

# Notre Dame Family Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- Friday, October 23rd we had our annual Family Fall Fest. Over 100 students decorated pumpkins, decorated cupcakes and had tattoos applied. While our PreK-3 to 5th grade 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: Natalie Torres, Prettiest Costume, Ryan Campen, Funniest Costume, Alfredo Rodriguez, Coolest Costume and Caroline Severino, Most Interesting Costume.
- Thank you Mrs. Cathy Juliano, Chairperson of the Fall Fest and her committee.: Barbara Kivlehan, Theresa Dilorgi, Margie Ash, Jennifer Chiurazzi, Grace Quinn, Lorraine Slovak, Diane Mollica, Anna Scardigno, Maria Bott, Michael Birchwale, Keri Campen, Paul Chiurazzi, Ryan and Kaleigh Campen, Michael and Vincent Juliano and all the class parents from PreK-3 through Kindergarten for organizing the Fall Fest. It was wonderful to witness the parents and staff participation at our evening events. Thank you to all our families of PreK to Kindergarten for their generous contributions. It was a great evening.
- This month remember in your prayers those less fortunate and ask God to bless and keep our troops safe.
- The Board of Pastors, Staff and I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the blessing of your family and good friends.

### IMPORTANT DATES

SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST  
ALL SAINT'S DAY  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

TUESDAY, NOV. 3RD  
ELECTION DAY

FRIDAY, NOV. 6TH  
8TH GRADE COOP TEST  
12:15 DISMISSAL  
FACULTY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11  
VETERAN'S DAY  
SANTA'S WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, NOV. 13  
HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 7:00 to 8:30PM

### IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, NOV. 17  
WRITING TEST  
GRADES 4 & 7

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18  
8th GRADE BAKE SALE

MONDAY, NOV. 23  
MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY

TUESDAY, NOV. 24  
TALENT SHOW  
GRADES 2, 4, 6, & 8 AT 1:00PM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25  
SCHOOL MASS 10:00AM  
12:15 DISMISSAL  
NO AFTERCARE  
THANKSGIVING RECESS BEGINS

### KOREAN THANKSGIVING

On Friday, October 2nd, all Notre Dame students celebrated Korean Thanksgiving. Many parents prepared traditional Korean food and explained Korean customs and the meaning of Korean Thanksgiving. Thank you to all the parents that participated and made this a festive day for our students.

### CONTACT LENSES

Many of our older students wear contact lenses to school. On occasion they have a problem. We have saline solution, however we do not have contact cases. If your child wears contacts, please provide an empty contact case in their backpack.

**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 \$3,500.00. We are awaiting the Book Fair profit. A sincere thank you to our Wrapping Paper Chairperson, Mrs. Margaret Ash. The wrapping paper should arrive at school the week of November 16th. Details will be forthcoming.

Also, thank you to the Book Fair Committee: Mrs. Pam Sotomayor, Chairperson, Mrs. Patricia Vivanco, Ms. Ana Malagon, Mrs. Jennifer Chiurazzi, Mrs. Cyndi Alegria, Mrs. Hsu, Mrs. Min Hoon Lee and Mrs. Maria Torres.

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

Congratulations to students:

- Grade 8 Jake O'Dowd
- Grade 7 Katrina Loukas
- Grade 6 Giovanna Severino
- Grade 5 Alisha Saini
- Grade 4 Emmanuel Blas
- Grade 3 Nicolas Camejo
- Grade 2 Kevin Park
- Grade 1 Isabella Biricik
- Kindergarten Biaggio Guido
- PreK-4 Sebastian Biricik
- PreK-3/4 Andrew Harilaou
- PreK-3 Joseph Thomas

Also, congratulations to teachers, Mrs. Loretta Petrino—Grade 6 and Mrs. Cathy Liloia—Art Teacher

**BOOK FAIR**

Congratulations to the following students for taking part in Travels in Reading. Notre Dame students almost made it around the world. Students read 24,350 pages and it would take 24,960 pages to go around the world. The students are:

