



DOMINICAN
HIGH SCHOOL

The **DOMINICAN** **FAMILY GUIDE**

*Everything you need to know to
successfully navigate a school year*

SCHOOL PROFILE

- **Average Class Size:** 18
- **Teaching Faculty:**
 - 36 faculty members
 - Average teaching years at Dominican: 13
 - 55% hold Masters Degrees
- **Student Diversity:**
 - Dominican students represent 70+ feeder schools from the Greater Milwaukee Area.
- **98% of Students Attend College/University**

Graduates have been accepted to these schools:

* Boston College	* Xavier
* Stanford	* Marquette
* Princeton	* Case Western
* Northwestern	* Purdue
* Notre Dame	* Dominican University
* Fordham	* UW-Madison
* University of Chicago	* Air Force Academy
* Harvard	* Cornell
* Johns Hopkins	* Yale
- **Thriving Campus Ministry Program**
 - Veritas Preaching Team
 - Yearly retreats at each grade level
 - 90% Student Participation
 - Guest House Sandwich Program
 - uKnights Service Program
 - Weekly Outreach Opportunities
- **Extracurricular Highlights**
 - 13-time boys basketball state champions
 - More than 15 club options
 - National Merit Finalists in the senior class each year
- **Outstanding Theatre Program**
 - Four theatre productions each school year
 - Critic's Choice Outstanding State One Act Award 2012 - 2017
 - Jerry Award Outstanding State Musical 2016 - 2019
 - First Place Overall in State Theatre Festival Tech Olympics - 2020

INTRODUCTION

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FAMILY GUIDE

Welcome to Dominican High School! We are so happy that you have joined our family and look forward to getting to know you. In an effort to help you learn more about Dominican, we have developed the Dominican Family Guide.

Important Numbers

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Main Office

Mrs. Pam Keller (Mama Keller).....ext. 115
Attendance.....ext. 300

Administrative

Mrs. Leanne Giese, *President*.....ext. 100
Mr. Edward Foy, *Principal*.....ext. 110
Mr. Vincent Murray, *Dean of Students*.....ext. 160

Admissions

Mr. Michael Mueller.....ext. 130
Mrs. Jayne Desing.....ext. 131

Finance/Tuition

Ms. Gina Grzegorzewski.....ext. 121

Athletics

Mr. Joe Grady.....ext. 193

Counseling

Ms. Abby Young (*juniors, seniors*).....ext. 142
Mr. Jordan Shutta (*freshmen, sophomores, international*).....ext. 141
Mrs. Rachel Garry, *Registrar*.....ext. 140

OUTLOOK BY GRADE

Freshman

All School Party
Orientation
Back to School Knight
Knightwalk
Homecoming
Powder Puff
Final Exam Cram Session
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Freshman Retreat
Service Days
Scavenger Hunt
Summer Fun Event
Winter Formal Dance
ACT Practice Testing

Junior

All School Party
Orientation
Back to School Knight
Knightwalk
Homecoming
Powder Puff
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Junior Parent Knight
PSAT Testing
ACT Testing
Kairos
National Honor Society
Prom
Winter Formal Dance
Service Days

Sophomore

All School Party
Orientation
Back to School Knight
Knightwalk
Homecoming
Powder Puff
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sophomore Retreat
Service Days
Winter Formal Dance
ACT Practice Testing

Senior

All School Party
Orientation
Back to School Knight
Knightwalk
Homecoming
Powder Puff
Senior Retreat
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Winter Formal Dance
National Honor Society
Prom
Senior Class Trip
Honors Assembly
Baccalaureate Mass
Senior Dinner
Graduation

WEEKLY OUTLOOK

Wednesday

Late Start (9 a.m.)
- Every Wednesday

Thursday

Guest House
Sandwich Making

Friday

Spirit Wear Day

OUTLOOK BY MONTH

August

Bill Crowley Scholarship Golf Outing
Orientation
All School Party
First Day of School

September

Back to School Knight
All School Liturgy
Knightwalk
Senior Retreat
Powder Puff Game/Cookout
Homecoming

October

Preview Days
All School Liturgy
Open House
Fall Play
End of Quarter 1
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November

All School Liturgy
Kairos - Juniors
Thanksgiving Break
St. Dominic Society Dinner

December

All School Liturgy
Grandparents Day
Past Parent/Alumni Donor Party
Semester Exams
Christmas Break
End of Quarter 2 & Semester 1

