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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,

It was wonderful seeing all of you last evening at our PTC Open House. Throughout the night, I heard the excitement of eager students wanting to show their parents the many projects they have been working on so far this year. I would like to thank our PTC Officers for the great pizza and other goodies to make sure we had happy parents and happy children. As you are aware, our PTC and Booster Organizations are the heartbeat of our school throughout the year. I am so thankful for all of our volunteers who are here continuously giving their time and energy towards helping us to provide the best educational experience at Notre Dame for our students!

Hopefully, you are seeing many positive changes with the instruction of our students in their Physical Education classes at school. The Booster purchased the SPARK curriculum for Coach McGuire so that she could teach developmentally appropriate skills along with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (Health TEKS) in Pre-K through 8th grade. Coach McGuire demonstrated some of those lessons at Open House last night.

PTC has also had a huge impact on our school in many ways, especially when it comes to staff development opportunities for teachers. Last year, Kinder, First, and Second grade teachers expressed an interest in learning about "Guided Reading". PTC provided funds to bring in an instructional specialist to work with our teachers to help them grasp new concepts associated with teaching reading. In the classrooms this year, you will see interactive word walls and teachers working with small groups of students using "leveled readers" to support developmentally appropriate approaches to reading and writing instruction.

Finally, I encourage you to come and visit us throughout the school year, to see all the great new initiatives taking place at Notre Dame. We are "stretching" the minds of our students and focusing on higher-level application of skills in all subject areas. The transition may be a little painful for some at the beginning, but over-time, our students will be better prepared by having the necessary "thinking skills" required for their future dreams. As a direct result of PTC and Booster support, teachers are able to grow professionally and implement new instructional strategies to help us create stronger academic foundations for our students. PTC and Booster is a WIN-WIN situation for us all.

Blessings,

Sandi Killo, Principal

FIRE UP IRISH!!! Homecoming Week Schedule for October 8th-12th

Monday, October 8th- Pep Rally in the Gym @ 2:35

(Team Introductions, Teachers vs VB Team, Spirit Stick Chant, etc.)

Tuesday, October 9th- "Team Jersey/Pride Shirt Day"

(Students wear favorite team jersey or pride shirt w/jeans or khaki)

Wednesday, October 10th- "Crazy Sock Day"

(Students wear crazy socks with school uniform)

Thursday, October 11th- "Spirit Color Day"

(PK-1st –Gold shirt, 2nd-4th Green shirt , 5th-8th Blue shirt w/jeans or khaki) and it is also **Teacher Appreciation Night!**

Friday, October 12th-Homecoming Dance

(In the Gym 7-10 pm -Grades 6th-8th)





Library News

Scholastic Book Fair



I want to personally thank all of you who helped to set up the decorations and volunteered time for the Scholastic Book Fair this Week! Last Tuesday the following people helped decorate for the Scholastic Book Fair Isabel Gentry, Carmen Gutierrez, Judy Lee, Lee Henson, Sara Hilburn, Heather Rucker and Blanca Del Toro, We want to thank Isabel Gentry for getting the word out on FACEBOOK about the Book Fair. On Thursday, Irene Alcorta, Michelle Coldwell and Mark Ince moved the books and cases out of the hallway and into the library. In this way on Tuesday morning, Charles Bloom, Samuel Melendez, Jr. Hilburn and Albert Vasquez only had to come in to move the book cases. Then, Isabel Gentry, Lee Henson, and Sarah Hilburn. Carmen Gutierrez, and Heather Rucker put the books out and completed displaying all the books in forty minutes. The Pre-Ker's to see the Book Fair. They did a beautiful job! Other volunteers for this week were: Elvira Davila, Marie Schwartzkopf, Linda Gutierrez, Lara Merritt, Wendy Way, Priscilla Heinen, Regina John, Blanca Del Toro and Sylvia Gonzales. If I missed anyone, please let me know. The Library is an Enchanted Forest Book Fair because of you! We have amazing parents, grandparents! God bless you!

