

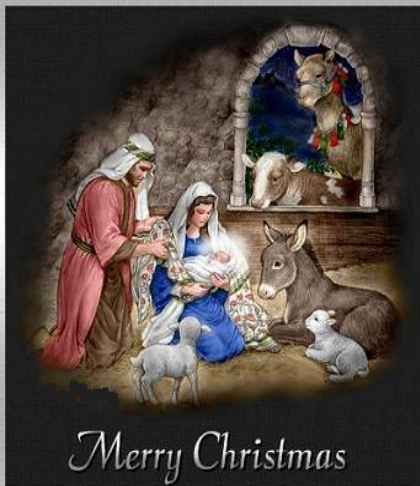
From the Principal's Desk

On Friday evening, November 16th we held another family event. Bingo was attended by 200 adults and children. It appeared everyone had a great time. Our chairperson, Mrs. Jeanne Loukas certainly organized a fun night. Thank you, thank you it certainly was a huge undertaking. Also, thank you to her committee for their support and help they are: Grace Quinn, Maria Torres, Deborah Boru, Diane Foy, Anna Scardigno, Suzanne Pallotta, Stacey Pallotta, Glenn Pallotta, Cathy Juliano, Jason Juliano and Patti Vivanco. Also, thank you to the following teachers: Mr. Dennis Barlow, Mrs. Marcella Sweeney, Ms. Theresa Di Iorgi, Mrs. Sheila Hutchinson and Ms. Cathy Liloia and all staff, which attended. A special thank you to Ms. Di Iorgi and Ramon for fixing the Bingo machine. We really needed it. Many families donated snacks and drinks and prizes. Also, local merchants donated prizes along with Starbuck's and staff members.

Sunday, December 2nd begins Advent. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus our Savior. During Advent we can talk to each other about what the Christmas season means to us.

Christmas time is a celebration of promises kept and prophecies fulfilled. During this joyful time we wish each family happiness, good health and a world of peace.

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



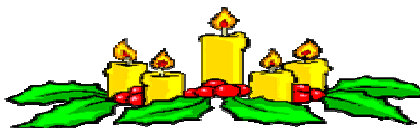
MIDDLE STATES

On Conference Day, December 7th each family will receive a survey form from your oldest child's classroom teacher. This information is imperative for our Middle States reaccreditation process. In the main hallway their will be tables set up for the completed surveys. It is only a three question survey. Please complete the form before you leave the building.

CORRECTION

Please note the Fax number on the cover of the Family/Student Handbook is incorrect.

The Fax number is 201-947-8319 **not** 201-945-8319.



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Santa's Workshop

On Wednesday, November 14th Mr. & Mrs. Legg are chaired our Santa's Workshop sale. Tommy & Lisa Legg are former parents; their children are now in there twenties. Tommy & Lisa donate hours upon hours to Notre Dame. Our sale was very successful and netted a profit of approximately \$2,400. Santa's Workshop could not occur without help from many parents. Thank you to: Wanda Bello, Cindy Alegria, Michael Birchwale, Jennifer Chiurazzi, Carolyn DeMuro, Maira Echavarria, Sharon Fundora, Dylan Hsu, Doris Kofoed, Kay Lee, Min Hoon Lee, Sylvia Loor, Armando Marrero, Stacey Pallotta, Suzanne Pallotta, Kathy Ponce, Joanne Salotti, Pam Sotomayor, Talin Turfan, Mrs. Ulloa, Patricia Vivanco, Seung Yeon, Yungsil Che, Rosie Fernandez and Alicia Machado for taking the time from your busy schedules to help our students. A very special thanks to Tommy and Lisa for their continous support and assistance.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for November