January

All School Liturgy
Catholic Schools Week

February

Catholic Schools Week
All School Liturgy
Talent Show
Kairos - Juniors
Dominican Challenge
Winter Musical
Current Parent Donor Party
Winter Formal Dance

March

All School Liturgy
National Honor Society Induction
Career Day
End of Quarter 3
Parent/Teacher Conferences
ACT/PSAT Testing
Spring Break

April

All School Liturgy
Auction Knight
Easter Break
Prom
National Honor Society Induction

May

All School Liturgy
Elevation Dance Show
Volunteer Appreciation
Final Exams
Baccalaureate Mass
Senior Dinner
Honors Assembly
Graduation
End of Quarter 4 & Semester 2

COMMUNICATION

Honor Roll of Donors: Published annually, this magazine highlights the past year at Dominican and includes the names of all Annual Fund donors.

Naviance: College research and application software which is introduced to students and parents during freshman year and used throughout high school.

PowerSchool: Parents and students receive login information that allows access to grades and attendance information.

School Calendar: Includes all activities and events, holidays and days off for the current school year and can be found on Dominican's Website.

School Directory: Contact information for all families is compiled and emailed to current families.

Student Handbook and Planner: All students receive a handbook and planner at the beginning of the school year. This book will include the daily bell schedule as well as any special events happening on a particular day. It also features policies on attendance, dress code, and behavioral standards.



2019 Summer Magazine



2020 Summer Magazine

Summer Magazine: Annual publication sent out to alumni, current parents, past parents and friends of Dominican. It includes athletic, campus ministry and theatre updates, a review of the graduating class, alumni updates and memorials.

Tapestry—Dominican Literary Magazine: Composition of student artwork and literary writings. Published in the Spring.

COMMUNICATION

Social Media: Dominican's social media accounts provide daily updates on what is happening within the school and its students.

Twitter: @DominicanHS

Facebook: @DominicanKnights

Instagram: @DominicanHighSchool

Website: www.dominicanhighschool.com

Dominican App: Download the official Dominican High School app from the app store for free. The app provides easy access to calendars, social media and much more. The app is compatible with both apple and android phones.

Weekly Newsletter: Sent every Wednesday to all current parents and students. This newsletter contains important information about the upcoming week, events and much more.

Freshman Newsletter: Weekly informative emails, just to the freshmen families, regarding homework, upcoming tests and events specific to freshmen.

College Planning Newsletter: Sent every other Friday to junior and senior families. This newsletter contains important information about the college planning process including events, testing dates, scholarship opportunities, school visits and much more.

Subscribe to our newsletters: If you are not receiving any of the above stated newsletters, subscribe on Dominican's website at dominicanhighschool.com/newsletter or Communications Manager Spencer Smith at ssmith@dominicanhighschool.com.

Yearbook: Created by students in journalism class and presented to the school community after the Honors Assembly in May.

LOCATIONS

Academic Wing: The main three floors of the school are considered the academic wing. The first floor includes classrooms for religion and social studies as well as the KIC program. It also houses the counseling offices. The second floor contains the Mazzuchelli Academic Center (Library), Student Resource Center, English, Art and Foreign Language classrooms. The third floor houses the Todd Wehr Science Center, Math and Music departments and the Little Theatre.



Auditorium: The auditorium is located in the concourse off the main parking lot. School liturgies, theatre productions and all-school gatherings are held here.

Bay Ridge Entrance: There is a small parking lot off Bay Ridge Avenue with a secured entrance. This entrance is for staff to use during the school day. Students and visitors are not permitted to enter through these doors.

Board Room: The Maggy Connelly Schuh Board Room is located adjacent to the main lobby. Board of Director meetings as well as other special meeting are held in the Board Room.



Hall of Fame: The Doug Siewert Athletic Hall of Fame honors individuals who have been elected to Dominican's Hall of Fame. It is located in the hallway on the second floor between the gym and academic wing.

Inner Concourse: This is the area off the main parking lot that leads into both the auditorium and the cafeteria.

LOCATIONS



Gymnasium: The William Crowley Gymnasium is located on the second floor above the cafeteria. The gym has been dedicated to long-time Dominican icon Bill Crowley. The gym houses all home basketball and volleyball games as well as athletic-based gatherings.

Little Theatre: Located on the third floor off the hallway that connects the academic wing with the stairway to the concourse. The Little Theatre houses some fall performances and theatre rehearsals.

