

Family Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

On Monday evening, December 15th. The Notre Dame students, under the direction of Mr. Dennis DeSantis, treated all of us to an exceptional Christmas Concert. From the instrumental portion of the concert to the finale, the true meaning of Christmas was present. I applaud Mr. DeSantis and our students for a delightful evening.

As we look forward to a New Year it is our wish to continue keeping Catholic Education strong by affirming our commitment to Notre Dame. We strive to fulfill the theme of our Middle States Self Study, that Notre Dame will fill the future with promise.

The Board of Pastors, the Staff and I wish every Notre Dame family a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, health and prosperity.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner. The week of January 26th to January 30th has been designated Catholic Schools Week. This years theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Celebrate Service".

Notre Dame will have many activities planned for that week. They include:

Sunday, January 25th - Open House/Art Show 1:00 - 2:30

Monday, January, 26th - School Mass 10:00am

Tuesday, January 27th - Student Community Service

Wednesday, January 28th - School Tours 10:00 - 2:00 and evening 7:00 8:30pm

Thursday, January, 29th - School Wide Olympics.

Friday, January, 30th - Early Dismissal 12:15pm
Teacher Appreciation Day

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

The category was: Trustworthiness

Grade 8 Eunice Lee	Grade 4 Ashley Lee	Kindergarten Harold Choi
Grade 7 Caroline Severino	Grade 3 Paige Pallotta	Pre-K4 Cassidy Orbe
Grade 6 Paul Chiurazzi	Grade 2 Lucio Rodriguez	Pre-K3 Jasmine Yalowitz
Grade 5 Gianna Scardigno	Grade 1 Kaleigh Campen	

The category for January is: FAIRNESS

SCHOOL NEWS

HONOR ROLL FOR THE 1st MARKING PERIOD

First Honors:

Grade 8

Patricia Das
Eunice Lee

Grade 6

Katrina Loukas
Matthew Quinn

Grade 5

Christopher Ko

Grade 4

Ashley Lee

Grade 2

Eunice Baek
Hanna Choi
Kaitly Kim
Brianna Picinic

Second Honors

Grade 8

Brandon Baiza
Salvatore Bellomo
Roman Birchwale
Janet Choe
Peter Frola
Nicholas Lulguraj
Stephanie Rim
Lizette Sandoval
Lindsey Spohn
Andrew Ulloa

Grade 7

Nathaniel Alegria
Jung Ho Lee
Alec Monico
Alfredo Rodriguez
Caroline Severion

Grade 6

Tulsi Bulsara
Ryan Campen
Paul Chiurazzi
Michael Juliano
Jessica Kwon
Emily Lugo
Natalie Torres
Lydia Vartanyan

Second Honors

Grade 5

Jonathan Alegria
Samantha Bott
Yejin Kim
Kelly (Do Kyung) Lee
Ann Marie Martucci
Angelene Perez-Vento
Andrew (Kyu Hong) Son
Francesca Sotomayor
Vincenzo Guido
Natalie Rodriguez
Jennifer Zapata

Grade 4

Rodney Byun
Alexander Cho
Chelsea Mendoza
Iris Park
Jonathan Quinn
Nicholas Vivanco
Caitlyn Orbe

Grade 3

Emmanuel Blas
Brian Kim
Rachel Kim
Carolyn Lee
Jianna Loor
Christopher Magner
Gwen Milovic
Catherine Park
Ryan Fundora
Alexander Birchwale

Second Honors

Grade 2

Emily Ash
Joseph Chabuel
Dylan Hsu
Vanessa Pallotta
Christian Perez
Jonathan Perez-Vento
Lucio Rodriguez
Sharaza Shalita
Elizabeth Slovak

Grade 1

Vincent Juliano
Patrick Lee
Nicholas Mollica
Ju Young Park
Kaleigh Campen
Iris Chi

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!