The category was: **SELF DICIPLINE**

Grade 8	Hallen (Heejung) Lee	Grade 4	Angela Cho	Kindergarten	Laura Baik
Grade 7	Andrew Ulloa	Grade 3	Christina Pedoto	PreK-4	Kate Foy
Grade 6	Kaitlin Matos	Grade 2	Gwen Milovic	PreK-3	Christopher Barila
Grade 5	Alexandria Garay	Grade 1	Gah-Bien Lee		

The December category is: **TRUSTWORTHINESS**

School News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus sponsored an Essay Contest for all seventh and eighth grade students entitled "What It Means to be Patriotic". All our students received a certificate of participation. The seventh grade essay winner was Roman Birchwale and the eighth grade essay winner was Frankie Colom. Both boys received a check for \$100.00. Their essays will advance to the state level.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Our school Christmas Mass will be on Friday, December 21st at 10:00 am. The First Grade will be responsible for the liturgy. They are planning a Little Drummer Boy Mass. Details will be forthcoming. All are invited to attend.

CLOTHING

On Conference Day, December 7th, there will be a table set up in the main hallway for lost and found items. If anything belongs to your child, please take it, otherwise it will be donated to the Salvation Army.

ST. MATTHEW'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St. Matthew's Christmas Pageant is on Friday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the Pageant are \$1.00 and can be purchased after Sunday Masses or in the rectory.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our annual Breakfast with Santa will be held this Saturday, December 1st at 9:00 am. Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Kofoed have reported that we expect at least 200 students and parents to attend. We are certain it will be a great deal of fun for all that attend.

A special thank you to Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Kofoed for co-chairing this event and their committee. The committee members are: Cathy Juliano, Theresa Di Iorgi, Patricia Barila, Lorraine Slovak, Jeanne Loukas and Pam Sotomayor.

TALENT SHOW

Under the direction of Ms. Ilaria, the second, fourth, sixth and eighth grades performed at the Annual Talent Show on Tuesday, November 20th. Students gave outstanding performances ranging from magic tricks, dancing, singing and solo's on the piano. The third, fifth and seventh grades will have the opportunity to perform this spring.

BINGO

If you know of any business that would be willing to donate a gift certificate for our Family Bingo Night, please ask them to call the school office at 201-947-5262.

BASKETBALL

All basketball games for the A team and B team will be played at Notre Dame this year. The A team will play on Friday evenings and the first game will be on December 7th. The B team will play on Saturday mornings. Refreshments will be sold during the games. The B team games will begin on December 15th. The Basketball schedules will soon be posted on the Notre Dame Website. wwwnotredameint@org

EARLY DISMISSALS

Friday, December 21st is an early dismissal day. There will not be Before Care or After Care that day. Please plan accordingly. Also, you need to have a backup plan in case an emergency situation arises, (i.e. car trouble, traffic, etc.). School closes at 12:30 pm on the 21st for all staff.

TRAILER

Students that receive additional educational service during the school day will no longer need to go outside to the trailer. Space has been made available in the building for their services. During the month of December the trailer will be removed from the schoolyard.

HONOR ROLL

Since we are a PreK-3—Grade 8 school we need to revamp the honor roll to include first grade students. Also, we need to make corrections to the handbook for First & Second honors for grades 1—3. These changes are necessary to reflect the new report card.

HONORS

The **HONOR ROLL** is established to recognize students who have diligently worked to a very high standard of learning.

GRADES 1-3

FIRST HONORS - are awarded to any student with E in all major subject areas **AND** no N's or B's.

SECOND HONORS- are awarded to any student with S or above in all major subjects and no B's or N's

GRADES 4 -8

FIRST HONORS are awarded to any student with A or A+ in all major subject areas **AND** no I's or U's.

SECOND HONOR is awarded for B or above in all major subjects and no I's or U's

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
PICTURE RE-TAKE - 8:30 AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
PARENT CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL

A TEAM BASKETBALL GAME
6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME vs ICS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
B TEAM BASKETBALL GAME

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00PM
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
SCHOOL MASS 10:00 AM
EARLY DISMISSAL 12:15 PM
CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS

