



Parent News

March 4th

SAFETY FIRST



Reminders:

- No one should be getting dropped off or picked up in the school parking lot.
- Students are to come in and leave through the gate on Kennedy Boulevard, and not cut across the parking lot.

We have received complaints from neighbors about the double parking on Duncan Avenue. Please be attentive and respectful of cars that need to get through or need to get out of parking spots. Also noted in one of the complaints was inappropriate student behavior (use of the middle finger) when the car honked to try and get through. We do not expect that type of behavior.

Note from the Academic Dean :

We have 1 week to go before the 3rd marking period which ends on March 11th. I would like to remind students to make sure that they are on top of assignments and work submissions and when necessary, to meet with their teachers if they need help. They should continue to make it their goal to give their best in each and every class.



Calendar March 4 - March 11:

Friday, March 4

7-11pm Father-Daughter Dance La Reggia

Monday, March 7

2:30pm Movie: "Let it Shine" hosted by AAAC
LOCATION (106)

3:00pm Play rehearsal in ELAN

Tuesday, March 8

7:45am Mass in Chapel: Families, students, staff: all are welcome

2:45 pm Glee Club/Dominoes in ELAN

3:30pm Softball: Pitchers and Catchers only

Wednesday, March 9

3:00pm Play rehearsal in ELAN

3:30pm Track Practice begins @ Lincoln Park

3:30pm Softball: Pitchers and Catchers only

Thursday, March 10

3:30pm Track Practice @ Lincoln Park

3:30pm Softball: Pitchers and Catchers only

Friday, March 11

2:30pm Play Rehearsal in ELAN

3:30pm Track Practice @ Lincoln Park

3:30pm Softball Practice (all positions)

SAVE THE DATES

- March 11: 3rd Marking Period Ends
- March 18: School Closed; Spring Weekend
- March 19: Spring Thaw
- April 14-24 Easter Break (School Closed on 14; reopens Monday, April 25)
- May 1: Spring Glee Club/Dominoes Concert
- May 14: Spring Concert with Vox from Saint Peter's Prep



In the Classroom:

Social Studies

- While students study History, they rarely have a chance to change History. Advanced Placement I students in Dr. Santora's class have been given that very opportunity. The class is studying the American Civil War. As a part of their studies, students have each been assigned different Civil War battles and have been directed to prepare their research from either the Northern or the Southern perspective. One of the skills required in the AP course is the ability of students to evaluate documents from the author's viewpoint, the intended audience, the document's purpose, or the document's perspective. In addition to completing that task, the students have also been directed to identify the defining moment of the battle where the outcome has been determined and one side appeared to have triumphed. However, after identifying that moment, the students will go on to develop their own "What If" moment where a different outcome is projected based on a series of alternative developments. The results may be quite challenging and may have changed the outcome of the conflict. While interesting to ponder, in the end students will realize that the only way to really change History is to study it and use those lessons not to repeat it.
- The 7th and 8th grade US History class has started studying the Great Depression. In order to help them understand the role that the stock market crash of 1929 played in the Great Depression, students have joined a class contest on a virtual stock market website. Each student has been given \$1,000,000 in virtual currency with instructions to invest as much of it as they like in at least 5 different stocks. While they follow their progress over the course of 3 weeks, the students are also completing assignments covering topics such as, "What is a Stock", "How to Build a Portfolio", and "How is Money Created", among others. The week of March 7th, the students will find out who in the class made the best investments and the top 3 investors will win small prizes.
- AP Art History has just concluded a project charting the repatriation process both nationally and internationally for the Benin Bronzes of the Nigerian people. Students using research documents chart the lengthy and complicated process by which institutions such as the Smithsonian, RISD, and the MET address the problematic history and providence of these art acquisitions as well as how colonization and conquest has contributed to the loss of African culture. Students also discussed ways in which these institutions have made progress towards restitution through the return of cultural works, the rewriting of museum documents to reflect history accurately as well as dialogues from contemporary Benin artists. This activity helped students to view artworks as living, breathing cultural documents and not the relic of a bygone age.



In the Classroom:

Guidance/ College: As we enter March and the weather begins to warm slightly, we want to remind everyone to SEED. Get enough SLEEP, be sure to EAT some healthy fruits and veggies, EXERCISE a little every day, and DRINK some water. You must treat your mind and body right to set yourself up for success.

We also want to be proactive instead of reactive. If a student is feeling overwhelmed we encourage them to stop by Guidance as soon as possible so we can help alleviate any stress. Ms. McCaig is the counselor for 11th-12th graders, while Ms. Ruiz is the counselor for 7th-10th graders.

You can stop by to make an appointment or email your respective counselor if you want to see either Mrs. McCaig or Ms. Ruiz. See our contact information below. Our goal is to make sure every student is in the best possible position for success.

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HACKATHON: Last year our friends at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City hosted MakeSPP — a virtual conference and hackathon bringing together 200+ middle and high school students from around the world. We want you all to know that after [last year's success](#), MakeSPP is going to return as an in-person event on April 9th, 2022.

No prior experience is necessary -- even if you've never written a line of code, you can leave with a finished website, mobile app, or hardware project! Whether a novice or expert, come work on innovative projects, meet other talented makers, and gain insight from college students, industry professionals, founders, and CEOs.

Throughout the day, you'll work on projects in teams, attend workshops, get advice from accomplished mentors, and interact with successful people in the technological career. An exciting competition at the end of the event will determine the best projects, and winners will take home \$1000+ worth of prizes. Last year's prizes included AirPods, Rocketbooks, and other awesome technology. Amazing custom MakeSPP t-shirts will be given out to all attendees.

Spots are filling up fast, so register for free at our new and improved website <https://www.makespp.org/> today before it's too late! Send an email to Natalie Spiska if you have any questions. (nspiska23@stdominicacad.com). We look forward to seeing you soon!



In the Classroom:

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

Thank you to Ms. Armea, Ms. Herrera, Mr. Ramirez, and the following students for helping us enter into our Lenten journey. We are so blessed to pray together and to witness our faith with the distribution of ashes. Please enjoy the service here: [Ash Wednesday 2022](#)

Seniors:

Kristen Argueta
Reagan Mattiello
Julie Peters
Christis Shepard

Juniors:

Tess Cangialose
Ava DiLullo
Rachel Feuer
Payton LaBruno
Grace Lekic
Mikalah Merizalde
Julia Mickiewicz
Charlotte Romano
Ella Scarsi
Gianna Servodio



Athletics:

Madison Cortes(4), Nicole Davis , Aisha Adaboye ,Silkya Sanchez and Sofia Vacca earned medals at the State Group Meet in Toms River. With the new NJSIAA format, only the top three finishers advance to the Meet of Champions. We are hoping that for next season our athletes will be competing. M. Cortes (1,600) and N. Davis (shot put) qualified and competed at Tuesday’s Eastern States.

Spring Thaw:

Be part of the 25th Annual St. Dominic Academy Spring Thaw 5K benefiting Athletics at the Academy! The 5K takes place at beautiful and historic Liberty State Park with picturesque views of the Manhattan Skyline! Sign up [here](#).

All participants will run on a USATF certified course and will receive finishers shirts. We can't wait to see you! Register today and save!