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Thursday, January 1
New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Monday, January 5
School Re-Opens

Tuesday, January 6
Feast of the Epiphany

Wednesday, January 7
Spelling Bee—Grades 4 to 8

Friday, January 9
Early Dismissal—12:15pm

Wednesday, January 14
Geography Bee -
Grades 4 to 8

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Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

Friday, January 23
Progress Reports for
Grades 1 to 8
Report Cards for PK3 to K
Family Bingo Night—7:00pm

Sunday, January 25
Open House/Art Show 1:00 -
2:30pm

Monday, January 26
Catholic School Week Begins
through January 31
School Mass 10:00am

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Tuesday, January 27
8th Grade Graduation Pictures
School Wide Community Day
Service

Wednesday, January 28
School Tours—10:00—2:00
Open House 7:00—8:30pm

Thursday, January 29
School Wide Olympics—9:00am

Friday, January, 30
Teacher's Appreciation Day
12:15 Dismissal

Saturday, January 31
Knights of Columbus—Basketball
Free Throw

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MORE SCHOOL NEWS

On a Roll

Because many students have put forth a great deal of effort but did not qualify for the First and Second Honor Roll. We have decided to establish the "On a Roll" Certificate for students that demonstrate outstanding effort, character and a positive attitude. These certificates were awarded to the following students for the First Marking Period:

Grade 8

Andrea Balarezo

Lauren Bravo

Victoria Cho

Alexa Juncosa

Peter Lee

Melanie Quintanilla

Grade 3

Roseanna Catania

Paige Pallotta

Kaitlyn Rivera

Grade 2

Julia Vartanyan

Paola Gomez

Grade 7

Kevin Koroglu

Grade 1

Giovanni Sotomayor

Donatella Leon

Erin Yang

Grade 6

Victoria Balarezo

Anna Jeung

Grade 4

Ji-Hyun Kim

Alexa Rivera

Kayla Toofani

School Play

This year the Notre Dame school play will be "Beauty and The Beast". The play will be on Friday, May 15th to Sunday, May 17th. Students in grades 2 - 8 will be able to participate in the play. Details for tryouts and a rehearsal schedule will be given out during January. Mark you calendars for a "Belle" of weekend.

Snow Days

If there is inclement weather I have 3 options:

1. No School

2. A 2 hour delayed opening.

Before Care begins at 9:30am

Students may arrive between 9:50 and 10:10.

3. Early dismissal 12:15pm, no lunch, no Aftercare.

You will be notified by the class parent to which option the school is following or on:

NBC/CBS/NJ 12 for New Jersey

Using any of the above options is a difficult decision. Thank you for your cooperation. The safety of the students is top priority.

Staff Luncheon

On Thursday, December 11th, Mrs. Lee, the Home School Associations Parent Liason with the assistance of many of our Korean parents sponsored a Christmas Luncheon for the staff.

The staff was able to sample the delicious Korean delicacies which were prepared for them. It truly was a gastronomical delight.

Spelling Bee/Geography Bee

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Spelling Bee on January 7th and a Geography Bee on January 14th for students in grades 4 through 8. Classroom teachers will provide students with additional information.

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 13th Santa came to Notre Dame to have his photo taken with the children and have a little breakfast. We were so happy that Santa was able to take two hours from his busy schedule to visit us. Mrs. Doris Kofed and Mrs. Pam Sotomayor co-chaired this event along with their committee Margje Ash, Lorraine Slovak, John Bott, Iilda Espinosa, Sang Soon Kim, Ita Rodriguez, Antonio Granata, Cathy Juliano, Theresa DiIorgi, ElySantoni, Anthony Scardigno, Wendy Garritano and Silvia Loor. They made the morning memorable to

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus sponsored an Essay Contest for the Eighth Grade. The title was "The Responsibility of Catholic Citizens in a Free Society". The winner was Patricia Das.

She received a \$100.00 from the Knights of Columbus.

Each student received a certificate of recognition.

Season of Giving

Our K to 8th grade students learned the meaning of giving this Christmas season. Grades K to 6 adopted a Senior Citizens which are in need.

The 6th to 8th grade adopted a family to make certain they had a wonderful Christmas. In addition, the staff collected over \$300.00 on their "Dress Down for Charity Day" to supplement this endeavor.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 25th TO JANUARY 30th