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P A R E N T B U L L E T I N

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Mission Statement

The mission of Notre Dame Catholic School is to educate our students to live following the model of Jesus.

Principally Speaking

Dear Notre Dame Parents,

Your children did great last Tuesday when we went into “Lock Down” procedures with the bad weather. I was so proud of everyone and how well things were handled. Thank goodness we did not “blow away”. Throughout the year, we will be practicing different safety drills so that we are always prepared. You will receive notice of these different safety drills so that you can help us reinforce how important they are.

Now...let me tell you all about a very exciting event coming up in November. You will be receiving information soon about our first annual “**Be Fit! Fitness Day!**” We will be kicking this off on Friday, November 2nd in the gym at 2:30 and would love for our parents to join us! The theme is, “Get Fit! Believe and Achieve... Work It Out!” On November the 15th, all students will participate in a fun field day of activities and presentations from Kerrville community members helping us teach healthy habits to our students. This is also a fundraiser for the school to help raise money to support our PE and Athletic department. We are asking for parents, relatives, friends, and neighbors to sponsor students for their participation in a fun fitness-related day.

Our goal is for every child to raise a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges to reach our overall goal.

More information will be coming home with your child, but please mark your calendar for November 15th. We would love parents to come and spend the day with us and make this a community school event. There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the day and we know this day will not be a success without our parents stepping up to lend us a hand. Keep your eyes open for a sign-up genius coming your way.

Blessings,

Sandi Killo, Principal



Reconciliation Workshop - Tomorrow!

ALL children and their parent(s), who have interviewed or attended a meeting for First Eucharist, are to attend this workshop.

WHEN: **Saturday, October 13**

TIME: *8:00am - 11:00am (*Doors open at 8. We begin promptly at 8:30)

WHERE: Social Center

Young children will not be allowed to stay in parent sessions.
The St. Nicholas Room will be available for children 4months-6yrs.

If you have any questions please call 830.896.4233



Library News



The boxes are packed and ready to be picked up! The Scholastic Books are ready to go back to their home! They should be returning to the Warehouse soon! Once again, I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a success! By purchasing books for your child(ren) or grands you are telling them how important reading is!

Scholastic gave the teachers \$50 to purchase books for their classroom. Notre Dame purchased about \$214 dollars' worth of books for the library, and about \$50 worth of books for the classroom teachers. That's \$100 worth of books in the teacher's classroom. (That does not include the books which parents and grands gifted the teachers.)

One of the ways ND as a school encourages reading is by participating in the Accelerated Reading Honor Roll. Our goal is that all our students earn an 85% or higher on their A.R. Quizzes, and that all our student are engage on the average of 20 minutes a day in reading. I know for the older students this is hard. Encourage your child to read while you are traveling (going to sporting events), while waiting for appointments and while they have any free time! I do most of my reading on Sunday. My day of rest! Please encourage your child to read and to understand what he/she is reading. Read with your child!

HONOR ROLL
Accelerated Reader

Meet the following targets with your class or school:

- 80% of students achieving
- 85% correct or higher on book comprehension quizzes
- Average of 20 minutes of engaged reading time

Research has shown that students achieve the most growth for time spent reading when the 30250 created is followed - 35 minutes of engaged reading time, with their personal 270, or/8 an average parents correct on comprehension quizzes of 80%.
Data can be found on the Reading Diagnostic Form in the Scholastic and Diagnostic Code version.

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 supple mental 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!*



Volleyball Games this week are on:

Tuesday, October 16th-- Volleyball vs St. Peter Prince @ 4:30/B @ 5:30-A Team –**AWAY GAME**

Wednesday, October 17th -- Volleyball vs Little Flower B @ 4:30-B and 5:30pm-A - **AWAY GAME**



Soccer Game this week:

Monday, October 15th; Soccer vs St. Gregory @ 4:30 at **HOME** and on **Tuesday, October 16th-** Soccer vs St. Luke's @ 4:30 @ St. Matthews (11121 Wurzbach Rd 78230)!



