb 2nd. and DMA will celebrate the week with a spirit week. Each day during Catholic Schools week has a unique theme.
  - Monday- Celebrate Community: HAT day, students can bring an optional \$1.00 donation for St. Catherine Clinic
  - Tuesday- Celebrate Students: Crazy sock day and the DMA PTO will provide a treat for students during lunch
  - Wednesday- Celebrate our Nation: (school picture day) Prayer intention for our nation
  - Thursday- Celebrate Vocations: Students will be able to pick a special saint card and learn about his/her vocation
  - Friday- Celebrate Teachers: A special morning Coffee run will be provided for the teachers!

*Volunteer Opportunities: (see top of following page)*

# Classroom News

- The printer in the JP II building is in need of someone with skills! It's printing with colored lines. If you can tackle this project, please respond to this email.
- We have a number of opportunities with our upcoming gala! Please contact the appropriate person if you are interested in any of the following:
  - Sell tickets at St. John Vianney parish this weekend! mary@pendletoncommunications.com
  - Helping with check-in and check-out at the event. meg.stout@dmamt.org
  - Help with silent auction- collect bid sheets and be a runner to collect items toward the end of the night. katie.laliberty@gmail.com

## K-1 News

*Language Arts:* This week will be more work with nouns and the OU/OW sound. Kinders will also try to hammer down their short vowel sounds.

*Math:* This week includes a lot of fun with addition. Students will work on adding bigger numbers, growing addition problems, and showing how to make a number in many different ways!

*Art:* Students will learn about the secret codes of the Underground Railroad and how some people thought messages were hidden in quilt squares. Students will then design and decorate paper squares to make our own class quilt!

*History:* We'll learn about Harriet Tubman and some true stories of Slaves who escaped to freedom.

*Religion:* We'll focus on how obedience and self-discipline can lead us to be masters of all other virtues.

\*Each student will need a box for their Valentine's Day mail. We will decorate them in class. Please send them to school any time between now and February 12.

## 2-3 News

### **Review these spelling/vocab:**

Change the middle of the word

1. tooth teeth
2. mouse mice
3. louse lice
4. goose geese
5. man men
6. foot feet
7. slavery
8. Moses
9. Underground Railroad

### **Review these concepts in math:**

**G2:** scales of 2, multiple by 10, Tangrams, and expanded form

**G3:** congruent shapes, triangles, and more multiplication

**Lectio Divina:** Luke 4:21-30

**Memory Verse:** I said to the Lord, "I'm going to hold steady on to you and I know you will see me through." Harriet Tubman

# Classroom News

## 4-5 News

### Language Arts:

- **Grammar:** This week we will work on using commas around interrupting phrases.
- **Writing:** We will continue our research essays this week. Students will pick a topic, research from multiple sources, and write an essay.
- **Reading:** We will continue reading *The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train* by Dorothy Sterling. We will be focusing on vocabulary and preparing discussion questions for class.

### Math:

4th- division answers ending in zero, finding information to solve problems, geometric transformations, fraction of a set, and measuring turns

5th- fractions/decimals/percents, area, adding/subtracting decimals, units of length, and changing improper fractions to whole or mixed numbers

**History:** This week we will be studying the Underground Railroad. We will be learning about the use of freedom quilts during the Underground Railroad. We will also be creating our freedom quilt squares.

**Nature Studies:** This week we will study potential and kinetic energy.

**Latin:** In Latin we will learn ten new vocabulary words and learn the imperfect verb-tense.

*Spelling Words Below*

*Reading Logs due Friday, February 1st!*

## 6-8 News

### Language Arts:

#### ❖ Literature/Poetry:

- "The Slave's Dream" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- students will complete Amos Fortune free man by reading chapters 9 & 10
- Grammar: Irregular verbs

**Art:** Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog by Friedrich

### History/Geography:

- ❖ January's Geo Bee due January 31st
- ❖ States & Capitals Map Exam
- ❖ Harriet Tubman

### Study Skills:

- ❖ Review and exam

**Nature Studies:** Potential & Kinetic Energy

**Spelling:** 2nd Quarter Exam

**Latin:** Nouns and their 6 cases

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<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>	
<b>(long “o”)</b> homework lower flamingo stroller decode envelope potential kinetic liberator abolitionist abolish fugitive corrupt interrupt abrupt	<b>(adding “ed” and “ing”)</b> suggested illustrated corresponding presenting pronouncing beginning committing replied emptied carried hurried changed loving potential kinetic liberator abolitionist abolish fugitive corruptible	

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