
Thursday, January 9th , 2025

DeSmet Public School



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Happy New Year!

Child Find January 16th see attachment for more information.

We are excited to announce that Ms. Ebbs will be starting a new project. Attached is a letter containing more information about the project and what the students need.

Big Sky High School will be hosting an event for incoming 9th graders on **Wednesday, January 22nd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

The DeSmet Foundation is welcoming new members. Members will help with fundraising for the DeSmet daycare and student activities. If you are interested in joining, please see Mr. Driessen.

Please ensure that your student has a pair of gym shoes at the school. These shoes are exclusively for use in the gym and will remain at school. Outdoor shoes or boots are not permitted in the gym, and we kindly request that no black-soled shoes be used.

We are seeking donations of snow boots and snow pants in all sizes and in good condition. If your child has outgrown any of these items and you would like to donate them to the school, please feel free to drop them off at the front office.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 16th - Child Find 0-5 years – 9am-11:30am @ DeSmet**
- **January 20th ~ No School**
- **January 22nd ~ Big Sky High School incoming 9th grade event 6-8pm**
- **January 23rd ~ End of 2nd Quarter**
- **January 30th ~ Early Release @12:30**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

To start off this year we are going to have a Tissue Box Design Contest! Schools go through lots of tissue this time of year so what better way to collect some boxes? The directions are simple: purchase a new box of tissues (any size) and decorate the outside of the box with a book theme or book character. Put your name and classroom teacher on the bottom of the box. Let those creative juices flow! Teachers and school staff will vote for a winner from each group...PreK-1, 2-5, and 6-8.

Decorated boxes are due back to school by Thursday, January 23rd and the voting will take place Friday, January 24th.

Looking forward to all the wonderful ideas that students bring in!

Kindly,

Ms. Ebbs

Librarian/Art Teacher

Child Find Event in Our District for Children 0-5 Years:

A free Developmental and Preschool Screening Clinic for children ages 0 to 5 for **DeSmet School District** will be held on January 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at **DeSmet Elementary School**.

This free screening will include gross motor, fine motor, language concepts, communication concepts, communication skills, hearing and vision screening.

Please call to schedule an appointment for your child's screening or to receive more information.

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What Is Child Find?

Child find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA '04) that requires states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21 years, who need early intervention or special education services.

Developmental and Educational Services for Children Ages Birth through 21 Years

Some children have more difficulty learning than others. They may have trouble achieving milestones in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas:

- Vision and Hearing
- Motor Control or Coordination
- Behavior or Social Skills
- Speech or Communication Skills
- Cognitive or Academic Skills