Criminal Background Check and Virtus On-line Training!

We love our Volunteers and our school needs volunteers. One important thing that the Archdiocese of San Antonio does require is that **ALL Parents and Volunteers** complete a Criminal Background Check and the Virtus On-Line Training. Both of these certificates are good for 3 years and are required for everyone that volunteers at any event that the school holds such as Sports Event Concessions, Fitness Day, Field Trips, or any school activities. You may either come by the school office for a Criminal Background Check Form and Virtus Instructions, or you may also print them out from our webpage at www.notredameschool.cc under the Parent Tab and Volunteers Section. If you are unsure of your status on these certifications, please call the school office @ 257-6707 to verify.

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Lifetouch Class Pictures and Retake Picture Day

Lifetouch will be here on

Friday, October 26th (Mass Uniform)

Order forms will be going home soon.



Early Dismissal



This is a reminder that we will have an early dismissal at 12pm (Noon) on

Friday, October 19th.

There will **NOT** be after school care!

Student Holiday



This is a reminder that there is

NO School on Monday,
October 22nd.

Enjoy your day!

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.





PTC Corner will be a monthly update of what we are working on, our upcoming fund-raisers, how much we have made on our fundraisers and how the money is being spent.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Turkey Bingo - Thursday, November 8th. We are currently seeking sponsorships for the Turkeys & Hams - \$25 or more. Please contact [Carol Ann Wagner @ \(309\) 230-8030](mailto:CarolAnnWagner@ptc.org) if you are interested in sponsoring.



Also we have placed the order for our Poinsettia's. Order forms will go out October 26th. This is one of our most successful fundraisers. Please help by selling as many plants as you can. If you are interested in purchasing plants for your business or if you have any questions, please contact [Isabel Gentry @ \(806\) 677-4537](mailto:IsabelGentry@ptc.org).



Where do our funds go:

100% of the money raised by PTC goes directly to our school. We make a large annual contribution to general operating, but often fund individual needs/requests that the school may have. For example, PTC has agreed to pay for our bus driver when the trip is related to academics. This includes all field trips.

And much of the money raised goes directly to the faculty/staff through appreciation luncheons, Christmas bonuses, birthday gifts and other special occasions and recognitions.

We are always open to suggestions and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me, [Stephanie Keller @ \(210\) 643-5237](mailto:StephanieKeller@ptc.org), if you have any concerns.

Be on the lookout for a PTC suggestion box that will be located in our school office.

A special thanks from all of us on PTC for your continued support.

-Stephanie Keller

CALENDAR

- 10/15/18 - Soccer ND vs. St. Gregory- 5:00pm- HOME
- 10/16/18 -Volleyball Game ND vs. St. Peter Prince - AWAY 4:30pm-B / 5:30pm-A
- 10/16/18 - Soccer ND vs. St. Luke's- 4:30pm-AWAY
- 10/17/18 -Volleyball Game ND vs. Little Flower- AWAY 4:30pm-B / 5:30pm-A
- 10/17/18 - School Council Meeting - 5:30pm- School Conference Room
- 10/18/18 - PK & Kinder - Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 10/19/18 - Mass at 8:00am
- 10/19/18 - Early Dismissal at Noon (12pm) ****NO afterschool care will be Available****
- 10/21/18 - Hope For the Future 5K Run - Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio



LOOKING AHEAD....

- 10/22/18 - No School
- 10/23/18 - 1st Quarter Report Cards will be viewable in Renweb.
- 10/24/18 - PTC Meeting - 4:30pm - School Conference Room
- 10/25/18 - 1st and 2nd Grade Field Trip-Western Art Museum-Kerrville
- 10/26/18 - Mass at 8:00am
- 10/27/18 - Lifetouch Class Pictures and Retakes-Fireplace Room



I will praise the Lord will all my heart. Psalm 111

Prayers...

- † We praise you for our many blessings, seen and unseen.
- † For our Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff.
- † For all of the sick and dying.
- † Let us pray to the Lord.

