



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

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May you all have a wonderful Spring Break. Be safe and be blessed! We will see you on Monday, March 19th!

**You can make a difference,
Go Make A Difference!**



“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

As we begin our Pre-Registration for 2018-2019 school year, please reflect on the many reasons parents choose Catholic education. Many choose to send their children to Catholic schools because they believe them to be in places that provide excellent academics in a faith-filled community with a commitment to learning how to be a servant leader to others in need.

Excellent Academics: Did you know that Catholic Schools have excellent academics? On national and standardized tests, Catholic schools consistently outperform public and other private schools by as much as 20 percentage points. Catholic schools graduate 99.3 percent of their high school seniors compared to 82% in public schools; 86% of those Catholic High School graduates go on to four-year colleges and universities.

Faith-Filled Communities: Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily. Catholic students attend church more regularly and retain a Catholic identity as an adult. 34 percent of Catholic elementary school graduates and 39 percent of Catholic secondary school graduates continue to practice Catholicism into adulthood. This is compared to 5% of Catholics who did not attend Catholic schools. Catholic high school graduates are more likely to consider faith as one of the most important parts of their lives.

Service to Others: People who attended some sort of Catholic school are more likely to feel a social responsibility to the needy. Catholic school graduates are more civically engaged. Catholic school graduates are more likely to vote. Catholic schools are deeply rooted in the communities they serve. Catholic school graduates are more tolerant of diverse views.

These facts are part of what makes Catholic schools unique. The above information is from NCEA Parent News Vol. 2 No.6. We, at Notre Dame Catholic School, recognize our parents as the primary educators of their children and nurture the “threads that tie home and school together”. It is our mission to develop and nurture “the whole child” through a faith-based and loving environment. We hope you will choose Notre Dame Catholic School as your school of choice for next year.

Blessings,

Sandi Killo



**Spring Forward
Daylight Saving
Time begins
On Sunday,
March 11, 2018**

Don't forget to
forward your clocks
1 hour!



VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

**Pre-Registration will be open to the public on
Monday, March 19, 2018.**

Please take this opportunity to secure your child’s enrollment for the next school year (2018-2019) All classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis with Pre-Registration Payment.

- ◆ Pre-Registration forms have gone home. If you should need another form, please come by the school office.

Save the Date!

**Notre Dame Catholic School
Casino Night Fundraiser
April 14, 2018@ 6:00pm - NDCS Gym!!**



Casino Night is coming up and the Committee is already working hard to make this a fun and successful fundraising Event.

If you have any Live Auction Items or Silent Auction items (newer items only please) to donate, please drop them by the school office. If you have an item(s) that is questionable, please contact Carol Wagner at (309-230-8030) or Mrs. Killo in the school office at 257-6707.

Volunteers are needed for all areas....set up, clean up, helping during the evening with check-in, issuing of sold Auction items. If you are available for any amount of time or interested in a specific area please contact the school office at 257-6707. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours and support our School.



Library News



Encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes every day! We want to recognize all the students who read 360 minutes or more and participated in the Read Six to Succeed program:

Grade	Students	Grade	Students	Grade	Students
Kinder	Kaylee Camarillo Colten Gonzales Casen Gonzales Christopher Holmes Emma Martinez Gentry Pipkin Concepcion Valdez Victorialyn Vasquez	2nd	Simran Bal Andrew Gonzales Lee Keller	4th	Tania Angel Gisell Chaves Ella Farrow Daniela Guevara Michael Heinen Tanner Holmes Lucy Ince Olivia Vladetz Nathaniel Wyman
1st	Abigail Bracelin Grant Gutierrez Rylie Manahan Leo Ngo Sean O'Fiel Ava Patton Liv Rydberg	3rd	Rynlee Fiedler Estefani Uloa	5th	Reelyn Fiedler Thania Gutierrez Albert Vasquez

These students will be receiving their free pass for a day at Fiesta Texas in May!

Last week the Kinder class checked out and read their first book from the Notre Dame Library! We want to thank all the parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents who listened to them read their book three times....once for the Father, once for the Son, and once for the Holy Spirit! This week the kinder students took their first A.R. Quiz over the book. I emailed every parent the child's pass word with instructions. I thought this new letter would be a good time to repeat those instructions: go to www.notredameschool.cc Click on [About Us](#) → [Links](#) → [Accelerated Reading Student Log in the first Tab](#) Input your child's User Name: [and Password:](#) If you would like some help with this process or want to check out extra books for your child, do not hesitate to come by the library on Tuesday through Thursday morning or afternoon. **Have a great and safe Spring Break!!! Where ever you are Read!**



Students Preparing for Sacraments for 2018-2019!

