

September 15, 2017



Notre Dame Catholic School

From The Pastor's Desk.....

- ◆ The 105th Anniversary Notre Dame Catholic School Annual Festival
- ◆ Date: Saturday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 17th, 2017

Festival time is upon us once again! Festival is an opportunity for kids to have fun and for adults to work hard and raise money for our beloved Notre Dame Catholic School. Our school and each and every one of our students is well worth the investment. Our school faculty and staff are dedicated, hard-working men and women of faith. We need everyone to make an extra-special effort this year to make our Festival the best and most fruitful it's ever been.



I am still new to the Notre Dame community, but I have experienced one Festival so far. Last year, people kept asking me if I was ready for Festival. And I would say, "Ready or not, here we come." I still need as much assistance as I can get to make sure the Festival is a success.

Last year's Festival did well, but we still fell short. Maybe last year people were a little apprehensive because we had the presidential election coming up. They were uncertain of what might happen, and so were nervous about giving.

This year all of that is behind us, and things are looking up. Yes, we have had some storm damage in our nation and many have helped with financial and material donations. I am thankful for that. But we also need to take care of our own, too. Charity begins at home.

Let's all do whatever we can to make sure this year's Festival brings in the financial assistance we need for the school. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come and especially to participate in the auction. I know we can do this. I know many of you are able to step up and give from your hearts. Please give generously so that Notre Dame Catholic School can continue its mission of forming young hearts and minds to become faithful members of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church! Amen!

Fr. David Wagner

Raffle Ticket Contest Winners

- ◆ Congratulations to this weeks top selling classes 4th & 5th Grade!. They enjoyed an ice cream party!
- ◆ Overall Top sellers were Rynlee Fiedler-3rd Grade, Graham Ballay-6th Grade, Joaquin Calderon-PK, Rhett McCoy-3rd Grade and Daniela Guevara-4th Grade!
- ◆ The winner for the \$100 in Carnival tickets Sean O'Fiel- 1st Grade! Way to go!
- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for participating in the raffle ticket contest. You did a wonderful and awesome job. Together you raised **\$9,526.00**. We are proud of each and every one of you!! We were so close to our School Goal. Thank you so much for participating!
- ◆ Theme Baskets— All classes completed their basket 100%. THANK YOU so very much for your contributions!
- ◆ Clean up Monday—Monday is a very busy day of cleaning up and restoring everything for the school. Please help if you can. There will be a sign up sheet in the cafeteria for any "parent and student team" volunteering on festival clean up day. Student must be accompanied by parent as there will be no supervision on grounds.



Music Presentation during Festival!

Our children from Pk through 5th grade and our Middle School Choir will be performing a Music presentation on Sunday, September 17th prior to the Live Auction beginning at 3:00 pm. This is an annual presentation that is done by our children. Your child's participation is highly encouraged. Thank you for your continued support in our school and our children. Please have your child(ren) at 2:30 pm under the big tent on the Festival Grounds, look for Mrs. Redmon. Your Children will need to please wear their Thursday Polo Shirt. Thank you!



A message from our Health Coordinator.....

With cooler weather approaching, allergies and sniffles become more than just that....so here are a few reminders for parents!

- If your child is absent and a doctor's visit was necessary, please make sure to bring to the SCHOOL OFFICE a "return to class" notice from the physician's office indicating when the child may return and a diagnosis when necessary. This is requested by the School Health Coordinator to help keep parents of other students informed of the probability of a spreadable illness.
- A sick child is advised to stay at home during the first days of illness when symptoms are most severe and infection is most contagious. Children can return to school when symptoms are improving and no fever has been detected for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Encourage children to cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently, and keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth.



PICTURE JUST HOW AMAZING OUR SCHOOL COULD BE.



Office Depot/ Office Max will give your school 5% back in credits for FREE Supplies when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide your school ID at checkout.

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School Name: Notre Dame Catholic School

School ID: 70098657

Notre Dame Cash Cards

Notre Dame Catholic School is back in session and Cash Cards are selling!!!

Wow!!! Thank you for all your support. All you have to do is continue making your everyday purchases. Instead of paying with cash, credit or check, you purchase gift cards to your favorite retailers. These cash cards carry a rebate that goes towards Notre Dame Catholic School. The rebates can add up quickly.





Homecoming Week



September 19 thru September 22, 2017

Tuesday - Soccer Sock Tuesday! Wear your favorite color soccer socks! Support our soccer team at 5:00 Crush fields!

Wednesday: Spirit Head Wear Day: Wear your regular uniform and add a Pro team Hat, Cap or colored Hair bow.

Thursday dress with a twist...wear your favorite team's jersey with jeans or denim shorts. (Regular Thursday dress or uniform if not participating). There is a Pep Rally at 2:35pm in the gym. Come ready to show your school spirit and watch the teachers and soccer team play against the Volleyball girls! Please come and support our Volleyball girls at 4:30pm!

