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PARENT BULLETIN

November 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

Please make every effort to have your students here at school on time every day from start to finish! While we understand certain illnesses and family emergencies can't be avoided, we know that parents do have control over some of those "early outs" and vacation trips that happen when school is in session. In addition, frequent tardiness and absences create extra work and time for classroom teachers, interrupts established routines, and often places extra stress on a child to get "caught up".

The law on attendance is the same regarding public and private schooling. For a student to receive credit for a class or grade, the student must be in attendance for at least 90% of the days we are in session. In other words, it is possible that a student may be retained in a grade if the child is continuously absent from school because they are missing valuable instruction in the classroom. In addition, we are required by law to keep daily attendance records on every student that attends our school. If a child is absent from school, please make sure that you send a note or e-mail to your child's teacher and notify the school office explaining the reason for the absence.

Finally, our primary goal is for all of our students to be successful and know the importance of showing up for school on time every day, similar to what they will experience in the future during college, work, and life. The first step in a student's success is being present in class every day. Academic success is directly related to good attendance. Partner with us on "setting the bar high" with expectations of good school attendance!



Prayers and Blessings,
 Sandi Killo

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. We invite the student's family to join us for lunch. **Please note that we will not be pulling siblings from class to join the family for lunch.** Please see our designated lunch schedule below. We ask that you pre-order your lunch via the Ren Web lunch ordering process by **Friday, November 10, 2017 @ 3:00pm** Student lunch \$5.50 and Adults \$7.50. **No late orders will accepted.** If you need assistance or have questions please contact the school office at (830) 257-6707.

Thanksgiving luncheon schedule:

Students will go to lunch at the following times:

- *11:00 Pre-K
- *11:15 Kinder
- *11:30 1st, 2nd
- *11:40 3rd, 4th
- *12:15 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th



Poinsettia Fundraiser!

Once again, our PTC Board is and will be working hard on getting the word out on our Poinsettia Fundraiser. Parents, we also need our help, this could not happen without you.

Poinsettias are Red: 6.5" with 17-18" in height and are \$12.00 each.

What a beautiful and great way to start off our Holiday Season spreading Cheer with one of God's natural beauty is for us. The Poinsettia Forms are going home today! Please check your child's backpack for this great fundraiser.



Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops, please continue clipping. You may send them in with your child to school. Thank you so much for your support!



Daylight Savings Time Change!

Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday morning, **November 5th!**



Notre Dame Cash Cards

- ♦ Would you like to save valuable time during the hectic holiday season and actually relax and enjoy that time with your family?
- ♦ Wouldn't it be nice to do all your Christmas shopping now so that you can enjoy the Holidays?
- ♦ Purchase the perfect gift for your loved ones. Not only would you be buying them a gift but you will also be giving a gift to Notre Dame Catholic School.

We are now taking orders for "Cash Cards" for Christmas. Place your order in the school office no later than **3:00pm on Monday, December 15, 2017** for delivery before the Christmas Break. Come by and see a list of cards available in the school office or you may view retailer list at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>



2018 Catholic Life Sweepstakes

Ticket sales for our 2018 Catholic Life Sweepstakes fund raiser has begun. Each student received their packet containing a minimum of 10 tickets to sell. **100 % of the Proceeds will stay here in our school.**

If all 134 students here at NDCS sold their ten tickets, our school will profit \$6700.00.

Help our school and Sell, Sell, Sell!



Top seller-Dell Latitude Education Laptop;
2nd Place-Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Luxe Edition Headphones
3rd Place and 4th Place - Bicycles



Catholic Life provides all sweepstakes prizes. The Grand raffle prizes for 2018 will be the winner's choice of a 2018 Ford F-150 truck, or a 2018 Ford Fusion Sedan, or a pre-paid \$20,000 VISA Credit Card. Also, again, this year... a guaranteed winner of a pre-paid \$1,000 VISA Credit Card will be drawn from each participating school's tickets sold!

Basketball is just around the corner!

Open Gym is available from Monday, November 6 until Thursday, November 9th from 3:45 –5:00pm.
Basketball practices will start on **Monday, November 13th from 3:45pm-5:15pm**. Please see Coach Keller by **Friday, November 10th**, if you plan on playing. Coach Keller will be coaching the boys and Coach Kelly will be the girls coach.



HEARING SCREENING

Hearing Screening will be on **Tuesday, November 7th at 8:15am**: Pk-4; Grades: Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th; & any new enrolled students in grades 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th



Uniform Guidelines

Parents as it starts to get cooler in the mornings, please make sure that your child is in uniform attire. Jackets and sweaters other than Parker Uniform are allowed to wear but must be taken off during class. Please refer to the uniform guidelines attached for specific details or you may call the school office at 257-6707. If you are still missing any ordered uniform items please call Parker School Uniforms at 210-530-0087 or 800-754-9494.

Thank you!

NJHS will be Hosting our Veterans a Breakfast on **Thursday, November 9th** after the Veteran Ceremony during Prayer and Pledge. Thank you to all Veterans for your service to our country.



St. Vincent de Paul

THANK'S YOU Notre Dame students!



Trick or treating for canned goods was a huge success. Our students collected a tremendous amount of non-perishable food for the pantry. This will help our neighbors in need.

Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to Notre Dame Catholic School, you need to start each shopping session at the URL <http://smile.amazon.com>, and we will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Visit Your AmazonSmile Impact to see donation information and learn more about your charity. AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives. smile.amazon.com



HOPE for the FUTURE

We are asking you and your children to help in building up and promoting Catholic school education and Hope for the Future. Hope for the Future requires 20 service hours from all HOPE recipients.



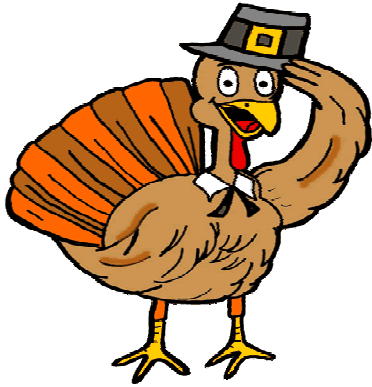
1. We require four (4) hand written thank you letters from your child to Hope for the Future Benefactors. These letters will be used in our print campaigns, website and advertising and will count as one (2) service hour per letter or story. **Please have your child include topics such as their favorite subjects and teachers, extracurricular involvement, and any other pertinent information about their Catholic School education.** Artwork or a photo of the child accompanying the letter is always appreciated and greatly encouraged. All letters and supplemental documents **should be brought in to the school office.**

Please remit your child's letters no later than the following:

~~1st letter October~~ **2nd letter December** **3rd letter February** **4th letter April**

2. Volunteer Opportunities – Please watch in the bulletin for with specific needs .

The Mission of **Hope for the Future** is to provide the benefit and values of a Catholic education to our community!



**We are needing Sponsors for
TURKEY BINGO!
It is NOT too Late!**

YES, FRIENDS, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2017

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 p.m.

BINGO BEGINS: 6:00 p.m.

PRIZES: 14 Turkeys and 5 Hams

Notre Dame Catholic School PTC is looking
for Turkey Bingo Sponsors!

If you are interested in sponsoring, please fill out the
form below and return it to the school office.

SPONSOR NAME: _____

of Turkeys/Hams to sponsor at \$25.00 each: _____

(Please make checks payable to: Notre Dame School PTC)

Once again, we thank you for your continuous support for the children
of Notre Dame Catholic School!!



LIBRARY NEWS!

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

We want to thank all the mothers who came to help man the A.R. Store! Without their help the A. R. Store could not happen! Over 1,000 points were cashed in for prizes from the store. **The dates of the A.R. Store for the year are: December 20th, March 28th and May 23rd.** (As soon as our H.E.Buddy shirts come in, the students will be allowed to wear their shirts on this day.) I would encourage the parents with younger child(ren) to have their child(ren) read his or her book **at least three times**. In this way, your child can read for understanding what he or she is reading as well as fluency, reading without hesitation. The goal set for each child is to earn an 85 average over all his or her quizzes. Don't forget that your child(ren) can take A.R. Quizzes at home until 7p.m. every night.

Next week we will finish recognizing the students with the top A.R. points in each grade level. Those students will earn a free Whataburger Kids Meal, and a chance at 4 tickets Spurs tickets, t-shirts, and 4 Whataburger meals. Notre Dame also has a chance to earn a Spurs Pep Rally with Coyote, the Silver Dancers and a Spurs Player.

The students with the top A.R. points each quarter will be recognized by having their pictures on the Wanted Readers Poster. So encourage your child(ren) to read and take they're A.R. quizzes. The following students have earned the right to have their pictures on the Wanted Readers Posters in elementary: **Noelle Agulto** (3rd Grade-**61.2 Points**), **Andrew Gonzales** (2nd Grade - **60.6 AR. Points**), and **Estefani Ulloa** (3rd Grade-**50.2 Points**). In Junior High the top A.R. point earners are: **Arianna Lambdin** (6th Grade-**131.6 Points**), **Demetrios Lambdin** (8th Grade-**84.6 Points**) and **James Exum** (6th Grade-**52.9 Points**).

If you would like help with the A.R. system or taking quizzes, contact Mrs. Wiedenfeld. Student(s) can check out more books or take an A.R. quiz by coming by the library before or after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Calendar

- 11/7/17 - Hearing Screening - 8:30am
- 11/9/17 - Veteran's Day Ceremony during Prayer and Pledge - Gymnasium
- 11/9/17 - Turkey Bingo - 5:30pm-Social Center
- 11/10/17 - Mass at 8:00am
- 11/10/17 - Deadline to order Thanksgiving Lunch
- 11/11/17 - NJHS Conference in San Marcos
- 11/13-14/17 PSAT Testing for 8th Grade only.
- 11/13/17 - Basketball Practice Begins
- 11/13/17 - Booster Board Meeting - 6:30pm-Conference Room
- 11/15/17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 11/15/17 - School Council Meeting - 5:30pm-Conference Room
- 11/17/17 - Mass at 8:00am
- 11/17/17 - Early Dismissal at 12pm- NO Afterschool care



I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25-26

Prayers...

† We praise you for our many blessings, seen and unseen.

† For the all of our students, families, faculty and staff.

† For the healing of all the sick and their families.

† Let us pray to the Lord.