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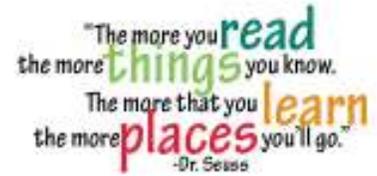


Notre Dame Catholic School

“PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING”

Dear Parents,

By now most of you have received your child’s Iowa Assessment student profile. We administered this test in grades 1st through 8th grade. The Iowa Assessment provides a nationally norm-reference measure of a student’s basic skills. It is a multiple-choice assessment designed to help provide insight into relative academic strengths and weaknesses and determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



The Iowa Assessments also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide college readiness for older students. For us, the assessments produce information that enables sound decision-making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction. The results assist us in monitoring students’ progress over time, and helps us to identify students in need of remediation and/or enrichment.

All second and sixth graders also were administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) which measures learned reasoning and problem-solving skills in three different areas, verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal. Reasoning skills develop gradually throughout a person’s lifetime, and at different rates for different individuals. CogAT measures the reasoning skills that have developed during a student’s educational career, even though they have not been explicitly taught.

It is important to remember that these scores are a “snapshot” of a student’s performance at a specific testing time. They reflect **only one component** that helps create a picture of your child’s overall academic progress. Please take into account that a child may have been anxious at the time of the testing or maybe not feeling well on the day of testing. It is important to look at the big picture at what your child does every day in the classroom as well as other forms of assessments, such as the STAR testing which the students take three times a year measuring growth in reading and math. In the younger grades, the teachers also administer DRA “Developmental Reading Assessments” to the children to measure their growth in reading.

This summer, please make sure that your children read every day to help strengthen their word attack and comprehension skills...this is essential. Research has shown that students in the younger grades who do not read over the summer, lose ground in their reading skills when they return to school in the fall. In addition, comprehension skills will flourish when children develop a reading routine at home...30 minutes a day will make a huge difference in your child’s academics. Also, the old fashion board games are a great way to develop higher-level critical thinking skills and problem solving skills. Finally, if you would like to really help your child this summer in math, bring out the good old fashion flashcards! As students get into more complicated math starting in fourth grades, it is essential that students have their addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts memorized. Finally, take advantage of the summer to spend quality family time together!

Thank you for your support this year and all that you do for Notre Dame Catholic School. Have a wonderful summer break!

Blessings,

Sandi Killo, Principal



Pre-Registration 2018-2019**

Forms are available in the school office. **Please secure your child's enrollment for the next school year as we fill classes on a first come, first served basis.** Thank you for choosing Notre Dame Catholic School for your child's education.



2017-2018 End of the Year Awards Recognition

Perfect Attendance: Noelle Agulto-3rd grade

8th Grade: Valedictorian– Demetrios Lambdin Salutatorian– Davis Clifton

Outstanding Citizenship: 1st-4th Grade– Josephine Arredondo; 5th-8th Grade– Diego Garcia

First Honors: Simran Bal, Jackson Brown, Lua Cleckler, Stayley Gentry, Andrew Gonzales, Evalyn Henson, RJ Merritt, Amelia ter Stege, Noelle Agulto, Lexi Alcorta, Danica Blaker, Rynlee Fiedler, Seth Grocki, Sam Kessel, Lucas Ledlow, Rylee Merritt, Logan Royer, Nicolas Agulto, Tania Angel, Josephine Arredondo, Gisell Chavez, Ella Farrow, Alex Flores, Johnnie Pham, Francis Arredondo, Reelyn Fiedler, Ramses Flores, Isela Garcia, Makenna Gourley, Rachel Keller, Brooke Johns, Albert Vasquez,, Graham Ballay, Cody Church, Davis Clifton, Stephen Grocki, Erica Guzman, Baylee Kessel, Demetrios Lambdin, Anna McCoy, Avery Morris, Kaiden Salaz

Second Honors: Aiden Cave, Waylon Castor, Abigail Ledlow, Lee Keller, Jace Wise, Gideon Zinmeister, Camilla Church, Rhett McCoy, Estefani Ulloa, Diego Dry, David Gutierrez, Daniela Guevara, Michael Heinen, Hailey Hoffmann, Tanner Holmes, Lucy Ince, Oliva Valdez, Nathan Wyman, Taylor Bloom, Sam Euresti, Thania Gutierrez, Ruben Guzman, Colt Sapp, Jakob Wyman, Chris Angel, Isabella Flores, Jasmin Guzman, Hayden Juenke, Ariana Lambdin, Natalie Wagner, Jadon Way, Diego Garcia, Kenia Garcia, Ashton Janes, Brandon Rodriguez, Dillon Dry, Akemi Gutierrez, Kaden Perrin, Stefano Sirianni, Thomas Taylor

Summer Hours of Operation

The school office will be open from June 4th through June 29th -Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please come by the school office to clear your account. We will re-open the school office on July 17th, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am -3:00 pm.

Summer Reading

The summer reading packets have been sent home with your child and the math packets for middle school. Additional copies will be available in the school office or on the school webpage beginning June 6th.

8th Grade Graduation

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the 5:00pm Mass

** 8th grade will need to arrive by 4:30pm meet in the Social Center -Fireplace Room

**Nice Sunday Church Dress—shoulders must be covered.

**Reception for 8th grade and family following Mass in the Social Center Fireplace Room.



Attention Hope for the Future

Hope for the Future Tuition Assistance Applications are on line for the 2018-2019 school year.

