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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

I thought that this might be a great time to let you know about the preventative measures the school is taking to make sure our students have a safer environment in which to learn and a safer place for our teachers to teach! Violence across America in our schools and churches is at an all-time high and a concern to all parents to make sure their children are safe. We struggle to understand “why” these events occur, but even more importantly how they can be prevented. Tragedies, while they cannot be completely stopped, we know there are preventative measures that we can implement immediately to put everyone’s minds at peace.

In May, I will be writing several grants to secure funding for the following safety improvements at Notre Dame Catholic School for next school year. Your prayers and support is greatly appreciated. The following safety improvements are the following:

Goal 1: Secure the Campus Perimeter:

- *Wrought Iron Fencing and gates to secure the entire campus forcing all visitors and parents through one main entry of the office.
- *Security Cameras to monitor areas of the campus at all times.
- *Electronic entry key system for all outside doors and gates.

Goal 2: Regulate access to the School:

- *Relocate the office and enclose within perimeter of the school.
- *Implement a “Visitor Management System” including prominent signage on all building entrances.
- *Implement an Electronic Visitor Check In/Out System through the office.

Goal 3: Provide Natural Surveillance by maximizing visibility of areas throughout the school:

- *Install Security Cameras outside the perimeter of the building and parking lot area.

Goal 4: Equip teachers with training, knowledge, and communication devices in the event of an emergency at school.

- *Purchase Radios for outside communication/playground/arrival & dismissal.
- *Conduct a safety and security audit/assessment of school grounds.
- *Revise Emergency Crisis Plan
- *Review and practice the School Crisis and Emergency Plan on a regular basis.
- *Provide “Crisis Training” and Professional Development for school and parish staff.
- *Implement the “Parent Alert” through RenWeb (Immediate Text Messages sent to your mobile device).

In conclusion, schools are generally very safe places for children. We will continue to work with our local police and fire departments, emergency responders, to keep us all safe. Senseless violence is hard for all of us to understand, but we will be proactive and take necessary measures to ensure all of our children have a safe learning environment at Notre Dame Catholic School.

Blessings,
Sandi Killo, Principal

IOWA TESTS

Students from grades 1st thru 8th will be taking the IOWA TESTS beginning promptly at 8:00am starting on Monday, April 9th thru Friday, April 13th, 2018, with Monday, April 16th being the make up day.



*****During testing, parents are asked to please send a healthy non sticky snack and water with your child*****

Please do not schedule any appointments if all possible during this week. Thank You!

It's NOT too LATE!

Notre Dame Catholic School Casino Night Fundraiser



April 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm NDCS Gym!!

Please call the school office at 257-6707 for Table Sponsorship, tickets, or donation items for silent and live auction.

Casino Night Chairpersons:

Sandi Killo @ 257-6707 or Carol Ann Wagner 309-230-8030

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

What a great way to earn and complete your Volunteer Hours before the end of the year. We need some MEN on Friday morning to help carry some heavy items. 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 rea please call the school office 257-6707.



Library News



This week at the library, the students have been previewing the Scholastic Book Flyer and making recommendations as far as which books we need in the library in the upper grades and in the lower grades they are watching the movie about books they might like to read.

I want to once again thank all our volunteers who give of their time to ensure that the Scholastic Book Fair is a success! Once again, we need volunteers...we need YOU! Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience.

We will **begin** the fun on **Wednesday, April 11th at 11!!!** If you are available, please come by and help us set up. At our last book fair we only needed an hour to set up. So the more people we have helping, the faster we can set up!

Those of you who want to **volunteer** or have already signed up to volunteer, make plans to come shop early on **Thursday, April 12th**. Please text me or call me the morning or afternoon you will be able to help. My phone number is 956-498-4953. The following chart are dates and times available for volunteers.

Day	Date	Times Available
Wednesday-Set Up	April 11th	At 11 a.m.
Monday & Friday	April 16th and 20th	9a.m.-12p.m. & 12p.m.-3p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	April 17th & 18th	8:10a.m.-12p.m. & 12p.m.-4p.m.
Thursday	April 19th	8:10a.m.-12p.m., 12p.m.-4p.m. & 4p.m.-7p.m.
Friday-Take Down	April 20th	3 p.m. Take Down Party

Don't forget all volunteers are treated to an Early Preview of the books on Thursday, April 12th from 7:30 until 4

Save the Date!!

7th Grade Wait Night @ Rails. A Café at the Depot

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018

5:30pm—8:00 pm

Our 7th grade class will be waiting tables for tips as a fundraiser to host the 8th grade dinner & dance! Please come out and enjoy a meal at Rails. A Café on the Depot and support our students. All proceeds will go towards the 8th grade dinner!



2018-2019 Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Board Members

President - Stephanie Keller

Vice President - Wendy Flores

Parliamentarian - Angela Fiedler

Treasurer - Amanda Beck ter-Stege

Secretary - Carol Ann Wagner

Teacher Representative - Denise Martin

Legislative School Representative/Home Room Parent Coordinator - Isabel Gentry

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in these positions for the upcoming school year and we thank you in advance for your support.

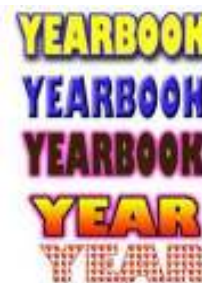
If you have any questions regarding PTC or are wanting to become more involved, please feel free to contact Stephanie Keller at 210-643-5237 or steph@muttproductions.com. Thank you.

YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE!

Order forms have been sent home...You may purchase online or by completing the envelope and returning it to your homeroom teacher. The cost per yearbook is \$25.00

your check payable to "Notre Dame School".

Order deadline is Friday, April 13th, 2018.



Sacramental Preparation for 2018-2019

Parents with children that are preparing for their sacraments please attend this meeting on April 11th @ 5:30pm in the Social Center in case you missed the first one.

This includes children or teens at Notre Dame School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, EDGE, LIFETEEN and Children's Faith Formation.

Parents must attend this meeting BEFORE your child can be put on the list of candidates for sacrament preparation.



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.
- Tuition assistance is ONLY available for K-12.

Calendar

April 9-13	Iowa Testing
April 10	7th Grade Wait Night @ Rails A Café at the Dep 5:30-8:00pm
April 13	Mass at 8:00am
April 13	Casino Night Setup-Gym
April 14	Casino Night @6:00pm—Gymnasium
April 16-20	Scholastic Book Fair
April 18	School Council Meeting-5:30pm-School Conference Room
April 19	NJHS Induction Ceremony –2:45pm-Social Center
April 20	Mass at 8:00am



I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet he shall 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 of the sick!
- † Praise God for all the answered prayers.
- † For our Principal- Mrs. Killo, our Faculty, Staff and NDCS families.

