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You can make a difference,
Go Make A Difference !

Middle School Exams
Monday, December 18th until
Wednesday, December 20th, 2017



We ask that all students are present during this mid term exams. Parents please do not schedule any appointments for your child during this test period. All exams will be in the morning, starting at 8:15am-12:00pm

Monday - Math and Social Studies
Tuesday - ELA and Science
Wednesday - Religion and Spanish (for those taking Spanish)

Study Guides will be done a week prior to the Exams.
Class time will also be used for review.



Just ONE more week left!!! Tickets are due back on Dec 22nd!

Ticket sales for our 2018 Catholic Life Sweepstakes fund raiser has begun. Each student received their packet containing a minimum of 10 tickets to sell. 100 % of the Proceeds will stay here in our school.


If all 134 students here at NDCS sold their ten tickets, our school will profit \$6700.00. Sell, sell, sell, we are almost at our goal!



- Top seller-Dell Latitude Education Laptop;**
- 2nd Place-Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Luxe Edition Headphones**
- 3rd Place and 4th Place - Bicycles**




Catholic Life provides all sweepstakes prizes. The Grand raffle prizes for 2018 will be the winner's choice of a 2018 Ford F-150 truck, or a 2018 Ford Fusion Sedan, or a pre-paid \$20,000 VISA Credit Card. Also, again, this year... a guaranteed winner of a pre-paid \$1,000 VISA Credit Card will be drawn from each participating school's tickets sold!



Early Dismissal

This is a reminder that we will have an early dismissal at 12pm (Noon) on Friday, December 22nd. There will **NOT** be after school care!



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.



Library News



This week at the library we celebrated three feast days! On December 12th, we celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The students listened to the beautiful story by Pat Mora *The Beautiful Lady: Our Lady of Guadalupe*. The story tells of a child celebrating this feast day with her cousin and her grandmother. On Wednesday, we celebrated St. Lucy's feast day by reading *Hanna's Christmas*. This is a present day story which tells of a young Swedish girl who is celebrating St. Lucy's feast day for the first time in America. On Thursday, we watched a video on St. John of the Cross. All of these saints reminded us how we can keep the Christmas season peaceful.

Peace during this Advent Season is so important! One of the things that you can do to ensure peace in your family is to **plan ahead**. Think of ways to avoid stress. Make time to read with your child(ren) your favorite Christmas story. The second way to avoid tension is to **stay within your budget**. That is the main reason we looked at the Scholastic Book Club last week. Scholastic has some wonderful books cheaper than anywhere I have shopped. My favorite recommendation is **stockpile gifts**. I have been purchasing books and gifts all year long which I think my grandchildren, and family would like to read. So, now all that needs to be done is to wrap the gifts. (If you are really working to avoid worry, wrap the gifts as you purchase them, but write a sticky note to tell you what is inside the present.) **Make time for personal prayer and Christian reading!** We all need to take time to think, pray and read about the wonderful gift of Jesus. Lastly but not least, when life gets hectic just **listen to or sing Christmas music**. I love the Christmas music with the words at the bottom so you can sing along! In this way you and your child(ren) are reading and singing-praying twice.

May God bless you with a Merry Christmas which is hassle free!

LAST CHANCE TO order Notre Dame Cash Cards for this Christmas!



- ♦ Would you like to save valuable time during the hectic holiday season and actually relax and enjoy that time with your family?
- ♦ Wouldn't it be nice to do all your Christmas shopping now so that you can enjoy the Holidays?
- ♦ Purchase the perfect gift for your loved ones. Not only would you be buying them a gift but you will also be giving a gift to Notre Dame Catholic School.

We are now taking orders for "Cash Cards" for Christmas. Place your order in the school office by Monday, December 18, 2017 for delivery before the Christmas Break.

Come by and see a list of cards available in the school office. The school office is opened from 7:30am until 4:00pm. As always thank you for your support of NDCS.

Sports News

There will be **NO** basketball practice the week of **December 18-22 due** to middle school exams. Our next **HOME** game will be on **Thursday, January 11th** with **Girls Team at 5:00pm** and **Boys at 6:00pm**. **3rd and 8th Grade have Concession Stand Duty!**



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 earn service hours, this will count. The proceeds go directly to our Physical Education Program and Extra Curricular Activities. It also helps offset the costs of having sports at Notre Dame.

Hope for the Future Application Process for 2018-2019

The application for tuition assistance will be available very soon. Please see the following dates for the 2018-2019. Hope for the Future Application Process. Should you have any questions prior to the opening of the application process 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 5, 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-8th.

Calendar

12/18-20 Middle School Exams

12/20 - School Council Meeting @ 5:30pm-Conference Room

12/22 - 8:00 am School Mass

12:00pm Dismissal-NO After School Care

12/23-01/07 - Christmas Break

1/8 - Classes resume at 7:50am



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

Prayers...

† We praise you for our many blessings, seen and unseen.

† For the healing of all of the sick!

† For blessings to all of our Principal, Mrs. Killo, our Parents, Faculty and Staff!

† Let us pray to the Lord.