North Campus: The grass area north of the cafeteria is considered North Campus. Many sports teams practice here. It is also transformed into the powder puff field during Homecoming week. When weather permits, teachers may hold a class on North Campus.



St. Dominic Chapel: The Chapel is located on the northeast corner of the first floor. It is adorned with beautiful stained glass windows created by students of advanced stained glass classes. It also features a hand-carved statue of the Blessed Mother and hand-carved stations of the cross.

Weight Room: Located in the basement of the school directly under the cafeteria. The weight room is equipped with several weight training machines and free weights and has an open area for plyometrics and yoga. The weight room also has a training room with a trainer on staff from Ascension.

Activity Room: Located in the school cafeteria, this room is used for student meetings before, during and after school.

ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Athletic Booster Club: Made up of parents of student athletes, the ABC provides personnel for the concession stand, admissions at sporting events and spirit wear sales. Money raised by the ABC helps our numerous sports teams as well as updating our athletic facilities.

Board of Directors: Dominican High School is governed by an appointed Board of Directors consisting of current and past parents, alumni and friends of Dominican, as well as the President and a Sinsinawa Dominican Sister.

Campus Ministry: Under the direction of our full-time Director of Campus Ministry, 100% of our students participate in community service activities. Dominican students not only get to explore their faith within the classroom walls, but are given various opportunities to act on what they believe. Our Campus Ministry organizes and facilitates our class retreats, school liturgies, collecting sandwiches for the Guest House and preparing and serving meals for the St. Ben's meal program

Fine Arts Booster Club: Parents, alumni and friends of the Theatre Department make up the Fine Arts Booster Club, known as FAB. This organization supports all the fine arts at Dominican through concession sales, ticket sales and staffing productions.

Kairos Leaders: Students selected through Campus Ministry are trained to lead our junior Kairos retreat. The ultimate goal of Kairos is to help young adults deepen their personal relationship with God while building a strong community with their peers through an atmosphere of encouragement, openness, reflection and trust.

Knight Life: This group of junior and senior leaders support all students transitioning to Dominican. Knight Life leaders plan and run freshman orientation, provide one on one support to new students and are a key part of the recruitment process, helping to demonstrate the advantages of a Dominican education to middle school students. Students may apply for Knight Life in the spring of their sophomore or junior years.



ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Multicultural Club: This club meets all year to create a Multicultural Celebration Day held in April. There is an awesome show with a variety of cultural performances, a multicultural prayer service, food trucks in the parking lot and fun interactive sessions throughout the day. In January, Multicultural Club works with the Blood Center of Wisconsin to host a Blood Drive in the gym.

Parent's Association: All Dominican parents are encouraged to participate in the Parent's Association. The PA helps promote Dominican activities and support for all events. They also sponsor a variety of guest speakers throughout the year and fund specific events.

Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation: The first religious congregation incorporated in the new state of Wisconsin in 1848. The Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters sponsor 11 institutions including Dominican High School.

Social Justice Committee: The Social Justice Committee is a group of dedicated students that meet weekly to discuss issues of diversity and equity in our world. The committee plans and runs events and initiatives that seek to raise awareness, raise up voices of those marginalized by society, and to ensure that all cultures and backgrounds are celebrated in our Dominican community.

Student Government: Each grade level elects a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary to represent their class needs and to run important programs like dances, class fundraisers, service endeavors and the talent show. The presidents of each class council meet as a group called the Presidents Committee, which reviews proposals and meets with Dominican administration as needed. The Presidents Committee and student government is led by a student leader called the Executive President. Freshman elections take place in the fall, and sophomore through senior elections occur in the spring.

Veritas Team: Campus Ministry has a select team of students who have participated in the Dominican Preaching Conference. These students share reflections during our All School Liturgies.

SCHOOL EVENTS

All School Liturgy: Liturgies are held monthly in the auditorium and are planned by the Campus Ministry liturgy team. Students participate as the servers, lectors, musicians and choir members.

All School Party: This event is open to all grades as a kick-off to the school year and a chance to reconnect with fellow classmates. It is held in early August prior to the start of school.

Baccalaureate: The night before graduation Dominican holds a very special Mass that all graduating seniors are required to attend. Seniors wear their graduation gown without caps and process into the auditorium for Mass. Seniors honor their parents in a special way during this Mass as well.

Back to School Knight: Parents come to school and mimic their child's class schedules. It is an opportunity to meet teachers and learn about the expectations of each class.

