

# Family Newsletter

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## From the Principal

*Congratulations to Jeanne Loukas, our Librarian and Jane Battinelli a School Advisory Board member for organizing Notre Dame's Barnes & Noble Weekend. The turn out for our first Barnes & Noble Weekend was a huge success.*

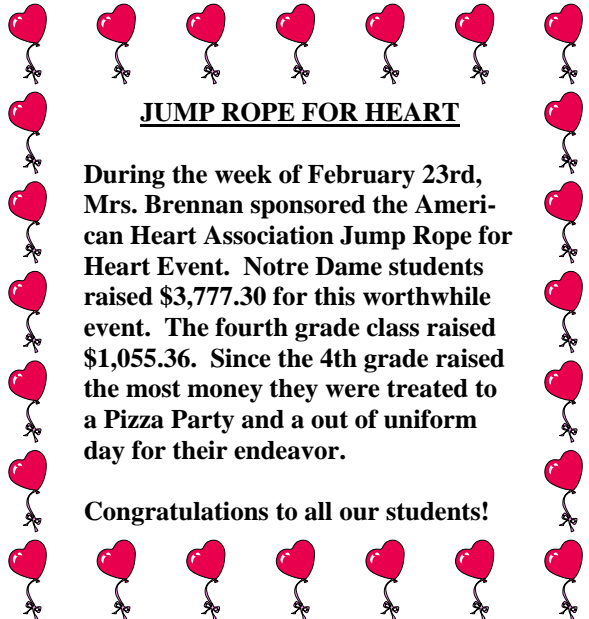
*On Friday evening the chorus performed. Saturday afternoon featured a performance by our PreK to First grade students. Sunday's finale was a performance of songs from our upcoming play "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."*

*Thank you to the staff, parents/guardians and especially our students for a wonderful weekend.*

*The total spent for Notre Dame at Barnes & Noble that weekend was \$5,523.00. Notre Dame will receive \$828.45 for the sales.*

*Spring has finally arrived and we await the arrival of Easter season.*

*Easter time is about new life. We celebrate new life with the symbols of eggs, rabbits, chicks, flowers, green grass and butterflies. We enjoy the glory of Jesus and the sure joy he has given us in the resurrection. All of us nourish the life of God when we share in the Easter sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.*



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

During the week of February 23rd, Mrs. Brennan sponsored the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Event. Notre Dame students raised \$3,777.30 for this worthwhile event. The fourth grade class raised \$1,055.36. Since the 4th grade raised the most money they were treated to a Pizza Party and a out of uniform day for their endeavor.

Congratulations to all our students!

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Hopefully the winter snow is behind us and we can plan the last day of school. Tuesday, June 16th is the last school day for the 2008/2009 school year. Monday, June 15th and Tuesday, June 16th will be 12:15pm dismissals.

NO AFTERCARE

## NJ SYMPHONY CONCERT

I have 6 tickets for the NJ Symphony Concert on Sunday, April 19th at 4:00pm. The concert will held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for March 2009  
The category was: RESPONSIBILITY

Grade 8 Melanie Quintanilla  
Grade 7 Jake O'Dowd  
Grade 6 Michael Juliano  
Grade 5 Yejin Kim

Grade 4 Jonathan Quinn  
Grade 3 Kevin Kwon  
Grade 2 Eunice Baek  
Grade 1 Giovanni Sotomayor

Kindergarten Irene Hsu  
Pre-K4 Austin Yalowitz  
Pre-K3 Isabella DeGiovanni

The category for April is: CITIZENSHIP

# SCHOOL NEWS

**Choice Point  
Background Screening**  
As of September 2009 it will be necessary to enforce the Archdiocese/Choice Point background screening program. The regulations states the following:  
All volunteers in the school, which volunteer 20 hours or more a month,  
All chaperones for class trips, all coaches and club advisors, must attend the Protecting God's Children Course.

Margaret Manley the Religious Education Coordinator for St. Michael's & St. Matthew's will be conducting this 2 hour class. You will receive notice when this class will be given.

If you have taken this class and volunteer or chaperone trips, please send me a copy of your attendance certificate to keep on file.

**Spelling Bee**  
Notre Dame is very proud of Matthew Quinn. On Saturday, March 14th, Matthew participated in the Spelling Bee. Although he did not reach the final round, we're very proud of this accomplishment.

