



Family Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

As Catholic Schools Week draws to a close. I would like to thank the Pastors, the Staff, the Students and Parents for making our week so successful. Also, the PreK-3 for the wonderful school Mass on Monday. The students that read at the Mass on Saturday, January 26th and Sunday, January 27th did an excellent job.

They were: Jianna Loor, Jonathan Alegria, Nathaniel Alegria, Jonathan Quinn, Alexandria Garay, Daniel DeMuro, Alexander Birchwale, Paul Chiurazzi, Roman Birchwale, Ann Marie Martucci and Jamila DePena at St. Matthew's, Alexander Cho, Emilio Landa, Cristina Fernandez, Nicole Cabrera, Katrina Loukas and Jenna Salotti at St. Nicholas, Chelsea Mendoza, Joseph Birchwale, Jennifer Birchwale, Courtney Kofoed, Michael Juliano, Michelle Kim, Lucio Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Patricia Molina, Ryan Fundora, Gianna Scardigno and Lindsey Spohn at St. Michael's.

Lent begins this month on Wednesday, February 6th. Lent is not an unhappy time, but it is a serious time. With your families, take this time to think about how much the gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. Families need to make plans for Lent. Choose actions that everyone can participate in. Those actions can help us to become more prayerful, to make our lives more simple and to share what we have with those who are in need. That is the purpose of lenten sacrifices.



REGISTRATION

If you are planning to have your child(ren) attend Notre Dame Interparochial School for the 2008-2009 school year. You must pay the \$200.00 registration fee by February 20th. If you do not pay this fee by February 20th, a space for your child(ren) will not be guaranteed. For your convenience there will be two registration dates. The evening of February 27th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the morning of February 29th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If you register on either of these dates the balance of the fees are due.

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EIGHT GRADERS

Congratulations to our Eighth graders. All of our Eight grade students have been accepted to a Catholic High School. There are 23 students in the Eighth Grade: 12 students were accepted to all three of their choices. 18 students were accepted to their first choice. 15 students were accepted to their second choice and 21 students were accepted to their third choice. 7 students have been invited to enroll in honor courses and 3 students were offered a total of \$70,000 in scholarships. One student, Kevin Lee was accepted at Regis High School in New York City. Acceptance at Regis is an automatic four year scholarship. We are proud of their accomplishments.

BINGO

Once again, Mrs. Jeanne Loukas and her committee organized a very successful Family Bingo Night on Friday, January 11th. It seems our grand prize winner for both our Bingo nights were eighth grade boys. The grand prize for the first Family Bingo Night were tickets to a Jets game. The tickets were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Loukas and won by Daniel DeMuro. Our grand prize winner for the second Family Bingo Night was won by Amani Adams. The prize was a \$150.00 American Express Gift Certificate donated by the Notre Dame Staff. Mrs. Loukas and her committee: Silvia Loor, Glen Pallotta, Suzanne Pallotta, Stacey Pallotta, Cathy Juliano, Jason Juliano, Doris Kofoed, Maria Torres, Grace Quinn, Jennifer Chiurazzi, Jeanne Loukas, Ms. DiIorgi, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Hutchinson and Ramon. You certainly know how to make a Family Bingo Night a fun event.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

The category was: **FAIRNESS**

Grade 8	Joshua Siegel	Grade 4	Andrew Son	Kindergarten	Erin Yang
Grade 7	Stephanie Rim	Grade 3	Caitlyn Orbe	PreK-4	Marina Abdelsayed
Grade 6	Caroline Severino	Grade 2	Brian Kim	PreK-3	Cassidy Orbe
Grade 5	Paul Chiurazzi	Grade 1	Elizabeth Slovak		

The category for February is **INTEGRITY**

School News

STATE TRAVELING MUSIC BAND

On Saturday, January 19th, three of our students:

- Sal Bellomo—Grade 7
- Roman Birchwale—Grade 7
- Joshua Siegel—Grade 8

performed at Seton Hall University. These boys participate in our music program, State Traveling Band.

On the 19th they were part of the halftime performance for the Women's Basketball game.

On Sunday, January 27th they were performing at the new Prudential Center in Newark for the halftime of the Men's basketball games. We're very proud of these boys.

KOREAN MASS

Beginning Sunday, February 10th, St. Michael's will be sponsoring a Mass in Korean. Mass will be at 1:30 pm every Sunday.

SCHOOL SHOES

We have reached the mid-point of the school year. At this time please take a look at your child's shoes. Some are in desperate need of polish.



OLYMPICS

On Tuesday, January 29th, Notre Dame Interparochial School held its first PreK-3 to Grade 8 Olympics. This year students were divided into teams by Olympic colors. PreK-3 to Kindergarten were the Black team. Students from grades 1 to 8 were on the Red team, Blue team, Green team and Yellow team.

The Black team did not compete for points. The Yellow team came in first place, the Green team came in second, the Red team came in third and the Blue team came in fourth place.

The PreK-3 and 4 participated with their big brother/sister from the seventh and eighth grade.

All students showed excellent sportsmanship.

A sincere Thank You to Mrs. Brennan and her committee for a truly fun morning.

WIZARD OF OZ

Today was a very exciting day at Notre Dame the lead parts of the school play were announced.

Congratulations to the following:

- Dorothy - Courtney Kofoed
- Scarecrow- Michelle Machado
- Tinman—Cristina Fernandez
- Lion—Daniel DeMuro

- Glinda—Patricia Molina
- Wicked Witch—Lindsey Spohn

Guard at Oz—Brendan Turfan
Great Wizard of Oz - Kevin Lee

- Auntie Em—Alyssa Tighe
- Uncle Henry—Amani Adams
- Farmhands—Jake O'Dowd,
Daniel Ahn
Jennifer Birchwale

Plan for a wonderful journey to Oz.

MORNING DROP-OFF

You may have noticed police present some mornings when you drop your child off at school. The reason for this is many parents are creating a dangerous situation in the morning. Parents are stopping in the middle of the street to let out their child. Therefore, avoid traffic on Second St. I'm certain if a child was injured because of this, parents would think twice about letting their child dart between cars. Please use the Stop and Drop line.

CELLPHONES

Students are bringing their cellphones to class and text messaging other classmates. Please remind your child(ren) that this is not allowed.

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
EARLY DISMISSAL 12:15 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
GROUNDHOG DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
MARDI GRAS PARTY
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHOOL WIDE MASS 10:00 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
VALENTINE'S DANCE
GRADES 6-7-8
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
OUT OF UNIFORM—RED DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
\$200.00 REGISTRATION FEE DUE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
RECYCLING PUPPET SHOW -
GRADES K—5

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
REGISTRATION NIGHT 5 PM TO 8 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29
REGISTRATION DAY—9 AM—11 AM
DR. SEUSS READ ACROSS AMERICA
DAY—PREK-3—GRADE 3
CLASS TRIPS—GRADES 4,5,6,7 & 8