Bill Crowley Scholarship Golf Outing: Since its inception in 1984, this event has provided financial assistance for over 1000 students who would otherwise have been unable to afford a Dominican education. Golf outing is held on the 3rd Monday of August at Ozaukee Country Club.

Current Parent Donor Party: This party is open to all current school parents and is typically hosted by parents. This party provides an opportunity to socialize and also gives attendees a chance to underwrite costs of the auction and provide donations.



Graduation: Held on the Friday evening prior to Memorial Day weekend in the auditorium.

Homecoming: Held in September. The week is filled with fun themed activities, a football game and the Homecoming Dance. All students are encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Powderpuff Cookout: Sponsored by the Parent's Association, this cookout is held the Thursday night of Homecoming week. It also includes the powder puff game as well as a variety of other fun class competitions.

Honors Assembly: On the Friday prior to graduation, the entire school assembles in the auditorium to honor the seniors. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

Auction: The biggest fundraiser for Dominican High School held in March or April. More than 100 parents and volunteers transform the concourse, cafeteria, gymnasium and board room to the theme of the auction. National Honor Society students serve in numerous capacities from setting the dining room to selling raffle tickets to serving dinner.



Knight Walk: This annual fall fundraiser benefits the many activities that help enrich our students, including sports, theatre, campus ministry, music and fine arts. Knight Walk is a six mile walk through Whitefish Bay.

National Catholic Youth Conference: Catholic high school groups participate in a biennial three-day experience of prayer, workshops, concerts and exhibits to empower Catholic teenagers.

National Honor Society: Junior and senior students who have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or better for five semesters, as well as involvement and service, will be invited to be inducted into the National Honor Society in the spring.

Open House: Held on a Sunday in October, it is our largest recruiting event. We rely on our parents, students, alumni and board of directors to give tours, welcome guests and help us showcase our school.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Past Parent/Alumni Donor Party: Held several months prior to the Auction, this event is a fundraiser hosted in the home of an alum or alumni parent. It is an opportunity for attendees to underwrite costs of the auction and provide donations.



Powder Puff Football Game: This fun activity takes place on the Thursday evening of Homecoming. Freshman and sophomore girls compete followed by the junior vs. senior girls game. It is held on north campus. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Prom: Open to all junior and senior students, Prom is held at the end of April or early May. The junior class organizes the evening of dinner and dancing and is held at an off-site location. Students in the junior class make up the Prom court. Sophomores can attend if asked by a junior or senior student. Prom is followed up with the Post-Prom party held at Dominican.

Sandwich Thursdays: Every Thursday, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are made by students in the cafeteria at lunch. Sandwiches are donated to the Guest House.

St. Ben's Meal Program: Dominican is committed to preparing and serving meals for the St. Ben's meal program on all the 5th Sundays of month. Students are assigned items to bring to school and volunteers are asked to donate money to offset the cost of purchased items as well as to prepare and serve food. Volunteers meet on Sunday morning in the Dominican cafeteria to prepare the food and transport to St. Ben's. Volunteers help serve at St. Ben's as well.

St. Dominic Society Dinner: Usually held in November, this dinner is by invitation only honoring our top donors.

Senior Dinner: A kickoff celebration for senior week, seniors and their parents reflect on their time at Dominican. It is held the Saturday prior to graduation.

ATHLETICS



Dominican is a member of the Metro Classic Conference. More information about the conference can be found at www.metroclassicwi.org

Boys Offerings

Fall Sports

- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Football

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Hockey

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Golf
- Track & Field
- Tennis
- Lacrosse

Girls Offerings

Fall Sports

- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Dance Team

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Dance Team
- Hockey

Spring Sports

- Softball
- Golf
- Track & Field
- Soccer
- Lacrosse

CLUBS

- Black Heritage Club
- Campus Ministry
- Chess
- Destination Imagination
- Faith & Food
- French Club
- Fuego Latino
- Journalism
- Knight Life
- Multicultural Club
- National Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- Rock Climbing
- Wonder Club

*Plus many others based on student interest.

OUR MISSION

Dominican High School provides young adults with a co-educational Catholic college-preparatory experience based on the teachings of Jesus. Our faith-driven school community fosters spirituality and creativity, respects uniqueness and diversity, and encourages intellectual, social, physical and artistic development. We commission our students to develop a heightened sense of social responsibility and respect for human dignity based on the values articulated by the Sinsinawa Dominicans:

Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership



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