**Summer Enrichment Class**  
On Monday, April 6th the Summer Enrichment packet will be sent home. Please register by May 15th

**Basketball/Cheerleaders**  
The Home School Association would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents/guardians that volunteered their time to work the concession stand during the basketball season this year. You helped to make the season a great success.

**Math League**  
On February 23rd the 6th, 7th and 8th grades took part in the New Jersey Mathematics League Contest.  
The winners from Notre Dame were:

**Grade 8**  
Eunice Lee  
Kayvon Toofani  
Janet Choe  
Victoria Cho  
Andrew Ulloa

**Grade 7**  
Jung Ho Lee  
Alec Monico  
Kevin Koroglu  
Kaitlin Matos  
Nathaniel Alegria

**Grade 6**  
Michael Juliano  
Anna Jeung  
Yun Hee Lee  
Matthew Quinn  
Natalie Torres

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**Wednesday, April 1**  
April Fool's Day  
Open House Tours  
10:00-2:00 & 7:00 to 8:30pm  
K to 3 Trip to  
Suessical the Musical

**Thursday, April 2**  
4th to 8th Grade Trip  
to the Passion Play

**Friday, April 3**  
PreK to K Easter  
Bonnet Parade 10:00  
Sovereign Bank Visit  
Grades 3, 4 & 5  
Early Dismissal 12:15  
Faculty Meeting

**Sunday, April 5**  
Palm Sunday

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**Monday, April 6**  
K and Grade 8 will be measured for Caps & Gowns  
Battle of the Bands 1:00

**Tuesday, April 7**  
8th Grade Retreat

**Wednesday, April 8**  
Mass 10:00  
Early Dismissal 12:15  
**No Aftercare**

**April 9 to April 19**  
Easter Vacation

**Friday, April 10**  
Good Friday

**Sunday, April 12**  
Easter Sunday

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**Monday, April 20**  
School Re-opens

**Wednesday, April 22**  
Earth Day

**Friday, April 24**  
Arbor Day  
PreK3 & 4 Class Trip to  
Hudson Bread Co.

**Monday, April 27**  
Spring Concert 7:00pm

**Thursday, April 30**  
Home School Assoc.  
Viva Las Vegas Tricky Tray -  
Adults Only  
Doors open at 6:30pm

**HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD**

**First Honors**

**Grade 8**

Patricia Das  
Eunice Lee  
Andrew Ulloa

**Grade 7**

Jung Ho Lee

**Grade 6**

Michael Juliano  
Matthew Quinn

**Grade 5**

Vincenzo Guido

**Grade 4**

Ashley Lee

**Grade 2**

Eunice Baek  
Nicole Cabrera  
Kevin Lee  
Brianna Picinic

**Grade 1**

Patrick Lee

**Second Honors**

**Grade 8**

Salvatore Bellomo  
Roman Birchwale  
Lauren Bravo  
Janet Choe  
Peter Frola  
Melanie Quintanilla  
Stephanie Rim  
Lindsey Spohn  
Kayvon Toofani

**Grade 7**

Nathaniel Alegria  
Kevin Koroglu  
Alec Monico  
Alfredo Rodriguez

**Grade 6**

Ryan Campen  
Paul Chiurazzi  
Anna Jeung  
Jessica Kwon  
Katrina Loukas  
Natalie Torres

**Grade 5**

Jonathan Alegria  
Samantha Bott  
Angela Cho  
Yejin Kim  
Christopher Ko  
Andrew Son  
Francesca Sotomayor  
Gianna Scardigno

**Second Honors**

**Grade 4**

Rodney Byun  
Alexander Cho  
Ji Hyun Kim  
Caitlyn Orbe  
Iris Park  
Jonathan Quinn  
Stephen Rim  
Nicholas Vivanco

**Grade 3**

Alexander Birchwale  
Ryan Fundora  
Brian Kim  
Rachel Kim  
Gianna Loor  
Christopher Magner  
Gwen Milovic  
Catherine Park  
Francesca Guido

**Grade 2**

Emily Ash  
Joseph Chabuel  
Hanna Choi  
Joshua Choi  
Paola Gomez  
Kaity Kim  
Vanessa Pallotta  
Jonathan Perez-Vento  
Lucio Rodriguez  
Elizabeth Slovak

**Second Honors**

**Grade 1**

Vincent Juliano  
Ju Young Park  
Harry Kim  
Michael Gutierrez  
Nicholas Mollica  
Giovanni Sotomayor  
Iris Chi  
Lyna Crane  
Erin Yang  
Gianna Guido