Fill out your application today! You may go online to: www.archsa.org

Calendar Dates

Please look out for your summer information packets for Dennis Uniforms, Registration Date, Meet and Greet and our First Day of School!

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 a blessed and relaxing summer break for students, Principal, Faculty and Staff.

† Let us pray to the Lord.





Library News



Check Out Books at the Public Library and Sign Up for Library Cards

We would like to encourage **everyone** to participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Library nearest you. The Kerrville Library is **free** for anyone living in Kerr County (**this includes outside of Comfort, Ingram and Center Point!**) That means you can check out books required for reading this summer and not have to pay for them! Remember: A child who does not read over the summertime **loses 18 months of reading skills.**

You do not have to have a Library Card to participate in the Summer Reading Program! Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Friday, June 1st. **After registering**, each child receives a “**Goody Bag!**” In the “Goody Bag” is a Reading Log and other exciting items. If your child(ren) completes the Reading Log, he or she earns a certificate, prizes and a party at the end of the summer. The Public Library is a great way to encourage your child(ren) to read during the summertime. **If you live in Kendall County, the Comfort or Boerne Library also have fantastic children programs for free!** Do not forget, students may take A.R. Quizzes over the summertime!

Summer Time A.R. Quizzes

I was stopped this morning by some moms asking about summer time A.R. procedures. I will be opening the summer time A.R. system the second week of June. Your child(ren) will be able to go into the A.R. Quizzes through the following procedures: (ABOUT US, LINKS and ACCELERATED READER STUDENT LOG IN are all on the left side of Notre Dame’s website.)

<http://notredameschool.cc/> → ABOUT US → LINKS → ACCELERATED READER STUDENT LOG IN

Remember: Your child(ren) can take the quizzes on your smart phone, and anywhere you have internet service. This includes the public library. Do not hesitate to ask me if you have any questions! The **top three students** who earn the most A.R. (Accelerated Reader) points in every grade are recognized at the beginning of the school year and given a certificate and a prize for their hard work.

Thank You!

I want to once again thank all the parents who volunteered at the Notre Dame Library this year! Our library could not survive without your help! God bless you all! This past week, I was especially thankful to God for Rocio Gutierrez and Angela Fiedler! The joy you bring to the students while they shop in the A.R. Store is amazing! I enjoy watching the students do real world math when they add up their items and figure out how many points they have left to spend! The 7th and 8th graders had their A.R. Store after they came back from their field trip this past Wednesday.

Help

Please help me close up the library! If your child(ren) is in National Junior/ National Honor Society or you need some service hours, I am planning on being on campus next week on Thursday, June 7th at 9 am. I need help dusting the shelves, organizing the books, and anyone with general organizational skills!!! If any of you can **spare some time to help** me with this endeavor I and the students would appreciate your help. Just drop by, and I will put you to work!

SCHOOL’S OUT FOR SUMMER!!! CASH CARDS WILL STILL AVAILABLE!!!

The school office will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday thru Thursday during the summer months so you can continue to purchase your Cash Cards to support the school.

Eating Out? Shopping for that vacation? Going Fishing? Buying school clothes or school supplies? Father’s Day is coming!

Don’t forget to get your Cash Cards!

Bass Pro Shop 9% Bath & Body Works 13% Walmart 2.5% Cabela’s- 11% Target- 2.5%



Kerrville Elks Lodge Essay Results!
Congratulations ND Students, YOU are awesome writers!

Kerrville Elks Lodge 2081 invited area students from the fifth grade to eighth grade to write an essay on "Why Our Veterans Are America's Heroes." The results are in. There were two divisions: Division 1 - 5th or 6th grade; Division 2 - 7th or 8th grade. The top five essays from each Division were recognized by the local Lodge with certificates of participation. The top five essays in Division 1 (5th or 6th grade) were written by **Makenna Gourley, Jasmin Guzman, Reelyn Fiedler, Taylor Bloom, and Rachel Keller**. The top five essays in Division 2 (7th or 8th grade) were written by **Kaiden Salaz, Cody Church, Kaden Perrin, Brandon Rodriguez, and Erica Guzman**. The top three essays from each division were selected by the Lodge Chairman and sent to the District Chairman, the District Chairman selected the top three essays received from the district in each division to send to the State Chairman. Makenna Gourley's essay (Division 1, 5th grade) was awarded third place in the state and Kaiden Salaz's essay (Division 2, 8th grade) was awarded second place in the state. The State Chairman selected the top 3 in the state to send to the National Contest Administrator.

Congratulations to all students who wrote essays for this contest, but especially to **Makenna and Kaiden** for placing at the State level!

Congratulations



THANK YOU! GRACIAS!!

We want to thank all of our volunteers for helping our school unconditionally. Our school is a success because of YOU!
From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!!



Our Guardian Angel Application is available on our webpage at
www.notredameschool.cc and in the school office!

Please call the school office at 257-6707 for any assistance.

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SCHOOL ID 70098657

We'll give 5% back in credits to your school on qualifying purchases when you present this card at checkout.

Exclusions apply. Program limited to Pre-K thru 12th grade.

Visit officedepot.com for program terms and conditions.



Tuition Assistance Application: for the 2018-2019 school year is now opened. We encourage all families to apply. Please refer to
<https://www.archsa.org/hope>

FACTS determines that on **June 29th**
applications for Final Round will be closed.
Please call the school office at 257-6707 for any assistance. Thank you!