



P A R E N T B U L L E T I N

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“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

When attacks of hate and terror happen in the world around us, especially in our places of worship, they shake us to the core. We believe God will protect us, but that doesn't mean we don't have to be intentional about security. Over the past couple of months, we have had a “wake-up” call! The surge in recent shootings around the world, has prompted us to look carefully at security around our parish and school. Talking about these attacks can be difficult and heart-wrenching, but we can't avoid putting proactive measure in place to prepare ourselves in the event of a crisis.

In an effort to inform our parents and parishioners, this is a top priority for us as we work together proactively to take steps to evaluate our current safety practices to ensure our school and church is a safe place for all. Logan Underdown, Director of Risk Management for the Archdiocese, is currently working on recommendations for all Archdiocesan schools and parishes. Once we know these recommendations, we will form a committee charged with conducting a formal review of all safety policies and procedures to ensure we are adequately prepared in the event of a crisis. In addition, we will connect with our community partners, Kerrville Police Department and other Emergency Responders to review emergency response plans, including short-term needs that may assist us in prevention efforts, crisis planning, and preparedness.

It is during times like these that we are especially called to be a community. May God be with the victims of these most recent tragedies. God is our refuge in times of trouble and we will be ready. We must remind ourselves about the all-encompassing power of Jesus and his promise for the future.

Blessings,
Sandi Killo, Principal

Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders are due on Monday, November 27th.



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” & 17”-18” tall 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 for us.

The Poinsettias will be delivered on Wednesday, November 29th. PTC is needing some Volunteers to help deliver poinsettias to businesses in town. If you can spare an hour or two, please stop by the gymnasium around 12:00pm or sign up on Signup Genius.



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 18, 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> **All orders must be pre-paid.** As always thank you for your support of NDCS. An order form is attached for your convenience!

BEFORE YOU BUY THAT TURKEY!!!!!!



Stop by the school office and get your HEB or Walmart Cards before you do your grocery shopping. Notre Dame Catholic School will receive 5% with our HEB Cards and 2.5% with your Walmart Cards. The cards are the same as cash!

If you spend \$200 on groceries and gas that will give the School \$10.00!! It all adds up. So Stop by and purchase yours before you SHOP!!



SELL, SELL, SELL

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 Season is Underway!

Parent volunteer's are needed to work their classroom designated concession stand for our home basketball games. Please call or email your room mom to help out. You may also find the games/concession schedule attached. This is a great opportunity to help, and also if you need service hours, this will count. The proceeds go directly to our Physical Education Program and Extra Curricular Activities. It also helps offset the costs of having sports at Notre Dame.



11/30-Basketball Game-vs. Blessed Sacrament

5:00 Girls A 6:00 Boys A

(Pre-K and 7th Grade have Concession Duty)

Notre Dame Catholic School Yearbook

The Yearbook Staff would like to thank all the parents who turned have turned in any school event pictures!!! If you should have any more school pictures, we would love to have them. Our Students 6th through 8th Yearbook Class appreciates any help. To share your pictures please go to: community.lifetouch.com and enter Notre Dame Catholic School's code: **ZSDMTJ**. Please help us make this year's yearbook the best yearbook! The yearbook students are about to finish their first page!



8th Grade Thanksgiving Project

Our Eighth Grade students will be collecting food items such as Turkey, Ham, canned goods, pies for families in need in this community from **November 13th through November 20th.** This Thanksgiving Project will provide families a heart warming Thanksgiving Day Meal. Please contact Mrs. Hiigel at susie.hernandezhiigel@notredameschool.cc for a more details. Thank you!



LIBRARY NEWS!!



"In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

This is the integrated bible verse we talked about this week during library class! As God said, "We have to become like little children." (Matthew 18:3) Teaching library every day, I am able to see and experience the world through the eyes of our Notre Dame children. This feeling is never more event than during the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The blessings I felt this week as the students and I discussed what this bible verse means, and how we can apply it to our lives truly was a heaven on earth experience. Each child shared what he/she was thankful for and how he/she can and do show they are thankful to God and to each other.

*Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays! It is a chance for me to stop, slow down and thank God for **how** He has blessed me through this school and my family. God has blessed me with so many blessings! At Notre Dame I am thankful to be able to share my love of God with our children. I am thankful for the many volunteers who come to help in the library!!! Activities such as Book Fair, A.R. Store and placing new books on the shelves could not be accomplished without the many volunteers that lovingly give of their time! (If you have any extra time and would like to help out in the library, please let me know.) I am also thankful to the many parents that bring their child before and after school to check out books and/or to take A.R. quizzes! I am thankful for the teachers, staff and administrators who lovingly teach our Notre Dame students' and support each other. You are all in my thankful prayers!*

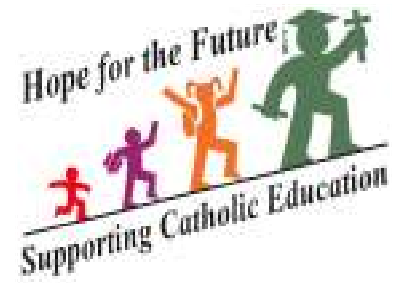
I would like to close with a story of how our children are blessings to us. One of the students asked me yesterday, "Mrs. Wiedenfeld, when is the next Scholastic Book Fair." I responded not until March. He proudly said, "I'm your take down man!" That is out of the mouth of a second grader! So, remember come to the library and be a takedown person!

Keep Reading and God Bless You With a Memorable Thanksgiving!

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!

Calendar

- 11/20—6th Grade Field Trip to Cinema Rio @ 12pm
- 11/21—Thanksgiving Day Prayer Service - 3:00pm-Church
- 11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/27—Classes Resume at 7:50 am
- 11/27—Poinsettia Order Forms Due!
- 11/29—Poinsettia Orders to be delivered and picked up
- 11/30—Progress Reports Issued
- 11/30—Basketball Game—ND vs. Blessed Sacrament-Home
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(Pre-k and 7th Grade have Concession Stand Duty)
- 12/01—Mass at 8:00am
- 12/02 - DI Instant Challenge Meet (Woodridge Elementary, SA)



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. as members of one body, you were called to peace. Be Thankful!

Colossians 1

Prayers...

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

† Praise God for all the answered prayers.

† Let us pray to the Lord.

