



PARENT BULLETIN

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You can make a
difference,
Go Make A Difference!



Just a friendly reminder our Handicap Parking is meant for the vehicles with a handicap tag. Let us keep them in mind when we park on our campus! Thank you for helping us help those in need.

“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

This past Saturday, 35 Notre Dame Catholic School students in 1st through 8th grade participate in the Catholic Arts and Academic Competition (C.A.A.C.) held at Providence Catholic School in San Antonio. Our students entered 14 contests and brought home medals in 14 different places from 1st place to 6th place. We are extremely proud of all of our students who participated and “thank you” to all of the teachers and parents who supported us with this competition. “Go Irish”! Special thanks to parents and teachers who volunteered their time to help students prepare for this event and participated as a proctor/grader. It was a great day and many proud moments for all involved!

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education celebrated in the United States. We are starting our celebration on Saturday, January 27th with a 4:00p.m. Mass with Bishop Mike Boulette. Following Mass, from 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. we invite everyone to join us in the Social Center for a special school “open house”. We have an entire week of events and activities planned to show the wonderful things our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate our future citizens and church leaders.

The theme of our celebration is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what makes Catholic schools work, resulting in student success. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

I hope you will visit Notre Dame Catholic School during National Catholic Schools Week to enjoy and celebrate with our students as they continue to learn and grow in faith development. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children.

I am grateful every day for our teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

Blessings,
Sandi Killo, Principal

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.



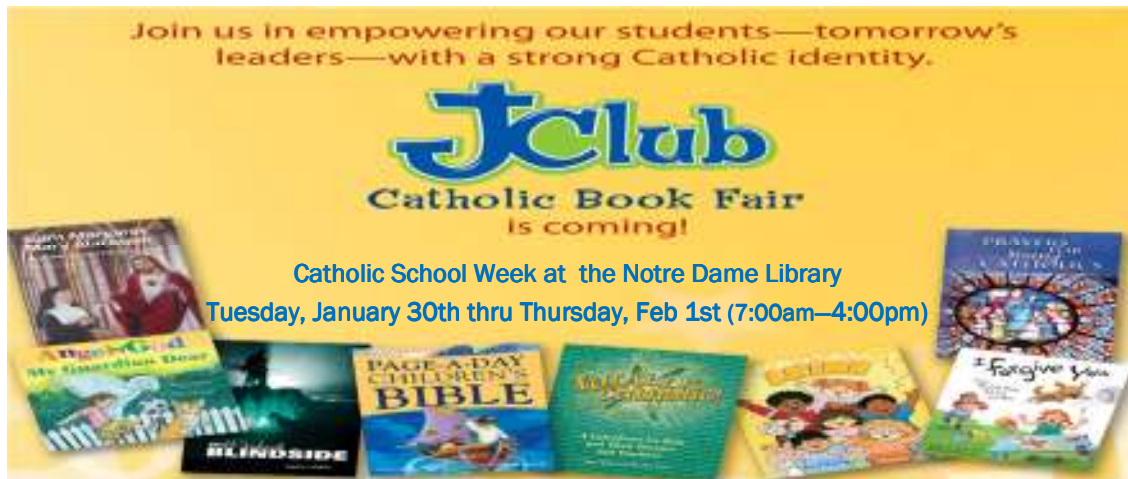
Library News



Have you been looking for a way to ensure that your child or grandchild has access to books, music and movies that highlight Catholic beliefs and values?

Come by the library during **Catholic School Week!** We will be having the display of the JClub books. Preview of the flyers for the books to be offered can be seen at Open House on Saturday, January 27 or sent home with your child. The JClub will be available for previewing at the library Tuesday, January 30th through Thursday, February 1st from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You can send in your order with your child or come by our library to see the selection the Daughter's of St. Paul have sent the school. We accept checks made out to Notre Dame or cash. **REMEMBER:** The sisters only sent us one book. So if you want to be guaranteed the book on display, come early. Thirty percent of your purchase will benefit the school. The class with the highest amount of purchases will receive a prize for every student and their teacher. For fun activities and a look at the JClub Magazine visit: www.JClubCatholic.org. If you need more information, do not hesitate to contact Virginia Wiedenfeld at 956-498-4953.

This week we completed the base line results as to where your child is in his/her reading and math. The time you are spending reading and doing math with them is paying off in the findings. Thank you for supporting, and encouraging your child to read and do math! A recent study compared two groups of readers found several differences in their reading practice characteristics, and one of them was the time spent reading per day. Students in the latter group—the **“successful” readers**—**read approximately six minutes more per day on average.** Can you have your child read six extra minutes each day?



**Winter Wonderland
Middle School Dance (6th thru 8th Grade)
Friday, February 2nd
7:00pm– 10:00pm
Admission: \$5.00
In the Gymnasium!**

Attention 8th grade Parents:

One of the 8th grade students is in the process of creating the “Have You Seen These Babies?” for the year book. Could you please bring in a baby picture of your 8th grader, with their name on the back? I will scan the picture and get it back to you right away! Thank you!



