

Family Newsletter

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From the Principal

The school year is off to a fantastic start. On Friday evening, September 11th we held our Annual Family Mass and International Dinner. It was estimated 300 people attended Mass and dinner.

Every family which attended needs to be thanked for the delicious donations of food. We also need to thank the Home School Association Executive Committee for stepping up to the plate to organize this event. It's a wonderful means of getting back into the school routine.

On Friday, September 25th all our students were treated to a joyful afternoon. Not many school children can boast they spent a school afternoon on rides.

Thank you to Mr. DeSantis for allowing our students to attend the feast for the afternoon. We had a great time.

In October we celebrate the Rosary. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation - Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. We also ask for Mary's intercession - the most powerful of all the angels and saints.

CONFERENCES

At Back to School Night there was a sign up sheet for conferences which will be held on Friday, December 4th. If you did not sign up for a conference your child's teacher will schedule a conference for you. The appointment will be sent home on October 16th.

TARGET RED CARD

If you shop at Target and use their RED CARD (Charge) a portion of the sale will be donated to Notre Dame. To register your card call 1-800-316-6142, the School ID number is 10285

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Once again we will be collecting Box Top's for Education. Last Year we received over \$450.00 from Box Tops.

UNIFORM SWAP

Our first uniform swap sale was very successful. The Home School Association raised \$441.00. We are planning a clearance sale on December 4th, conference day.

HALLOWEEN PARTY & PARADE

We are in the process of finalizing plans for the Halloween Party & Parade.

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
SCHOOL MASS 10:00AM
FEAST OF ST. THERESA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MEETING—7:00PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP ENDS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
NO SCHOOL
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
NO SCHOOL
COLUMBUS DAY

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
PROGRESS REPORTS
GRADES 1—8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
FALL FEST
GRADES PRE-K TO 5
7:00—8:30PM

HALLOWEEN DANCE
GRADES 6, 7 & 8—7:00 - 10:00PM

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26
BOOK FAIR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
HALLOWEEN PARADE 1:45PM

EMERGENCY CARDS

Approximately 98% of parents has completed the emergency cards and returned them to school. Unfortunately, a few of the phone numbers submitted are either disconnected or no longer in service.

Please call the office to update phone numbers. In an emergency situation, we need a phone number where you or a relative can be reached. Please make every effort that we will be able to reach you during the day.

CLASS PARENTS

The staff has selected class parents for the 2009-2010 school year. In the interest of fairness, parents which were class parents for that grade level the previous year were not selected. In a few classes, previous class parents were the only volunteers. Each teacher decided if they needed 2 or 3 class parents. The following are class parents for the 2009-2010 school year.

<u>PreK-3</u>	Maria Ortega	<u>PreK-3/4</u>	Ani Gerber LisaKuhl Helen Peralta	<u>PreK-4</u>	Isabel Biricik Janet Doyle
<u>Kindergarten</u>	Karen Escudero Yvette Severino	<u>Grade 1</u>	Karen Bacolod Deborah Boru	<u>Grade 2</u>	Ana Malagon Lauren De Lucia
<u>Grade 3</u>	Iris Castellon Lorraine Slovak	<u>Grade 4</u>	Stacey Pallotta Kathy Ponce	<u>Grade 5</u>	Patricia Vivanco Maria Elena Camejo
<u>Grade 6</u>	Rosalia Lopez Albert & Diane Birchwale	<u>Grade 7</u>	Grace Quinn Jennifer Chiurazzi	<u>Grade 8</u>	Cyndee Alegria Sang Lee

Your child's teacher will notify you shortly to discuss class activities in which they need assistance. Also, all class parents/guardians needed to attend a Protecting God's Children class.

UNIFORMS

Although the weather is cool in the morning, the afternoons are still warm. Therefore students will not begin to wear winter uniforms until October 19th. If the weather remains warm in October the date will be extended. Either way a notice will go home a week before winter uniforms begin. Of course if it's cool your child can wear their sweatsuit or winter uniform, before October 19th.

HOT DOG DAY & RECESS

If you volunteered to assist on Tuesday's, Hot Dog Day or a lunchtime recess, please report to the office at the time you selected.

CLASS PICTURES

Monday, October 5th is Picture Day. All K to 8 students must wear their winter uniforms for these pictures. The class picture is used for the yearbook.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for September 2009
The category was: RESPECT

Grade 8	Guy McCann	Grade 4	Catherine Park	Kindergarten	Stephanie Vieitez
Grade 7	Michael Juliano	Grade 3	Emily Ash	Pre-K4	Leah Kelley
Grade 6	Mario Echevarria	Grade 2	Nicholas Mollica	Pre-K3/4	Stephanie Rojas
Grade 5	Jonathan Quinn	Grade 1	Jessica Choi	Pre-K3	Paola Ortega

The category for October is: **FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION**

STOP & SHOP A+ BONUS PROGRAM

Notre Dame will participate in Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Program. To enroll go to:

www.stopandshop.com/aplus click on Coordinator tab and enter information.

School ID #06205

CLASS TRIPS

If you have taken a Protecting God's Children class, you may volunteer to chaperone a class trip. Siblings are not allowed on any trips. As a chaperone we need your full attention with the Notre Dame students. I realize this may be an inconvenience however, we need to ensure the safety of all students on a trip. We must adhere to this policy.

HONOR ROLL AND GRADING SYSTEM

Grades 1 to 3 use E's, S, D, B and N on test papers and report cards. You will not see a number grade on your child's paper.

This has been the practice for the past two years when the Archdiocese of Newark changed the report cards. The Honor Roll is based upon these grades. Please consult your Parent/Guardian Handbook page 12.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

On Monday evening, September 21st the School Advisory Board met. The members are:

Dominick D'Altilio	Paul Ordorsio	Lucinda Corrado	Gerome Ranieri
Jane Battinelli	Lisa Miglietta	Sandra Weiss	Kimberly Kahn
Deacon Joseph Kim	Adelaide Luers	Sue Scimone-Bellini	Silvio Barone

The purpose of the Board is to advise and assist the Board of Pastor's and Principal in four areas. The members volunteered for these committees Finance, Development, Marketing and Facilities. All members are parishioners of St. Michael's , St. Matthew's and St. Nicholas' Church.

GYM

As you are aware, Mrs. Brennan will be on maternity leave beginning Monday, October 5th. Her replacement is Mr. Michael Papapetrou. He began this week in order to have a smooth transition.

*Please attend the
Home School Association
meeting on
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
at 7:00 pm*