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30** in the Social Center for parents who have children that are eligible to begin Sacrament preparation for Fall 2018.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist takes place on many levels. In the home the children are first nurtured, formed and introduced to the traditions of the family and the faith community. In their religion class and through special workshops and retreats they will further increase their knowledge. In order for a child to have a relationship and grow in their love for Christ it is necessary that they experience the Sunday liturgy on a regular basis. Requirements to start preparation:

1. Must be the desire of the child to receive the sacrament.
 2. Parents must attend meeting, please bring copy of Baptismal certificate to meeting.
 3. Sunday liturgy is an obligation to us as Catholics. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith.
- Please attend Sunday Mass with your child.

Calling all our NDCS **ALUMNI**

We would love to stay in contact with you, please visit our webpage at www.notredameschool.cc and click on the ALUMNI Tab and sign in. Let's keep in touch! Please call the school office for any questions! Thank you!



American Heart Association
life is why™

Notre Dame Students, YOU DID IT and you learned about having a healthy

Our students surpassed their goal of \$1200.00 given by Coach Keller. The total amount raised was over \$1943.00. Our students jumped rope for heart in January!

WOW! Way to go Irish!



Hope for the Future Application Process for 2018-2019

The application for tuition assistance is available. Please see the following dates for the 2018-2019 Hope for the Future Application Process. Should you have any questions you may visit our website at www.archsa.org/hope/FAQS or you may contact our office at 210-734-1963. Should you have any questions during the application process please contact the FACTS Parent Hotline at 1-866-441-4637 and they can assist you with any FACTS issues.



January 1, 2018 - FACTS Application Opens (Early Round)

March 9, 2018 - FACTS Application Closes (Early Round)

April 2, 2018 - FACTS Application Re-Opens (Final Round)

April 2, 2018 - HOPE Notifies applicants with awards via e-mail. (for applicants that applied during early round)

April 20, 2018 - Deadline for applicants to accept awards through FACTS. (Early Round)

June 29, 2018 - FACTS Application Closes. (Final Round)

July 27, 2018 - HOPE Notifies applicants with awards via e-mail. (for applicants that applied during final round)

August 10, 2018 - Deadline for applicants to accept awards through FACTS. (Final Round)

All Families **MUST** apply online, www.factsmgt.com, and pay a \$30 application fee. Application fees are paid directly to FACTS. These fees cover the administration cost and Hope for the Future does not profit from these fees. This fee is non-refundable.

- A complete application **MUST** contain verification of income.
- **ONLY** complete applications will be considered.
- **ONLY** families with \$0 balance at school will be awarded.
- Parents **MUST** log into their FACTS Account to accept the award.

For your convenience we have ONLINE Giving. Just go to our website at www.notredameschool.cc and follow the prompts. You can donate to the Guardian Angel Program "Student Scholarships", Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. You can also specify where you would like your donation used in the comment box.



Notre Dame Catholic School gives 32% of its tuition discounts to low in-come families who desire their children educated in a Catholic/Christian environment. That totals to approximate \$100,000 per year discounted to these children. Your help in funding these scholarships will continue to support Catholic Education for these children.

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! The school office has extra order forms if you are in need of one!

Counselor's Corner

I hope you all have a fun and safe Spring Break!! When we return we will continue with our theme of **Self-Awareness and Self-Regulation**. We will continue learning how to identify our feelings and strategies for coping with big or difficult emotions.



Remember, students will be making their own "calm-down bottles" which are a great self-regulation tool. If you have any empty water bottles please send one or two to school with your student. Thanks so much!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns for your student. My email is anne.carlson@notredameschool.cc or you can call the school office and they can transfer you to my phone. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your wonderful children!

Congratulations Natalie!!!

Natalie placed 1st place in the AIAL Golf Tournament this past Monday, March 5th!

Thank you for representing NDCS, we are so BLESSED by your talent and dedication.



Calendar

- 3/12-16—Spring Break
- 3/19—School in Session-7:50am
- 3/19—Pre-Registration Opens to Public.
- 3/19—Casino Night Meeting -5:30-Conference Room
- 3/19—Athletic Booster Meeting-6:30pm-Gym Foyer
- 3/21—School Council Meeting-5:30pm-Conference Room
- 3/23—Mass @ 8:00am



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 all of all the sick.
- † Praise God for all the prayers that are being answered.
- † Let us pray to the Lord.



****ATTENTION PARENTS****

NDCS Spring Fundraiser

"CASINO NIGHT"

April 14, 2018



We would like to provide a quality product for those participating in the meal. To do that, we are asking each family to donate \$10.00 toward the purchase of the wine to be served at dinner and throughout the evening at Casino Night.

Please return the bottom portion and money to your homeroom teacher
by **Friday, April 6, 2018**

(If you have more than one child, each will get credit for the class.)

Thank YOU for making
this Fundraiser a Success!



Family Last Name _____

Child/Children Grade (s): _____

Cash _____

Check _____

Thanks again for your SUPPORT!
(Casino Night-Wine Donation)