Friday: Our Homecoming dance will be for the 6-8th graders; it will be Casual Attire and \$5.00 cover in the Gymnasium from 7:00pm-10:00pm.

STUCO (Student Council)

Parents our Student Council will be selling ice cream on Thursday's after lunch. Elementary \$1.00 and 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 supplementary 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 .*

*The Mission of **Hope for the Future** is to provide the benefit and values of a Catholic education to our community!*

****Sports News****

♦ Admissions and Concession stand **help needed** during sporting events at home. Please contact your head homeroom parent to schedule a convenient time for you. The proceeds will go directly to our children, for PE equipment and sports, to help offset the costs at Notre Dame.



Our next Volleyball **AWAY** game vs St. Leo is **Wednesday, September 20th** at 4:30pm—B Team and 5:30pm A team. Go Irish!

Join us for our next Volleyball **HOME** game on **Thursday, September 21st** vs St. Gerard@ 4:30pm—A team Only—**Our 2nd Grade Class has Concession Stand duty!**

Our next **HOME** Soccer Game Game is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 19th** at 5:00pm vs. St. John Berchmann; then an **AWAY** Game on **Wednesday, September 20th** vs. Little Flower @ 5:00pm.



Library News



Kinder	Casen Gonzales	3rd	Noelle Agulto
	Colten Gonzales		Alexia Alcorta
1 st	Luke Story		Logan Royer
2 nd	Simran Bal		
	Stayley Gentry	4th	Tania Angel
	Andrew Gonzales	5 th	
	Aiden Cave	6 th	

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SADDLE UP AND READ



If your child has turned in his/her 10 books for this H.E. Buddy Summer Reading Program and your name is not on the list, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Wiedenfeld. The forms are due on Wednesday, September 28th!

Our Scholastic Book Fair books will be delivered on Tuesday, September 26th. If you would like to help us set up, come by on Tuesday. Remember: **Those parents and students who help with the Book Fair will be able to come to the Sneak Preview on Thursday, September 28th.**

The past two weeks we have been finding where your child(ren) are in their reading level. In this way the teachers, your child's Librarian and your child, will be better informed on how to select a book on his or her reading level. Please encourage and read with your child every night! The more he/she reads, the better reader your child will become. We have heard what hundreds of research studies tell us that students' reading skills grow when you:

Give students copious amounts of practice reading books. (At home, Notre Dame's Library and your child(ren)'s classroom.)

Allow students to choose the books themselves according to their interests.

Make sure the books are written at a level that is right for them.

Calendar

9/16-17/17-FESTIVAL WEEKEND

9/18/17- NO School-Festival Cleanup Day

9/19-22/17 - Homecoming Week (See Page 2 for Week Activities)

9/19/17- Soccer Game - 5:00pm ND vs St. John Berchmann - Home

9/20/17- Volleyball - ND vs St. Leo - 4:30 B / 5:30 A Team - Away

9/20/17- Soccer Game - 5:00pm ND vs Little Flower- Away

9/21/17- Volleyball - ND vs St. Gerard- 4:30 A Team Only- Home (2nd Grade Class to man our Concession Stand)

9/22/17 - 8:00am Mass

9/22/17 - Homecoming Dance @ 700pm- Gym (6th thru 8th Grade only)

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 a wonderful Festival Weekend,
- † For Peace and Comfort for the families of deceased family members.
- † Let us pray to the Lord.



Fall Festival Live Auction Sneak Peak Preview 2017

Golf experiences at the Dominion Country Club,
Comanche Trace, and Riverhills!

Dinner with Auxiliary Bishop Mike Boulette

Wicker Picnic Basket donated by Church's Chicken

Lake Medina RV Resort for 4, Two Nights in a Deluxe Cabin;
Donated by Marlene Grothues

Jewelry by Jill Reno, Regan Designs, James Avery, Jim Morris,
and Schreiner Goods

Sign Painting Party for 6 by Michelle Gutierrez.

Doll House by Father David's family.

Original Artwork by Melanie Krause (MKrause Designs)

Patriotic handmade bench by Martha and Carl Stakes

Class baskets and Class projects

KC Hall Rental for your special occasion; Donated by KC 6409

Guadalupana Enchilada Dinner and Fresh Gorditas during the auction

One year of Men's Shampoo and haircuts at the newly opened
"The Men's Room" by Melanie Krause

Rodeo tickets; donated by Grimes Funeral Home

2 courtside tickets (Row 11) for the San Antonio Spurs-vs- Bulls
(November 11) and a parking pass.

Donated by Kevin and Ernestine Sutherlin.

Vacation Cabin in Ruidoso, New Mexico

Donated by Pat and Loretta Walsh

Dallas Cowboys Basket -Dallas Cowboys Tickets and a Signed Football -
Donated by Keg 1 Oneal, LLC

And so much more...