Ms. Megan Ray, Notre Dame Yearbook

Sports News

Our next **HOME** game is on **Monday, January 29th**. Both teams will play vs. St. Mary Magdalen. **4th and 7th Grade have Concession Duty!** Thank you Parents and/or Guardians for all of your help. Then on **Wednesday, January 31st**, both teams will play **AWAY** vs. St. Peter Prince.



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 on our website. 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 off-

Counselor's Corner

This past week and next week in Guidance classes we continue to work on this month's theme of *perseverance and self-motivation*. Students will be completing their New Year's Resolutions. Look out for these projects to come home. Ask your student about their goals and help support them! 3rd-5th graders have learned about SMART goals, which are goals that are **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Oriented**. Students will study important historical and current figures who embody this theme and also learn some Bible verses related to perseverance. One we will study is: James 1:12



"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

Once again, please get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns for your student!

Calendar



- 1/27—Catholic School Week Begins
 - 4:00pm- Mass-All School students Mass (Uniform Mass Dress)/ Open House-Social Center
- 1/29—Basketball Game—ND vs. St. Paul—Here
 - 5:00 Girls Team 6:00 Boys B Team (**4th and 7th Grade Class has Concession Duty**)
- 1/29- Thru 2/2-Catholic's School Week- (See Attached Flyer for daily events)
- 1/31 thru 2/1-JClub Book Fair @ 7:30am-4:00pm—School Library
- 1/31—Basketball Game—ND vs. St. Peter Prince—AWAY
 - 5:00 Girls Team 6:00 Boys B Team
- 2/1—Valentine's Bingo-5:30pm-Social Center
- 2/2—8:00am Mass
- 2/2 - MS (6th thru 8th) Winter Wonderland Dance—Gym

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.





National Catholic Schools Week 2018
Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed
January 28- February 4, 2018

****Teachers may choose activities with prayer Partners during the week****

Saturday, January 28, 2018

Celebrate In Our Parish

Event: **Alumni Welcome** -Gathering/serving refreshments-@2:30pm - 3:30pm- School Library

Mass 4:00pm - *Mandatory for students, faculty and staff (Student dress - Mass Uniform)* Parents will sit with their child(ren) in a designated school area. Free Dress Coupon will be given to teachers for students/Parents in attendance.

Open House – 5:00pm (Social Center)

Monday, January 29, 2018

Celebrate In Our Community

Event: **"Hand Washing"** - 8:05am– In the Church

Event: **"Can Good Race"** Community Service Project— St. Vincent De Paul will be our recipient.

Each class will compete against each other, the top winning Class will get a Free Dress Day.

"Thank you poster board" to be made by students and teachers in homeroom classes for businesses that participated in Trunk O Ween this past Halloween. (Poster board due by Wednesday at 10:00am)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Celebrate In Our Students

Event: **Celebration Luncheon for Students Only**— Cafeteria –Lunch prepared by Mr. Pat Mossman and provided by Mr. Buescher. (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Ice Cream, Mini cupcakes and milk)
Students will Picnic in commons area with their teacher.

J-Club Book Fair – School Library (7:30am-4:00pm)

Student Talent Show 1:30pm — Candy Bar and water will be offered—Cafeteria/Social Center

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Celebrate In Our Nation (Patriotic Dress Day for All Students or School Uniform)

Event: **Living Rosary** — 8:15am in the Church

Thank You's to be delivered to local businesses by STUCO and NJHS -2:45pm

J-Club Book Fair – School Library (7:30am-4:00pm)

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Celebrate In Our Vocations & Volunteers

Event: **Parent, Volunteer, appreciation "coffee & donuts"** in the Gym Foyer from 7:30am -8:05am

Event: **Guest Speaker for grades 4th thru 8th Grades** in the Fireplace Room

J-Club Book Fair – School Library (7:30am-4:00pm)

Event: **Valentine's Bingo in Social Center@ 6:00pm**

Friday, February 2, 2018

Celebrate In Our Faculty and Staff

Event: **"Faculty Luncheon"** in the Fireplace Room @ 12:30pm



Love Lines Yearbook 2017-2018

Your love lines are due by Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Love lines are \$10 and will appear in the yearbook. If you would like to add your own quality picture; it will be an additional \$5.00. Please include your child/children's name in your message. If you have any questions please contact or email Mrs. Wiedenfeld at virginia.wiedenfeld@notredameschool.cc

Love Line Message

Student Name: _____

Please attach your payment and photo if added when submitting this form.

Thank you,
Yearbook Class

VALENTINE'S BINGO IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2018

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 p.m.

BINGO BEGINS: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Your sponsorship will be items such as Dinner, Visa Gift Cards, Wine Baskets, Movie Theatre Tickets and much more!

SPONSOR NAME: _____

\$25.00 each: Cash _____ Check _____

(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!

Sponsor Form due back by Friday, January 26, 2018!





Valentine Love Gift

A portion of the proceeds go to the Student Council Outreach Fund



VALENTINES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON
FEBRUARY 13th

Your choice of:

Tootsie Pop Bouquet - \$1.50 each

Plush Valentine Animal - \$2.25 each

Bundle (Bouquet and Animal) \$3.50 each

We are taking orders **NOW** through **Thursday, February 8th**.

Money must accompany all orders.

(Circle Choice)

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