The profits for the book fair will go to obtaining an overhead projector, computer and screen for the library. Notre Dame's **Scholastic Book Fair web site** has a connection where you can order books online: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/notredamesch> If you child(ren) was/were not able to obtain the book they want, you can still order online. The last day for the book fair is Friday at 3:30. If any of you can get off and help tear down, we need the help! We will be putting the Book Fair to rest at 3:30. Thank you again to all of you who helped make this years' Book Fair a success! We also appreciate all the parents, grandparents aunts and uncles who are encouraging reading with their child(ren).



The Fire truck and Fire Marshall will be visiting Notre Dame on **Monday, October 8, 2018** You are welcome to join your child's class if you have completed your CBC and Virtus training. Please make sure to sign in with the school office and get a visitors badge.

- ◆ 9:00-- Pre-K3-PK4 (Fire Truck outside Gym)
- ◆ 9:45-- Kinder & 1st Grade (Fire Truck outside Gym)
- ◆ 10:30--2nd & 3rd Grade (Fire Truck outside Gym)
- ◆ 10:00-11:00 –4th & 5th grade will meet in the 5th grade Classroom with Fire Marshall.

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!*

Reconciliation Workshop

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

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



PTC Corner will be a monthly update of what we are working on, our upcoming fundraisers, 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@309.230.8030) if you are interested in sponsoring.



Also we have placed the order for our Poinsettia's. Order forms will go out October 28th. 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@806.677.4537).



Where 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, birthdays 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@210.643.5237) 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

****Sports News****

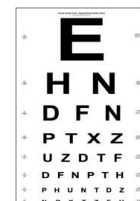
Join us for our next **AWAY** Volleyball Game on **Tuesday, October 9th vs. Little Flower @ 4:30pm B Team and 5:30 pm A Team.** Then **HOME** on **Thursday, October 11th vs. Mary Magdalen @ 4:30pm B Team and 5:30 pm A Team.** GO IRISH!



Our next Soccer Game is a **HOME** game scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9th** at 4:30pm vs. St. Gregory. GO IRISH!!

VISION & HEALTH SCREENING

A Vision Screening will be taking place on **Wednesday, October 10th at 8:30am** in the Gymnasium. Parents please make sure your child is in attendance. Students in grades Pk-4, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th and new enrolled students this year will be screened. 6th and 8th grade students will also have a spinal screening. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Coldwell at (830-257-6707) Thank you!



Run with a Mission 5K

Registration is now open for the 2018 Run with a Mission 5K, benefiting Hope for the Future and Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. When you register, be sure to select which school you are supporting as 100% of the each registration fee goes back directly to the selected school to support a project on their campus. Register online at www.hopeforfuture.org



Race Date: October 21, 2018; Location: Morgan's Wonderland - 5223 David Edwards, San Antonio, TX
Schedule: 7:00-8:00am Registration (7:30am Mass)
8:30am-Kid's Run 9:00am-5K Run/Walk

Calendar



- 10/8/18 - Fire Prevention Week—See Fire Prevention Week for Activities!
- 10/8/18—10/12/18 Homecoming Week...See Details on First Page
- 10/9/18 - Volleyball Game ND vs. Little Flower- 4:30 B Team / 5:30 A Team- AWAY
- 10/9/18 - Soccer vs. St. Gregory -4:30pm- HOME
- 10/10/18-Vision and Health Screening
- 10/11/18 - Volleyball Game vs. Mary Magdalen 4:30pm- B Team & 5:30pm A Team - HOME -
- 10/11/18 - Teacher Appreciation Night
- 10/12/18 - Mass @ 8:00am
- 10/12/18- Middle School Homecoming Dance...more details to come..

LOOKING AHEAD....



- 10/16/18 -Volleyball Game ND vs. St. Peter Prince - AWAY
- 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

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 our Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff.
- † For all of the sick!
- † Let us pray to the Lord.

