

# Family Newsletter

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## From the Principal

As Catholic Schools Week draws to a close, I would like to thank the pastors, the staff, the students and parents/guardians for making our week so successful. Also, the fourth grade for the wonderful school Mass to officially begin Catholic Schools Week.

A special thank you to the students which represented at all the masses on Saturday, January 24th and Sunday, January 25th. They were: Francesca Guido, Vincenzo Guido, Lauren Bravo, Michael Gutierrez, Ryan Fundora, Kaleigh Campen, Jonathan Quinn, Matthew Quinn, Jianna Loo, Rachelle El-Houayek, Alisha Saini, Jonathan Alegria, Elizabeth Slovak, Sal Bellomo, Alex Birchvale, Andrea Balarezo, Samantha Bott, Stephanie Rim, Nicholas Juliano, Michael Juliano, Lucio Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Nicole Cabrera, Lindsey Spohn and Jessica Kwon.

Also the following students assisted setting up the Project Fair: Rachelle El-Houayek, Violet Garritano, Lindsey Spohn, and Alexa Juncosa.

Lent begins this month on Wednesday, February 25th. 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.

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

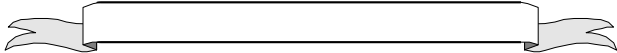
## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for January 2009  
The category was: FAIRNESS

Grade 8 Peter Frola	Grade 4 Rodney Byun	Kindergarten Ariana Atlihan
Grade 7 Jung Ho Lee	Grade 3 Rachel Kim	Pre-K4 Kaylee Maeng
Grade 6 Anna Jeung	Grade 2 Hanna Choi	Pre-K3 Ashley Cho
Grade 5 Ann Marie Martucci	Grade 1 Donatella Leon	

The category for February is: INTEGRITY

# SCHOOL NEWS



## SPELLING BEE WINNERS

On January 7th, Notre Dame held a Spelling Bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each finalist received a prize of \$20.00 from the Knights of Columbus.

The winners were:

- Grade 4 - Ashley Lee
- Grade 5 - Christopher Ko
- Grade 6 - Matthew Quinn
- Grade 7 - Jung Ho Lee
- Grade 8 - Peter Frola

School Winner: Matthew Quinn  
Matthew Quinn will represent Notre Dame on a county level the weekend of March 14th and 15th.



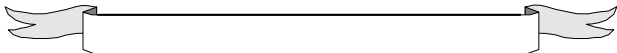
## GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

On January 31st, Notre Dame held its first Geography Bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each finalist received a prize of \$20.00.

The winners were:

- Grade 4 - Ji-Hyun Kim
- Grade 5 - Angelene Perez-Vento
- Grade 6 - Matthew Quinn
- Grade 7 - Alfredo Rodriguez
- Grade 8 - Roman Birchwale
- School Winner : Angelene Perez-Vento

Congratulations to All!



## Olympics

On Thursday, January 29th Notre Dame Interparochial School held its second PreK-3 to Grade 8 Olympics. This year students were divided into teams by Olympic colors. PreK-3 and PreK-4 were the Aqua team, Kindergarten was 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 Blue team came in fourth.

The PreK-3 and 4 participated with their big brothers/sisters 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.

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Monday, February 2  
Dentist visits Grades 1 & 2  
Groundhog Day

Tuesday, February 3  
Feast of St. Blasé - Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 6  
Valentine's Day Dance  
Grades 6, 7 & 8 -  
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Wednesday, February 11  
8th Grade - Bake Sale

Thursday, February 12  
President Lincoln's Birthday  
Red Day  
Out of Uniform Red Day

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Friday, February 13  
No School President's Weekend

Saturday, February 14  
Valentines's Day

Monday, February 16  
No School - President's Day

Tuesday, February 17  
100th Day of School Celebration  
Grades PreK-3 to Kindergarten

Friday, February 20  
Mardi Gras Party - 6:00 to 9:00  
\$200.00 Registration fee due

Sunday, February 22  
Washington's Birthday

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Monday, February 23  
Dr. Suess "Green Eggs & Ham Day" - Grades PreK-3 & 4

Tuesday, February 24  
Jump Rope for Heart

Wednesday, February 25  
Ash Wednesday  
Dr. Suess - "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" Day  
Grades PreK-3 to Grade 3

Thursday, February 26  
Jump Rope for Heart

Friday, February 27  
Dr. Suess Read Across America  
Cat in the Hat Day  
Grades PreK-3 to Grade 3

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Uniforms

PreK-3 parents have approached me regarding uniforms for the PreK3 & 4 for the 2009/2010 school year. Uniforms will be optional for these students. It would consist of the summer uniforms, shorts and polo shirt and sweats for the winter.

When you register you will receive the information.

Again, this is optional.

## Stage Curtains

The black curtains on the stage are in need of repair. If you are a seamstress and would like to volunteer. Please call the office as soon as possible.

## Alumni

Notre Dame School Alumni is currently planning its first Alumni event on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 10:30am at Notre Dame. If interested please e-mail [www.notredameint.org](http://www.notredameint.org) for details.

## Knights of Columbus

As you may be aware, we have started to prepare the budget for the 2009/2010 school year. If you recall last year the Knights of Columbus donated \$28,000.00 to Notre Dame. Recently I requested \$30,600.00 for equipment needed at school. Once again the Knights of Columbus granted this request. We are planning to purchase the following during the summer.

Cafeteria Tables	\$12,000.00
Computer Server	9,000.00
Chair Caddy	500.00
Large Projector Screen	500.00
Sound System	1,800.00
Microphones	600.00
Follow Spotlight	700.00
Smartboard	3,500.00
Total	\$30,600.00

Our 8th grade Class of 2009 has decided to dedicate their yearbook to the Knights of Columbus Council.

## Eighth Grade

Congratulations to our Eighth graders. All of our Eighth grade students have been accepted to a Catholic High School.

There are 24 students in the Eighth grade: 16 students were accepted to all three of their choices, 20 students were accepted to their first choice, 19 students were accepted to their second choice and 22 were accepted to their third choice.

Nine students have been invited to enroll in honor courses and 5 students were offered a total of \$45,500.00 in scholarships.

We are proud of their accomplishments.

# Congratulations!

## Summer Enrichment

Once again Notre Dame will be offering summer enrichment classes. We are in the process of finalizing the courses and dates. Tentative they will be scheduled for 3 sessions.

Session I June 22nd to July 3rd Morning and Afternoon

Session II July 6th to July 17th Morning only

Session III July 20th to July 31st Morning only

You will receive all the details in the April Newsletter.

## Registration

If you are planning to have your child(ren) attend Notre Dame Interparochial School for the 2009/2010 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.

All fees must be paid and contracts must be signed by May 15th. If you need to come into the school, to register, in the evening we will be opened on April 1st from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

## Open House Folders

Our Open House folders were very impressive. We have a color brochure in English, Korean and Spanish. A very special thank you to Mr. Victor Albetta of Hygrade Business Group for his generosity in printing the new brochures.