**Sorry! I inadvertently omitted Gianna Scardigno of Grade 5 in the Second Honors list. Congratulations, Gianna.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

## ON A ROLL

### Grade 8

Andrea Balarezo  
Rachelle El-Houayek

### Grade 7

Jake O'Dowd

### Grade 6

Joon Woo Kim  
Preeksha Lal  
Victoria Balarezo

### Grade 5

Ann Marie Martucci

### Grade 4

Alexa Rivera  
Kayla Toofani

### Grade 3

Roseanna Catania  
Marianna Forese  
Carolyn Lee  
Paige Pallotta  
Kaitlyn Rivera

### Grade 2

Dylan Hsu  
Marina Speanburg  
Julia Vartanyan

### Grade 1

Francesca Boru  
Donatella Leon  
Kaleigh Campen

### MRS. LISA LEGG

This is a letter from your girls (the A-team cheerleaders), we are writing this to thank you for all you have done for us, taking time out of your busy schedule, and never giving up on us throughout the year. This year was a total blast. It was a year none of us will forget. We are going to miss you so much and hopefully we will see you at the games next year. We hope that next years cheerleading team is as good as we were. We had such a great time this season, we wish it would never end. You taught us so many cheers that we will never forget.

We love you Mrs. Legg, you are amazing.  
Good Luck with the new squad next year.

Love, The A-Team Cheerleaders  
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### MS. BIANCA JUNCOSA

Dear Bianca,  
Thank you for coaching the B-Team cheerleading squad. You taught us so many new cheers that were fun and full of spirit. You encouraged and inspired us to do our best. Your support to the Notre Dame cheerleading squad will always be cherished and appreciated. Thanks again for always being there and supporting us.

Love,  
Your friends, the B-Team Cheerleaders  
"Go Knights"

### BASKETBALL TEAMS

#### A TEAM

Juan Padron  
Andrew Ulloa  
Kayvon Toofani  
Lauren Bravo  
Caroline Severino  
Nathaniel Alegria  
Jung Ho Lee  
Alec Monico  
Brandon Castillo  
Jake O'Dowd  
Kaitlin Matos

#### B TEAM

Paul Chiurazzi  
Michael Juliano  
Damon Joung  
BrandonMcConnell  
EmilyLugo  
William Clancy  
Preeksha Lal  
Ryan Campen  
Samuel Tuero  
Giovanna Severino  
Mario Echevarria  
Joseph Birchwale  
Helen Park  
Jonathan Ulloa  
Jonathan Alegria

### CHEERLEADING TEAMS

#### A TEAM

Andrea Balarezo  
Patricia Das  
Rachelle El-Houayek  
Alexa Juncosa  
Lizette Sandoval  
Gabriela Scarpitta  
Lindsey Spohn

#### B TEAM

Samantha Bott  
Katrina Loukas  
Angelene Perez-Vento  
Ann Marie Martucci  
Natalie Rodriquez  
Gianna Scardigno  
Francesca Sotomayor

### COACH CAMPEN AND COACH McCONNELL

Thank you so much for coaching us this year. We have had a great year. We won 3rd place because of your coaching skills. This has been our best year so far.  
Once again thank you so much, the 5th & 6th grade Basketball Team. "Go Knights"

BASKETBALL LETTER

During the 2008-2009 basketball season, the team came a long way. We went from being the third place team last year, to a championship game winning team this year. The reason for our success is because of our great coaches. Without them we would be nowhere. Their determination to not only make us a better team, but have fun doing it. They not only taught us the skills of basketball, but also such things as respecting the officials, other players, to play with teamwork and responsibility. They disciplined us and taught us to play with class and most importantly, to play with heart. Playing with heart showed every player on the team that anything is possible, and when you put your mind to it you can do it. They inspired us not only with basketball, but also in life itself. It's hard to say goodbye to Notre Dame basketball, and on behalf of the players in the 8th grade, we will always remember playing at Notre Dame. Seventh graders will hopefully carry on what we have accomplished this year. So we say thank you to the coaches for making us better basketball players, and for making us better people.

Sincerely,  
Kayvon Toofani and Lauren Bravo

**VIVA LAS VEGAS IS COMING  
SOON TO NOTRE DAME.  
TRICKY TRAY TICKET MONEY  
IS DUE APRIL 20TH.  
PLAN TO HAVE A WINNING  
NIGHT.**