

Family Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday evening November 13th, the Home School Association held it's annual Family Bingo Night. Many families attended this rainy evening event. This year there were three main prizes. Congratulations to the winners.

\$25.00 Gift Card—The family of Christopher Magner, Grade 4

\$50.00 Gift Card—The family of Mia Kivlehan, Kindergarten

\$75.00 Gift Card—The family of Christine & Joseph Thomas, Kindergarten & PK3

Many thanks to the staff and parents/guardians that made the event a success: Ms. DiIorgi, Mrs. Petrino, Mrs. Loukas, Ms. Ilaria, Mrs. Marano, Mrs. Suzanne Pallotta, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Chiurazzi, Mrs. Slovak, Mrs. Vivanco, Ms. Malagon, Mrs. Diane Birchwale and the Eighth Grade students.

A special thank you to our Bingo Caller, Caroline Severino (Grade 8) and Mr. Glenn Pallotta.

Sunday, November 29th began the season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare our heart and homes for the coming of Jesus our Savior.

During Advent we can talk to each other about what the Christmas season means to us. Christmas time is a celebration of promises kept and prophecies fulfilled. During this joyful time we wish each family happiness, good health and a world of peace.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Safety Assembly

On Wednesday, November 18th, Sgt. Espino, Officer Beck and Officer Pavlick from the Palisades Park Police Dept. presented a safety assembly to our students. During the K to Grade 3 assembly they spoke about bicycle safety and safety from strangers. During the Grades 4 to 8 assembly they spoke about bicycle safety and being safe on the internet. Please continue to discuss safety with your child.

H1N1 VACCINE

On Saturday, November 14th, over 100 Notre Dame students were vaccinated for the H1N1 virus at the Community Center in Ridgefield. Many parents have asked if they will offer this again. If we receive any additional information regarding vaccinations we will send it home as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, DEC. 3rd
REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

FRIDAY, DEC. 4th
NO SCHOOL
CONFERENCE DAY

SATURDAY, DEC. 5th
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
9:00AM TO 11:00 AM
PRE-K TO GRADE 3

TUESDAY, DEC. 8th
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION - SCHOOL MASS
10:00AM

THURSDAY, DEC. 10th
RECONCILIATION FOR GRADES
3 TO 8—1:00PM

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, DEC. 11th
A TEAM BASKETBALL BEGINS
6:00PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 12th
B TEAM BASKETBALL BEGINS
9:00AM

MONDAY, DEC. 14th
CHRISTMAS CONCERT—7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23rd
SCHOOL MASS—10:00AM

CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS

**NO BEFORE OR
AFTERCARE**

EARLY DISMISSAL—12:15pm

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, DEC. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DEC. 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DEC. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's Workshop

On Wednesday, November 11th, Mr. & Mrs. Legg chaired Santa's Workshop. Tommy & Lisa donate many hours of their time to make certain the sale is successful. The profit from the sale was approximately \$1,800.00. This fundraiser would not be possible without the help from many parents/guardians. Thank you to: Patricia Knowles, Sharon Fundora, Michael Birchwale, Diane Birchwale, Lauren DeLucia, Stacey Pallotta, Suzanne Pallotta, Myra Echevarria, Kim Geneux, Patricia Vivanco, Pam Sotomayor, Min Hoon Lee, Diane Mollica, Ann Marie Marciano, Sargam Mehra, Kathy Ponce, Maria Ortega, Ji Eun Kim, Bok Soon Park, and Suyoung Shin.
A special thank you to Tommy & Lisa Legg for their continuous support and assistance.

Mass

Our school Christmas Mass will be on Wednesday, December 23rd at 10:00am. The third grade will be responsible for the liturgy. All are invited to attend.

Basketball

All basketball games for the A Team and B Team will be held at Notre Dame. The A Team will play on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings. The first game is Friday, December 11th at 6:00pm. The B Team games will begin on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00am. The schedule is forthcoming.

Early Dismissal

Wednesday, December 23rd is a 12:15 dismissal. There will not be Before Care or After-care that day. Please plan accordingly. If you cannot pick up your child at 12:15, please have a back up plan in place. School closes at 12:30pm on December 23rd for the entire staff.

Uniform Sale

On Friday, December 4th from 8:00 until 2:00 there will be a uniform clearance sale in the main hallway. Any two pieces for \$5.00.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will be the evening of Monday, December 14th. Mr. DeSantis has a wonderful play in store for our enjoyment. During the concert the National Junior Honor Society will be selling candy. The profit will be donated to Tomorrow's Children Fund.

Lost & Found

On December 4th, Conference Day a table will be set up in the main hallway. Please check this table for lost items. Any remaining items will be donated to the Good Will.

Beverages for Technology

The Home School Association would like to begin to thank all the families that are participating in Beverage for Technology. On the wall in the main hallway is a teapot and cup (from Beauty and the Beast, Mrs. Potts & Chip) a cup with your family's name will be added to the display for every family that is participating. Also, there is a jar to collect change. We are chipping away toward technology.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Tuesday, December 8th our School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at 10:00am. The National Junior Honor Society will be responsible for the liturgy. All are invited to attend.

Backpacks

Teachers are making a conscious effort to ensure backpacks are not too heavy when students leave school. However, many parents/guardians instruct their child to take home all their books every night. Some children take home all their books every night "just in case". Please reinforce with your child to only take home the books needed for homework.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for November 2009
The category was: SELF-DISCIPLINE

Grade 8 Jae Eun Park
Grade 7 Meghan Geneux
Grade 6 Dong Hyeok Shin
Grade 5 Gabriela Sesin

Grade 4 Rachel Kim
Grade 3 Hanna Choi
Grade 2 Junyoung Kwon
Grade 1 Eunice Cha

Kindergarten Elliot Lee
Pre-K4 Danny Doyle
PreK 3/4 Taei Kim
PreK-3 Natalia Marciano