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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”

Happy New Year 2018! My personal goal and motto for moving into 2018-2019 is “NO FEAR IN THE NEW YEAR”! I spent New Year’s Day in California this year and participated in the ritual of jumping into the Pacific Ocean (“The Polar Bear Dive”). It was certainly very, very cold, but was an invigorating “wake up” to get moving into setting new goals for the New Year! For many of us, this ritual symbolizes a new start. It reminds us to follow our passions, live life to the fullest, and face difficult or fearful situations by trusting in the Lord. This is a fresh opportunity for us to tackle new situations by “jumping in” with trust, determination, and faith. I invite you all to join me in this “Leap of Faith”. “Jump in” with or without water...”jump in” with all that you are and all that you wish to become. Happy New Year 2018!

Blessings,

Sandi Killo, Principal

Important Information to Know as we get ready for a very busy January and February:

Catholic Schools Week Kick-off...Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 27th at 4:00p.m.** Catholic Schools Week Kick-off will begin with a celebration at Mass with Bishop Mike. We would like all students to attend in their school attire and there will be a special section for parents and students to sit. Following Mass, we will have **an Open House in the Social Center from 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.** We hope you all will join us!

School Uniforms-Many of you have heard that our vendor, Parker School Uniforms, has closed. Next week, several of us are attending a “Uniform Supplier Showcase” to hopefully choose a new uniform vendor. Please note: we are not planning on having anyone purchase new uniforms in the future and will with a new vendor, simply add to what we already have. More information will be coming to you in the future.

Robotics Tournament : Students on the Robotics’ Team will have their first competition this Saturday, January 13th at “The Academy” in Comfort, Texas. Good luck to all of you!

OLH Placement Testing is this Saturday at OLH! Good luck to all of our 8th Grade students!

STREAM CHALLENGE...Mark Your Calendars for **Saturday, January 20th.** Be looking for important information coming next week for those children who have been selected to participate in events at Providence High School in San Antonio.

PSAT Score Results: This information will be mailed home to 8th grade parents next week.



National Catholic Schools Week 2018
Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed
January 27 - February 3, 2017

More details to come.....take a look at next week’s newsletter!

Catholic Arts and Academic Competition (CAAC)

"CAAC REMINDER...Next Saturday, January 20th, is CAAC Competition for students at Providence Catholic School. Parents will be providing their own student transportation to Providence Catholic School located at 1215 St. Mary's Street in San Antonio. Stay tuned for more detailed information coming next week. Students are to arrive 30 minutes prior to their events and will go to the school gym for "check in". There will also be a concession area provided for students to purchase snacks and drinks. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kenalty or Mrs. Killo at 830-257-6707.



Library News



I want to wish each one of you a Happy New Year! I hope and pray you had a blessed Christmas! This week at the library we celebrated two feast days, the feast of the three kings and the baptism of Jesus! Take time to read with your children these beautiful stories and talk to them about what gifts they bring to Jesus. How are they using these gifts? On Monday, we celebrated the end of Christmas time with the baptism of Jesus. Share with your children memories of their baptism, and of your baptism.

This week we have been benchmarking your child(ren) improvement in reading. The data will help us with areas we need to address in your child(ren)'s education. Next week we will be checking for your child's strengths and weaknesses in math. Please pray with and support your child during this time.

During library time, we are continuing to read the Texas Bluebonnet Nominees for this school year. Next week we will be voting on Notre Dame's top choice. This information will then be sent to the state of Texas, and we will find out what the top book selected in the state of Texas is.

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 Sponsor



Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and fun Christmas break! If we have not yet met my name is Anne Carlson. I am serving as the school counselor for Notre Dame Catholic School this year. I am a certified teacher and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I have many years of experience working with children and in schools and I am so excited to be part of the Notre Dame community!

In addition to providing support to students individually I also teach weekly Guidance lessons to the Pre-K through 5th grade classes. These lessons cover four domains throughout the school year: Spiritual, Academic/Educational, Career/Occupation and Personal/Social. I utilize Growing in Love: Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Curriculum for Catholic Schools, as well as many other resources to create what I hope are fun, engaging and thought-provoking lessons. With these lessons my goal is to assist students in their personal development, as well as support the classroom teachers in the creation of positive classroom communities. For the Spring semester we will focus on a Character Education theme of the month. For January our theme is *Self-Motivation and Perseverance*. Students will be learning about goal setting and creating New Year's Resolutions. Please ask your student about their goal and encourage them as they work towards it!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns for your student. I work part time Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm. 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!

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.

Notre Dame Catholic School Yearbook

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



FIGHTING IRISH SPIRIT!!!

COME and JOIN us at our

Monthly Athletic Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:00 pm in the Gym Foyer

Planning for February Filipino Dinner Fundraiser

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

Reminder – First Eucharist

Reconciliation Service

Parents & their children preparing for 1st Eucharist will need to attend this

Reconciliation Service on

Thursday, January 18th at

5:30pm. in the Church.

Please go to the Narthex area to pick up your child's name tag.



Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King Day.

It is School Holiday.

School will **not** be in Session!



Sports News

Our next **AWAY** basketball games are on:

Thursday, January 18th for both Girls and Boys Team vs. Little Flower!

Monday, January 22nd for Girls and Boys Teams vs. St. Gerard!

Wednesday, January 24th for both Girls and Boys Team vs. St. Paul!

GO IRISH!!

Our next **HOME** game is on **Monday, January 29th**. Both teams will play vs. St. Paul. **4th and 7th Grade have Concession Duty!** Thank you Parents and/or Guardians for all of your help.



Concession

Calendar

1/15—No School—Holiday—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/16—Report Cards Going Home

1/16—Monthly Athletic Booster Club Meeting—6:00pm—Gym Foyer

1/17—5:30pm School Council Meeting —5:30pm—School Conference Room

1/18—Basketball Game—ND vs. Little Flower—There

5:00 Girls Team 6:00 Boys Team

1/18—Casino Night Meeting—School Library@ 6:00pm

1/19—8:00am Mass

1/20—CAAC (Catholic Arts and Academic Competition)@ Providence High School—SA

1/22—Basketball Game—ND vs. St. Gerard—There

5:00 Girls Team 6:00 Boys Team

1/23—Kickoff for Jump Rope for Heart @Prayer and Pledge

1/24—Basketball Game—ND vs. St. Paul—There

5:00 Girls Team 6:00 Boys Team

1/26—8:00am Mass

1/27—Catholic School Week Begins

5:00pm- Mass-All School students Mass (Uniform Mass Dress)/ Open House-Social Center



For unto us a child is born! Isaiah 9:5

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.





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 high 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