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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,

Thank you for giving our teachers the “gift of time” this Friday during Early Release and Monday, October 22nd. Today Friday, our teachers will be involved in staff development giving teachers new ideas and tools to implement new strategies in the classroom. Our ultimate goal as educators is to make sure we have done everything we can to help our students be prepared for the future.

About 10 years ago, the “21st Century Skills” movement began and it has recently been revised into four specific skills as being the most important...known as the “Four C’s”-Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity. President Barack Obama said, “I’m calling on our nation’s governors and state education chiefs to develop standards and assessments that don’t simply measure whether students can fill in a bubble on a test, but whether they possess 21st Century skills like problem-solving and critical thinking and entrepreneurship and creativity.”

Fifty years ago, it might have been enough to master the three R’s-Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. However, if today’s students want to compete in a global society, they must also be proficient communicators, creators, critical thinkers, and collaborators. In addition, students must master additional subject areas, including foreign languages, the arts, geography, science, and social studies. Today’s job market requires competencies such as critical thinking and the ability to interact with people from many linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The most desirable jobs-the ones least likely to be automated or outsourced, are those that require expert thinking and complex communication.

Again, we appreciate the allowance of our Early Release Days so that we can dedicate time and energy to learn, grow, and improve upon our practices in the classroom. Have a wonderful weekend and stay dry.

Blessings,

Sandi Killo, Principal

GET THE LATEST AND GREATEST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION



There are many forms of communication sources out there, but you are encouraged to contact our school office directly if you have any questions or concerns. Our weekly parent bulletin is the most current, up-to-date information prepared each Friday with information for the upcoming week ahead. We often have dates or information planned out, but there are always last minute changes. Notre Dame School office wants to be your direct source in all events regarding the school. Call us, keep us “on our toes”, and we will always give you direct answers. If we do not know an answer to your question, we will certainly find out and get back to you. Regarding weather related delays or cancellation of school, Notre Dame follows KISD weather protocol and/or you will be notified through an e-mail by our school staff.



Student Holiday

This is a reminder that there is **NO School on Monday, October 22nd.**
 Enjoy your day!

A.R. Store



Library News

A.R. Store



Next week the A.R. Store will be opened for the first time this school year! On Tuesday morning, October 23rd, the volunteers are gathering to lay out the A.R. Store. We want to thank all the parents who are making plans to come! Our A.R. Store is a way for our students to spend their A.R. points that the students earn by taking A.R. quizzes. All of the posters from the Scholastic Book Fair will be on sale, plus new items. Please encourage your children to read and to take A.R. Quizzes!

Book-It!

This past week those students who had earned the most A.R. points during the summer earned a pizza from Pizza Hut. Be sure to check your child's backpack for the pizza certificate. If your child's certificate is on the Wall of Fame for A.R. and he or she does not have a pizza coupon, please let me know. I will be checking for the most points earned in every class each month. We will also have the students set personal goals.

Do not forget to download the free ebook from BookIt by Kate KiCamillo, *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*. There are ebooks for every grade level. Just go to amazon.com/bookit to download your child(ren)s ebook. You can also sign up for the parent newsletter.

Talk to your child about reading. Ask them about their monthly reading goal. Set aside time for daily fun reading at home. Read with your child. Be a reading role model and showcase how reading is a daily part of life---cookbooks, magazines, comics, instructional manuals, etc. Lastly, celebrate your child's reading accomplishment by going to Pizza Hut for a free, one topping Personal Pan Pizza and a Reading Journal. This program is for Kinder through 6th grade.



Soccer and Volleyball players-Congrats on a fine fall season! Please return your uniforms in a ziploc bag with name and jersey # listed.



Winter Basketball season will begin soon, our first day of practice is on **Tuesday, November 6th**. Get ready Irish!



mark  your Calendar

“GET FIT DAY IS NOVEMBER 15TH !”

On **Tuesday, October 23rd**, your child will be bringing home an envelope to start collecting sponsorships and/ or donations from friends and family. We are asking each child to raise a minimum of \$50.00 for “Get Fit Day”. Every child will enjoy a full day of field activities and learn about staying healthy. All funds raised goes directly to support our Athletic and PE program. We would love for Mom's or Dad's to come join the class for this special day and help out or if you have any ideas or suggestion for sponsors or services, contact Coach McGuire! Get ready to get Fit! Also watch for emails for from Sign Up Genius soon! Thank you for your support!



Lifetouch Class Pictures and Retake Picture Day

Lifetouch Photographers will be here on **Friday, October 26th (Mass Uniform)**

If your child was absent on picture day, this is their day to re-take their picture. Please come by the school office or ask your child's homeroom teacher for an order form.

Also, please check your child's backpack for a Class picture Order form.



Wellness Committee 2018-2019

We will be forming a new Wellness Committee this school year. The role of the wellness committee is to review the Archdiocese Health and Wellness Policy regarding nutritional guides, eating environment, nutritional education and physical activities the school has in place. To support and help in setting goals and meeting the goals for Notre Dame School and following the recommended guidelines by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The committee will meet once a quarter or on an average three(3) times a year and be comprised of approximately 6-8 members.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact the School Office (Michelle Coldwell) for more details. 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.



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 requires 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.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!





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@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

- 10/22/18 - No School
- 10/22/18- 11/2/18 - Parent Conference Weeks
- 10/23/18 - 1st Quarter Report Cards will be viewable in Renweb
- 10/23/18 - Get Fit-Believe & Achieve Pledge Forms go home!
- 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
- 10/26/18 - Lifetouch Class Pictures and Retakes-Fireplace Room



LOOKING AHEAD....



- 10/30/18 - Pre-k and Kinder Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 10/30/18 - Health and Wellness Meeting - 5:30 pm - School Conference Room
- 10/31/18 - Trick or Treat for Canned Goods - 2:45pm
- 11/1/18 - All Souls Day Mass at 12:00pm (Noon)
- 11/2/18 - No Mass
- 11/3/18- Faculty and Staff required to attend the Assembly in San Antonio
- 11/5/18 - No School

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.

