



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

November 10, 2017

“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

Saturday, November 11th is Veteran’s Day! This is an opportunity for all of us to show honor and respect to the service and sacrifice of men and women, whose patriotic service has kept our nation free and prosperous. Who is a veteran? They may differ in gender, race, age, national origin, or profession, but they share the common love for the United States of America; a love great enough to put their very lives on the line, if need be, to guarantee the way of life we enjoy today, and to secure that way of life for future generations. Our Veterans who have served or are currently serving our country, are the best people our society has to offer. We are a nation blessed with heroes who show leadership of the highest quality. Please take time to show honor and reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans. They deserved a huge “thank you” for their service to our country!

Monday, November 13th, all 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT. All eighth grade students are given the PSAT as a benchmark for starting their journey through high school and on to college. Test results give us information about areas of academic strength for each student.

Wednesday, November 15th is our Turkey Lunch Day at school. We hope you can join us for lunch! Please make sure that you pre-order your meal and sign into the office if you are planning on attending. All students will be eating lunch at their regular lunch times and will not be pulled away from their academic schedule in order to eat with their siblings.

Blessings,
Sandi Killo, Principal

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon is on [Wednesday, November 15, 2017](#). We thank everyone who signed up for the luncheon. Parents, please come to the cafeteria and sign in there on Wednesday. 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



Amazing Can Race

The Amazing Can Race - November 13th through 17th

The annual Amazing Can Race sponsored by our Student Council will be running the week of November 13th through 17th. This is our outreach to the community to share our bounty with those in need. Last year we supplied St. Vincent de Paul with just over 2000 cans/package food items for their food pantry. We can do it again!

Please send your food items with your child to their homeroom. You may send items such as Peas, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Tuna, Rotel, Ranch Style Beans and any kind of soup. But all canned donations are welcomed.



Sports News

Basketball is getting under way. Coach Mark and Coach Kelly will be working hard with our athletes. Basketball practice will begin on Monday, November 13th from 3:45pm until 5:15pm. The basketball schedule is being worked on will be out next week. Stay tuned.....



Notre Dame Catholic School Yearbook

The Yearbook Staff would like to thank all the parents who 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!



Thank You!

A special thank you to some wonderful ladies **Mrs. Angela Bracelin and Mrs. Isabel Gentry**, they both helped organize Trunk O'ween last week. St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you Notre Dame School!

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!

STUCO (Student Council)

Parents our Student Council will be selling ice cream on Thursday after lunch.
Elementary \$1.00 Middle School \$2.00



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 .



Library News

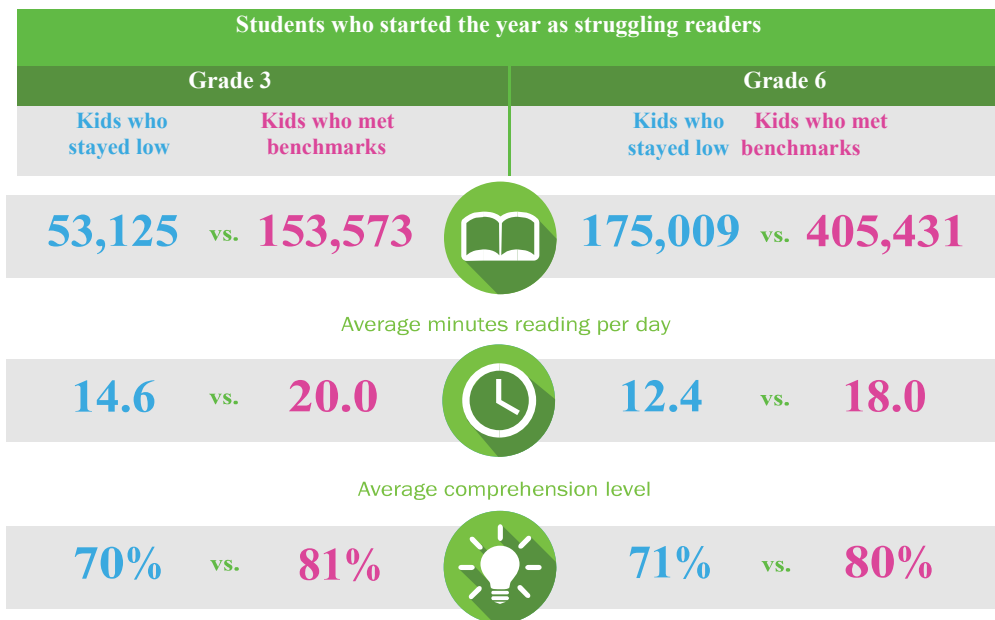


This week, I have been purchasing books for Kinder through 2nd grade for our DRE program. I meet with the teachers with the list from Accelerated Reader's publication, *What Kid's are Reading 2017*. From that source we selected books for the lower elementary class. While reviewing that publication the following research jumped out at me:

To read well and become well read—and to be ready for future challenges in college and the workplace—**students must dedicate time and effort to practicing this critical skill.** These findings were repeated by Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding in 1988 and Ericsson, Charness, Feltovich, & Hoffman in 2006.

Who does not want their child(ren) to be ready for the future? The key to a successful future for your child is reading. The following chart tells you how important daily reading practice is for struggling readers. The chart shows how a struggling reader in third and sixth grade moved ahead. So, please encourage your child(ren) to read at least 20 minutes every day. Reading alone may determine his or her success!

High-quality daily reading practice helps struggling readers surge ahead



FIGHTING IRISH SPIRIT!!!

Monthly Booster Club Meeting

Monday, 11/13/2017 @ 6:30 pm in the Gym Foyer

Sampling of Filipino cuisine for upcoming Booster Dinner

Let's come together to plan and to support our Fighting Irish!



Poinsettia Fundraiser!

Our PTC Board is working hard on getting the word out on our Poinsettia Fundraiser but **parents, we also need your 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. We do have some extra Poinsettia Forms in the school office.

All orders must be turned in by Monday, November 27th!



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!!

Calendar

- 11/13-17 - Amazing Can Race Begins!
- 11/13 - PSAT Testing - 8th Grade Only
- 11/13 - Booster Club Meeting-Gym Foyer @ 6:30pm
- 11/15 - Thanksgiving Day Luncheon- (See Page 1 for schedule)
- 11/15 - School Council Meeting-5:30pm- Conference Room
- 11/17 - 8:00am School Mass
- 11/17 - **Early Dismissal at 12pm- **No Afterschool Care will be available****
- 11/21 - Thanksgiving Day Prayer Service.
- 11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Holidays!
- 11/27 - Classes Resume at 7:50 am
- 11/30 - Progress Reports Issued



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 healing of all the sick.

† For the Repose Soul of all of the deceased. May they rest in Peace!

† Let us pray to the Lord.