

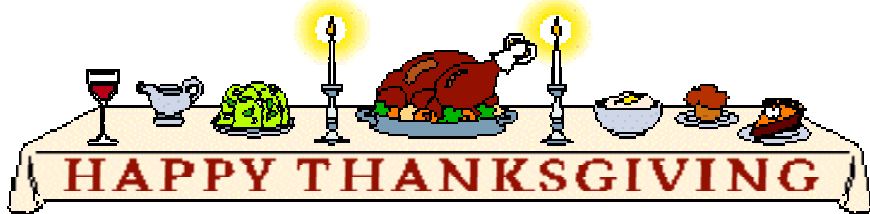
From the Principal's Desk

Friday, October 26th we had our second family evening event. Over 100 students, decorated pumpkins, designed t-shirts, decorated cupcakes and had their faces painted. While our PreK-3 to 5th grades were busy with Halloween activities our 6th, 7th and 8th graders were in the gym dancing the night away.

The winners of best costume at the Halloween Dance were: Michael Juliano, Jake O'Dowd, Victoria Balarezo and Melanie Quintanilla.

Thank you Mrs. Cathy Juliano, Chairperson and her committee: Jennifer Chiurazzi, Suzanne Pallotta, Stacy Pallotta, Isabella Biricik, Lorraine Slovak, Wendy Garritano, Pam Sotomayor, Theresa DiIorgi, Kerry Campen, Anna Scardigno,

Maria Bott, Nancy Otero and Jeanne Loukas for organizing a highly successful Fall Fest. It was wonderful to witness the parent and staff participation at our evening events. Thank you to all our families for their generous contributions. It was a great evening.



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National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a Crazy Hat Day on November 14th. The cost of this activity is \$2.00 per child. The National Jr. Honor Society plans to make felt heart shape pillows for Tomorrow's Children at Hackensack University Medical Center. These bright yellow pillows are made with love.

With the Middle States Visit soon approaching we are extremely busy making certain all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed. The project was certainly a school wide and community effort. I thank the staff for the endless hours of work to ensure that Notre Dame will continue to shine in the future.

The visit will be completed before Thanksgiving Day giving all of us time to relax and treasure the amazing gifts God has bestowed upon us, especially our families, the greatest gift of all.

This month remember in your prayers those less fortunate and ask God to bless and keep our troops safe.

The Board of Pastor's, the Staff & I wish all the Notre Dame families a Happy Thanksgiving.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for October 2008

The category was: FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION

Grade 8	Andrea Balarezo	Grade 4	Alexa Rivera	Kindergarten	Kate Foy
Grade 7	Jung Ho Lee	Grade 3	Carolyn Lee	Pre-K4	Lizelle Bacolod
Grade 6	Michael Juliano	Grade 2	Nicole Cabrera	Pre-K3	Maya Dutta
Grade 5	Francesca Sotomayor	Grade 1	Vincent Juliano		

The category for November is: SELF-DISCIPLINE

Wrapping Paper Sale and Book Fair

The Notre Dame families were very generous for these two fundraisers. The profit from the Wrapping Paper Sale is approximately \$3,200.00. We are awaiting the Book Fair Profit.

The Home School Association will be using these funds to sponsor Fall Fest, Family Bingo, and funding towards class trips. Both of these fundraisers were a huge undertaking.

A sincere thank you to our Wrapping Paper Committee: Mrs. Margaret Ash, Chairperson, Janet Doyle and Ana Malagon.

The wrapping paper should arrive at school the week of November 17th. Details will be forthcoming.

Also, thank you to the Book Fair Committee: Mrs. Pam Sotomayor, Chairperson, Cyndee Alegria, Janet Doyle, Anjane Bulsara, Diane Foy, Patricia Vivanco, Min Hoon Lee, Jennifer Chiurazzi, Ann Espada, Maria Torres, Karina Loor and Kamans Loor.

This year during the Book Fair we had a had a Crazy Hair Day Contest. One winner from each homeroom received a \$10.00 voucher for the Book Fair. Congratulations to:

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| Grade 8 | Rachelle El-Houayek |
| Grade 7 | Caroline Severino |
| Grade 6 | Preeksha Lal |
| Grade 5 | Mario Echevarria |
| Grade 4 | Nicholas Juliano |
| Grade 3 | Ryan Fundora |
| Grade 2 | Paola Gomez |
| Grade 1 | Arlene Lee |
| Kindergarten | Alexander Hronocich |
| PreK-4 | Mia Kivlehan |
| PreK-3 | Sebastian Biricik |

Art Contest

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Art Poster contest for grades 3 to 5 and grades 6 to 8.

It began on September 29th and ended on October 15th. There were two categories: Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Smoking.