<u>Grade 6</u>	Francesca Sotomayor	<u>Kindergarten</u>
	Nico Vivanco	Diane Kim
<u>Grade 4</u>	Brian Kim	Hanna Goo
	Ryan Fundora	Elliot Lee
	Christopher Magner	Ria Mehra
	Francesca Guido	Isabella Hallack
	Emmanuel Blas	Mia Kivlehan
	Kaitlyn Rivera	<u>PK4</u> McKenzie Flynn
<u>Grade 2</u>	Giovanni Sotomayor	Danny Doyle
	Kaleigh Campen	Sebastian Biricik
	Gianna Guido	Isabella DeGiovanni
	Marco DeLucia	<u>PK3</u> Raena Kim
<u>Grade 1</u>	Isabella Biricik	
	Analese Checo	
	Andrew DeVoto	
	Victoria DeVoto	
	Andrew Gerber	
	Alexander Hroncich	

**STIMULUS FUND**

As you may be aware, Notre Dame received \$32,000.00 from President Obama's Stimulus Plan. As of today the following has been ordered:

- 2 Smartboards
- 3 Laptop Computers
- 3 Wireless Access Parts
- 3 Large Screen TV's
- 2 TV Carts
- 4 Wireless Microphones

We are in the process of ordering calculators for grades 2 to 8 and Hula Hoops, Ring Toss, etc. for recess.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for October 2009  
The category was: FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION

Grade 8 Jake O'Dowd	Grade 4 Christopher Magner	Kindergarten Sofia Ospino
Grade 7 Victoria Balarezo	Grade 3 Nicholas Camejo	Pre-K4 Jacques Kalfayan
Grade 6 Vincenzo Guido	Grade 2 Gianna Guido	PreK 3/4 Estella Burke
Grade 5 Nicholas Juliano	Grade 1 Daniela Espada	PreK-3 Zoe Keane

The category for November is: SELF-DISCIPLINE

## BINGO

The Home School Association was unable to recruit a volunteer to be the chairperson for Family Bingo Night. Therefore, a few staff members and I will organize the evening. Otherwise it would be canceled.

In lieu of a prize for each game the winners names will be placed in a raffle. At the end of the night there will be a drawing for 3 prizes.

3rd Prize	\$25.00 Gift Certificate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$50.00 Gift Certificate
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$75.00 Gift Certificate

Also, Mrs. Suzanne Pallotta has agreed to call class parents in grades 6, 7 and 8 to donate snacks.

As usual everyone helps to clean up.

The Home School Association will be sending out a flyer about this event.

### BEFORE CARE

Before Care is from 7:30am to 7:50am every morning. Many parents/guardians are dropping students off early and instructing the child to wait outside the building. Please remember your child is not supervised during that time. Please either send your child to Before Care or drop your child off at 7:50am.

### EMERGENCY PLAN

Several years ago the State of New Jersey required all schools to have an Emergency Plan in the event of an unusual situation. Schools are required to practice this plan and conduct a drill once a year. Soon we will be conducting our drill. Please be assured that teachers will explain this procedure and use age appropriate terms for the drill.

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Once again, Mr. & Mrs. Legg have agreed to chair Santa's Workshop. Santa's Workshop is November 11th. Students have the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. There are gifts are \$5.00 to \$15.00. Parents are welcome to come to Santa's Workshop with their child's class.

### 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 25th at 10:00am for Thanksgiving. All are invited to attend. Our 6th grade students will prepare the liturgy for the Mass.

### CHORUS

Mr. DeSantis will be starting the Notre Dame Chorus in January for grades 3 to 8. The chorus will be on Mondays from 3:00pm to 3:50pm. Chorus will meet for the first time on Monday, January 4th.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society is off to a wonderful start. At their first meeting they elected officers.

President	Natalie Torres
Vice President	Ryan Campen
Treasurer	Paul Chiurazzi
Secretary	Tulsi Bulsara
Publicist	Emily Lugo

The other members are: Katrina Loukas, Nathaniel Alegria, Matthew Quinn and Michael Juliano. The advisor is Mrs. Jeanne Loukas.

The National Junior Honor Society held their first community service at St. Matthew's Feast. They sold chocolate bars on September 16th, 17th & 18th. The funds went to the purchase of phone cards for one of our parents, a Mom, deployed in Iraq. Even though it was a rainy weekend, it turned out to be sunshine! They raised \$180.00.

October was focused on citizenship services. The National Junior Honor Society participated in the Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. The NJHS along with many other people, walked five miles. The group collected pledges that totaled up to \$1,230.00. They thank everyone for their support and encouragement.