



April 2025

Danbury Catholic School

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Upcoming Events

April 2nd Lenten Retreat
with Julie (*Dubuque*
Franciscan Sisters)

2:30 Rosary for Lent

April 7th Schwa Day = PJs

April 7-11th ISASP Testing
for 3rd - 6th graders

April 15 Plant orders due

April 17th, 18th and 21st
No school

April 22nd Kdg field trip

April 24th 1st/2nd field trip

April 26 First Holy

Communion &

Father Ball's Birthday

April 29th Skating and

Movie for plant sales goal

April 30th TADS Application

May 1st Transportation

forms due *and*

MLTF Applications due

Principal Petersen's Post

Spring is here and is going so quickly! We have some big projects going on as the seasons change. Our plant sales are going well, which is great news! Another big project we have worked on this spring is our hot lunch program. Our new cook for next year, Holly, was able to cook for the students a few weeks back after the blizzard and it was a BIG hit! Not only did the kids love it, but Holly did, too. She can't wait to cook for us again. I have been working on policies for our free and reduced lunch program, for payments for meals, and for our meals. Once we get those updated, we will share them out with our families.

Reminders

Mass Times have changed for 2nd Semester! Mass will be at 10 AM on Fridays (10:30 if there is a late start). Everyone is welcome. Please still have students wear their Danbury Catholic shirts for masses.

When your child will miss school, arrive to school late, leave school early, or have different transportation for the day, please contact the office. You can call 883-2244 or email office@danburycatholic.org. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher as well.



3rd - 6th Graders Take ISASP Tests

State ISASP testing will take place next week, April 7-11, for our 3rd-6th grade students. Please help make sure that your kids receive enough sleep for these tests and that they eat a healthy breakfast to sustain them. We will serve a snack each day. Please remind your kids that this test is a great way to see how much they've grown since last year, and not to stress about how their classmates

are doing. If your child gets anxious about these tests, help them practice some relaxation techniques, like breathing exercises. Please let us know if we can help at all.

What's a Schwa, You Ask?

Maybe you didn't know that April 7th is Schwa Day! Mrs. Drees learned in a workshop last month that the schwa is celebrated on April 7th each year, so she has some thing planned for us. The kids will be most excited about the PJs they get to wear that day. Along with PJs, though, they'll be learning all about the Schwa that day!

But "what is a schwa," you might be asking. The schwa is an unstressed vowel sound, often referred to as a "lazy" sound. In a dictionary you might have seen it as an upside down e. It is really when a vowel makes a short u or short i sound and it shouldn't. The most common word this happens in is "the." The 'e' doesn't make an e sound there, it makes a short u sound. That's a schwa!

This is introduced in lower elementary because of little words like "the," but it happens even in big words like "analysis" or "congressman" and can be tricky when spelling or reading words. That is why we'll all be learning about the Schwa on April 7.

Financial Aid Information

Combine the MLTF & ESAs to cover all tuition for next year!

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation Scholarship

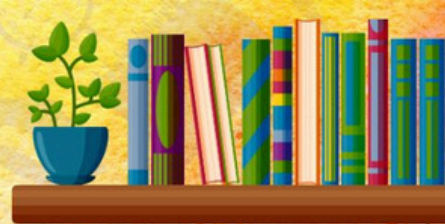
This year Danbury Catholic raised over \$30,000 in donations to give out to our students with MLTF scholarships. *In order to keep the money local, our families need to apply!* Otherwise the money will be used for scholarships at other Catholic schools. MLTF tuition money can also reduce any financial assistance needed from the parish for the school. The application link can be found in the blue section near the top of our [school website](#). The MLTF scholarship application is due May 1st, but please don't wait until the last minute. Many people begin the application but don't complete it in time, so please start early! Federal & State income tax information is required to complete the application. Their Help Line: 800-844-8237

ESA Applications

Open April 16

The state has updated the ESA website.

Applications will be open 4/16 at 8 am and will remain open through the end of June. Please be sure to apply for this financial aid!



We have a **LIBRARY WISH LIST**



As kids visit our library, they ask for books they'd like. If we don't have them, we started adding them to an Amazon Wish List. We don't really mind where the books are purchased (shopping local is always great), but Amazon seems to be an easy place to make and share the list.

Scan the QR Code below or email the school to get a link to the list!



We would love to have you join us for Easter

April 16 @ 12:30

**Living Stations of the Cross at
Danbury Catholic School**

All others are at St. Mary's Church:

Good Friday, April 18 @ noon

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 8:30 a.m.

If you have questions about the services, please reach out to Mrs. Petersen. We would love to see you!

OUR MISSION:

Danbury Catholic School will provide a quality academic and spiritual education, with Christ as the model for our staff, the inspiration for our students and the reason for all that is done in our lives.

Our parish, St. Therese of Lisieux, has a subscription to Formed.org and it is available to our families. To log in under our subscription, go to <https://formed.org/signup> and search for our parish using the 51019 zip code.

Praise, Teach, Live, Be the Light