The winners were announced on October 20th:

Drug Abuse

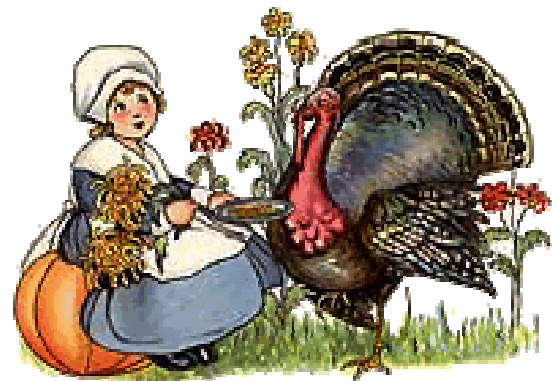
Grades 3 to 5 & 6 to 8

- Winner - Jinyun Kim—Grade 4
- Winner—Patricia Das—Grade 8

Smoking

Grades 3 to 5 & 6 to 8

- Winner—Kelly Lee—Grade 5
- Winner—Lynn Han—Grade 8
- Each winner will receive \$50.00 from the Knights of Columbus.
- Congratulations to all.



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, November 1
All Saint's Day

Sunday, November 2
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tuesday, November 4
Election Day

Wednesday, November 5
Santa's Workshop

Friday, November 7
Early Dismissal 12:15pm
Faculty Meeting
8th Grade Coop Day

Tuesday, November 11
Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 12
8th Grade Yearbook - Cake Sale

Friday, November 14
Family Bingo Night 7:00pm
National Jr. Honor Society -
Crazy Hat Day

Tuesday, November 18
Grades 4 & 7 -
Writing Assessment Test

Tuesday to Friday,
November 18—21
MIDDLE STATES VISITS

Friday, November 21
Early Dismissal 12:15pm
Middle States Exit Meeting
First Trimester Ends

Tuesday, November 25
Talent Show—Grades 2, 4, 6, 8
1:00pm
8th Grade Yearbook Candy Raffle

Wednesday, November 26
School Mass 10:00am
Early Dismissal 12:15pm
NO AFTERCARE

Thursday & Friday
November, 27 & 28
Thanksgiving Recess

Santa's Workshop

Once again, Mr. & Mrs. Legg have agreed to chair Santa's Workshop. Santa's Workshop is November 5th. Students have the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. There are a few gifts for under \$5.00 to \$15.00. Parents are welcome to come to Santa's Workshop with their child's class.

Middle States

The Middle States Visit will take place from November 18th to November 21st. They will arrive at school at 4:00pm on Tuesday for a Opening Ceremony. Then each day they will arrive at Notre Dame by 7:40am and stay until 3:30pm. It will be business as usual. However, they will be outside for arrival and dismissal.

Masses

We had our school Mass on October 1st for the Feast of St. Theresa. The PreK-4 did an excellent job preparing the liturgy for the Mass.

Our next school Mass will be on November 26th at 10:00am for Thanksgiving. All are invited to attend.

Our fifth grade students will prepare the liturgy for the Mass.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Mr. DeSanctis will be starting the Notre Dame Interparochial School Choir in January for grades 3 to 8.

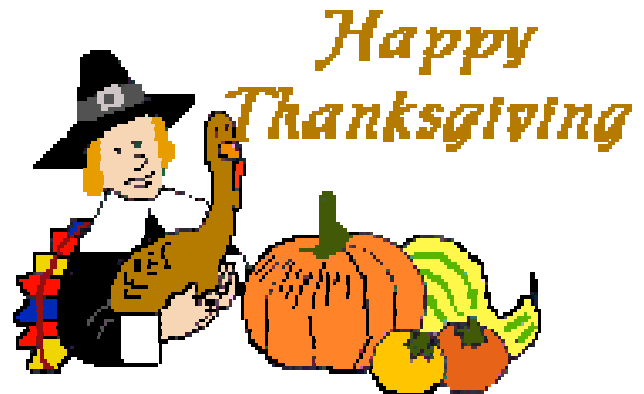


Family Bingo Night

Our next family event will be Family Bingo Night on Friday evening, November 14th. Mrs. Loukas has volunteered to chair this event. If you signed up to help, she will be calling you soon.

Notre Dame Presidential Election

This year with the assistance of Mr. Echevarria, Mario's father, students in grades 2 through 8 will be able to vote online using a pin number in the Notre Dame Presidential Election. Students have learned about both candidates and will cast their vote on Tuesday, November 4th.



Tomorrow's Children Fund

Last month we collected coins for the Tomorrow's Children Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center from our Dress Down for Charity Day. The staff contributed \$287.00 and the students collected \$361.50 for a total of \$648.50. Mrs. Panzella's class extended their Math lesson by counting and wrapping all the coins. Thank you to all.

10th Annual Scholastic Olympics

On Thursday, October 23, 2008, St. Joseph's Regional High School sponsored its Tenth Annual Scholastic Olympics. Eighth grade students competed in the following areas: Art, Peter Frola and Lynn Han, English, Salvatore Bellomo and Patricia Das, Spelling, Victoria Cho, Mathematics, Peter Lee and Janet Choe, History, Roman Birchwale and Lauren Bravo, Science, Kayvon Toofani and Stephanie Rim, Computers, Lindsey Spohn and Religion, Nicholas Lulgjuraj and Eunice Lee.

The winners were:

1st Place Art—Lynn Han

2nd Place Math—Janet Choe

3rd Place English-Salvatore Bellomo

Congratulations to all.