

1) Opening Prayer (Father Gregory)

- Prayer offered for:
 - Students, parents
 - School staff
 - **Bishop Golka**, whose mother had died **two days prior**
 - Group recited the **Our Father**; prayer concluded in the name of the Holy Spirit.
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2) Approval of Prior Minutes

- Chair noted minutes were distributed late (the day before).
 - No objections raised; **minutes adopted**.
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3) Principal's Report (Mrs. Shannahan)

Enrollment / Admissions

- Enrollment reported as:
 - **K-8: 135 students**
 - **Preschool: 40 students**
 - **Total: 175 students**
 - **13 prospects**
- Reported **loss of 9 students over winter break**, attributed to concern following a **threat of violence** and some families returning to homeschooling.
 - Clarified: 9 students came from **3 families**.
 - Sheriff's Office details regarding D38 wide security concern not available; matter stated to be **under investigation**.

Catholic Schools Week / Key Dates & Activities

- **Open House: Jan 25, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**, after the **10:30 AM Mass**
- **Jan 27: 8th grade field trip to Denver for a U.S. Constitution event**

- **Jan 28:** Guest speaker “**Brad Farmer**” — two assemblies:
 - **K–5** and **6–8**
 - Topic includes **reconciliation** and saints; incorporated **juggling**
- **All-diocese Schools Mass: Feb 06, 10:00 AM, St. Dominic’s**
 - Preliminary logistics: younger grades bused; older grades transported by parents (to be confirmed in upcoming communications)

Marketing / Outreach

- Advertising placements in **Monument Living** and **Palmer Lake** publications promoting the Open House.
- Students created a **National School Choice Week** video; school believed it may be the **only Colorado school** participating (as reported).
- Principal planned to attend a **downtown school choice event**, sharing a table with the diocesan/superintendent presence rather than hosting a standalone table.

Facilities / Renovations

- Renovations continuing in phases; stairwell treads not completed as scheduled.
 - Plan needed: **three Saturdays in a row** to complete stair work; unlikely in January, targeted for **February** due to calendar conflicts.
- Flooring updates:
 - Tile removal and installation of new vinyl flooring completed in areas.
 - Some doors require shaving/adjustment to close properly.
- Roof work completed over **Thanksgiving break**.
- Front office work likely deferred to **summer** due to time constraints.
- Ventilation system cleaning being quoted for **spring break**.

Instruction / Professional Development

- Teacher PD conducted with the **University of Dallas**:
 - Focus: classroom narration and open-ended questioning (classical technique)

- Teachers to pilot strategies; new lesson plan template introduced, with follow-up expectations to be communicated.

Security

- Security posture unchanged; volunteers wearing yellow vests have sparked a rumor that the school has “hired security” (viewed as a positive perception).
- Volunteer coverage described as “strong”.
- **Lacey Miranda** planned additional periodic walkthroughs (“random walking around”) when she cannot be on site all day.

Golf Tournament

- **Eisenhower Golf Course** offered **Oct 2** with a **1:30 PM shotgun start**.
 - Package includes box lunch; optional buffet/meal add-on discussed.
- Principal flagged urgency: SAC must decide whether to take ownership of the event planning/leadership or delegate elsewhere.
- Q&A noted prior enrollment was higher (a figure of ~212 was recalled); principal cited multiple reasons for decline (moves, transfers, dissatisfaction, etc.) and noted a returning family that re-enrolled.

Community Threat Coordination

- Father Gregory stated he would meet the next morning with Monument-area pastors and first responders to improve coordination.
- Noted concern that District 38 did not include St. Peter’s (or Monument Academy) in key closure/reopening meetings; efforts underway to improve inclusion in future communications (including coordination with Monument Academy leadership and SRO).

4) Father Gregory — Q&A / Remarks

- No formal Q&A items raised.
- Father Gregory shared a health-related awareness message:
 - Recent discussion with a hospital pulmonology leader highlighted concerns about a severe flu strain.

- Encouraged increased emphasis on hygiene and informed decisions regarding vaccination/health precautions; referenced an article he wrote for awareness.
- Father Gregory referenced the **Catholic School Network** initiative beginning with the next school year, noting benefits and that tuition increases were being discussed at the diocesan/network level (letters referenced as included in packets).

5) Discussion Topics

A) Tuition Increase

- Topic acknowledged; **no questions raised**, moved on.

B) Golf Tournament (Operational Viability + Format)

- Financial recap noted (as shared in discussion):
 - Silent auction estimated at **~\$7,000**
 - Total event proceeds referenced around **\$30,000**
 - Concern raised: removing the silent auction could reduce proceeds significantly, but auction adds heavy workload (procurement, data entry/photos, storage/logistics).
- Purpose of silent auction reaffirmed: engage non-golfers, spouses, parishioners, and community members; not limited to golfers.
- Operational risk emphasized: the details are irrelevant without someone willing to **lead and run the event**.
- Concerns raised:
 - **1:30 PM** start time in **October** (cold, darkness, pace of play extending into evening)
 - Weather risk (snow)
 - Eisenhower constraints vs. prior Woodmoor model (Woodmoor required an experienced leadership team; course closure adds complexity/value).
- Ideas proposed:
 - Survey potential participants to validate preferences (start times, format).

- Consider delaying to **2027** to secure a morning start time and build a committee.
- Consider alternative fundraising concepts (cultural event: concert, comedians, ticketed performance) as potentially lower-lift and more inclusive.

C) Family Handbook Updates

- **Family Service/Volunteer Fee:**
 - **\$150** (fall) + **\$150** (January) = **\$300** annual family service investment fee.
 - If **30 service hours** are completed: credit toward next year's tuition.
 - If not enrolled the next year: **school retains fee** (per draft language).
- Concerns/feedback:
 - "All-or-nothing" credit seen as punitive (e.g., 29 hours yields no credit).
 - Splitting into two payments questioned; suggestion to allow flexible payment options (pay \$300 upfront or split).
 - Equity concerns for families leaving after 8th grade; proposal: allow earned credit to apply to **8th grade DC trip** costs.
 - Raptor system noted as self-reported; limitations acknowledged.
- **Uniform/Dress Code**
 - Proposed measurable standard for skirt hems: **3 inches or less above the knee** (to be included explicitly in handbook).
 - Current year standard referenced as "fingertips," and concerns raised about approved vendor skirts fitting waist but being "too short" by newer expectations.
 - Principal indicated vendor guidance and handbook language would be updated for next year.

D) School Day Schedule (Announcement)

- School will be returning to a 3:15pm end time.
- Principal cited alignment with other local schools and maintained calendar buffer:
 - Diocese minimum: **172 days**
 - St. Peter's planned: **174 days** (including a snow-day buffer approach consistent with last year).

6) Open Floor / Additional Items

Recess Line-Up / Prayer Clustering (Security Perception)

- Concern raised that students gathering closely to pray after recess could be viewed as a “condensed target.”
- Discussion generally concluded:
 - Students already congregate during recess; risk differential is unclear without a defined threat.
 - Operational benefits noted to praying before lunch for smoother transitions.
 - Alternatives mentioned (lining up in gym), but prior parent feedback favored morning playground access; no change decided.

Enrollment Retention / Recruitment (Major Theme Raised Late Meeting)

- Multiple participants expressed concern about:
 - Ongoing enrollments decline despite community growth.
 - Need for a structured SAC discussion focused on **why families leave/why new families do not enroll** and actionable solutions.
- Factors discussed:
 - Cost pressures and “stretch” for young families, even in a generally affluent area.
 - Preschool-to-kindergarten conversion challenges; perception that preschool families feel less integrated into the K–8 community (messaging like “K–8” vs. “PreK–8” noted).
 - Importance of word-of-mouth reputation (academics, culture, parent experience) overpaid advertising (billboards cited as ineffective based on anecdote).
- Agreement to build a more structured discussion format for future meetings to avoid devolving into complaint-only sessions.

Catholic Identity / Retreat Feedback

- Positive report from a middle school retreat (“Keep Christ in Christmas” theme):

- Strong engagement, discussion, hands-on activities and skits; overall well received.
- Elementary Advent activities also referenced positively.

Academic Tool Discussion: i-Ready Access

- Parent concern: students not assigned i-Ready may miss familiarity benefits tied to test performance.
 - Principal response:
 - i-Ready has **per-seat cost** and is primarily for interventions; higher-performing students use other tools (e.g., Freckle) or enrichment.
 - School focus is curriculum-first; goal is to reduce pull-outs as students improve.
 - Mentioned benchmark outcomes and moving 7th grade cohort toward Algebra I.
 - Potential option raised:
 - Explore whether parents could pay for an i-Ready license for home use.
 - Cost cited as approx. **\$26 per subject per year** (math/reading discussed).
 - Principal offered to consult diocesan leadership/superintendent about feasibility.
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7) Closing Prayer (Father Gregory)

- Closing prayer offered, ending in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Meeting adjourned with safety reminders due to weather.