



NOTRE DAME
INTERPAROCHIAL
SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

On Monday evening, December 14th, the Notre Dame students, under the direction of Mr. Dennis DeSanctis, treated all of us to an exceptional Christmas Concert.

From the instrumental portion of the concert to the finale, the true meaning of Christmas was present. I applaud Mr. DeSanctis and our students for a delightful evening. As we look forward to a New Year it is our wish to continue keeping Catholic Education strong by affirming our commitment to Notre Dame. We strive to fulfill the theme of our Middle States Self Study, that Notre Dame will fill the future with promise.

The Board of Pastors, the Staff and I wish every Notre Dame family a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, health and prosperity.

Happy New Year

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner. The week of January 31st to February 5th has been designated Catholic Schools Week. This years theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Dividends for Life".

Notre Dame will have many activities planned for that week. They include:

- Sunday, January 31th - Open House 1:00 - 2:30
- Monday, February 1st - School Mass 10:00am
- Tuesday, February 2nd - Student Community Service
- Wednesday, February 3rd - School Tours 10:00 - 2:00 and evening 7:00 - 8:30pm
- Thursday, February 4th - School Wide Olympics.
- Friday, February 5th - Early Dismissal 12:15pm
Teacher Appreciation Day

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Papapetrou's last day was Tuesday, December 22nd. Mrs Brennan will be returning from her maternity leave on Tuesday, January 5th. We wish Mr. Papapetrou the best in his future endeavors.
We will miss you.

CHORUS REMINDER

Chorus begins on Monday, January 4th for grades 3 to 8 from 3:00 to 4:00pm.
Students will be dismissed from the Stop & Drop door.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for December 2009

The category was: Trustworthiness

Grade 8	Caroline Severino	Grade 4	Paige Pallotta	Kindergarten	Ria Mehra
Grade 7	Preeksha Lal	Grade 3	Kyra Reyes	Pre-K4	Isabella DeGiovanni
Grade 6	Gianna Scardigno	Grade 2	Donatella Leon	Pre-K3/4	Christopher Kuhl
Grade 5	Iris Park	Grade 1	Ryan Slovak	Pre-K3	Ethan Ho Jay

The category for January is: FAIRNESS

FIRST HONORS

GRADE 7

Matthew Quinn

GRADE 6

Jonathan Alegria
Andrew Son

GRADE 5

Ji Hyun Kim
Ashley Lee
Iris Park
Jonathan Quinn
Gabriela Sesin

GRADE 4

Ryan Fundora
Christopher Magner

GRADE 3

Emily Ash
Eunice Baek

GRADE 2

Patrick Lee

GRADE 1

Daniela Espada
Kate Foy
Alexis Kim
Clara Kim
Ryan Slovak
Jessica Choi

SECOND HONORS

GRADE 8

Kaitlin Matos
Alfredo Rodriguez
Caroline Severino

GRADE 7

Paul Chiurazzi
Sarah Elgalad
Meghan Geneux
Preeksha Lal
Yun Hee Lee
Katrina Loukas
Emily Lugo
Lydia Vartanyan

GRADE 6

Joseph Birchwal
Samantha Bott
Christopher Ko
Vincenzo Guido
Ann Marie Martucci
Helen Park
Angelene Perez-Vento
Gianna Scardigno
Francesca Sotomayor

GRADE 5

Rodney Byun
Breannah Checo
Stephanie Delgado
Aret Korogluyan
Chelsea Mendoza
Stephen Rim
Kayla Toofani
Nicholas Vivanco
Alisha Saini

SECOND HONORS

GRADE 4

Marianna Forese
Francesca Guido
Brian Kim
Rachel Kim
Gwen Milovic
Paige Pallotta
Catherine Park

GRADE 3

Nicole Cabrera
Joseph Chabuel
Dylan Hsu
Vanessa Pallotta
Elizabeth Slovak
Kaity Kim
Hanna Choi
Kevin Lee
Jonathan Perez-Vento

GRADE 2

Lyna Crane
Domenico Garritano
Gianna Guido
Donatella Leon
Nicholas Mollica
JuYoung Park
Angelique Perez

GRADE 1

Eunice Cha
Isaac Cho
Luis Granata
Alexander Hroncich
Irene Hsu
Mariel Bacolod

Congratulations to all!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Catholic Schools Week
is from Jan 31 to Feb 5, 2010

ON A ROLL

GRADE 8

Jae eun Park
Guy McCann
Nathaniel Alegria

GRADE 7

Ji Woon Lee

GRADE 6

Samuel Tuero

GRADE 5

Nicholas Juliano

GRADE 4

Carolyn Lee
Angelica Hernandez
Kaitlyn Rivera

GRADE 3

Marina Speanburg
Christian Perez

GRADE 2

Alanna Cordero
Vincent Juliano
Giovanni Sotomayor

GRADE 1

Ariana Atlihan
Carolina Gomez
Angelo Severino
Harold Choi

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 1st

New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 4th

School Reopens

Friday, January 8th

12:15pm Dismissal
Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th

Home School Association
Meeting 7:00pm

Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King Day
10:00 am School Mass

Friday, January 22nd

Home School Association
Family Event

PreK to Kindergarten

Report Cards

Week of January 25th

Grades 4 to 8
Cumulative Testing

Sunday, January 31st

Catholic Schools Week Begins
Open House 1:00—2:30

SCHOOL NEWS IN BRIEF

Spelling Bee/Geography Bee

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Spelling Bee on February 2nd and a Geography Bee on January 6th for students in grades 4 through 8. Classroom teachers will provide students with additional information.

Season of Giving

Our K to 8th grade students learned the meaning of giving this Christmas season. Grades K to 6 adopted a families which are in need. The 6th to 8th grade adopted families to make certain they had a wonderful Christmas. Pre-K classes donated to the Animal Shelter.

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 5th Santa came to Notre Dame to have his photo taken with the children and have a little breakfast.

We were so happy that Santa was able to take two hours from his busy schedule to visit us.

Lauren DeLucia chaired this event along with her committee: Mr. & Mrs. Marco DeLucia, Lorraine Slovak, Kelly Vieitez, Karen Bacolod, Maria Bott, Anna Scardigno, Deborah Boru, Barbara Kivlehan, Chrissy Guido, Theresa DiIorgi and Adriana DeGiovanni. They made the morning memorable to all.

School Play

This year the Notre Dame school play will be "101 Dalmatians" and "Grease the School Edition". The play will be on Friday, May 14th to Sunday, May 16th. Students in grades 2 - 8 will be able to participate in the play. Details will be forthcoming.

SCHOOL MASSES

During the month of December we had two school masses. The first was on December 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The liturgy was prepared by Mrs. Loukas and the National Junior Honor Society. The second Mass was on December 23rd and the liturgy was prepared by Mrs. Panzella and the Third Grade class. The Mass for January will be on Monday, January 18th. The theme of the Mass will be Peace. Mrs. Marano will be preparing the liturgy.

EMERGENCY DRILL

On Wednesday, December 16th the entire school practiced the Emergency Drill. The drill that was practiced was if an intruder is in the building. Everyone did a wonderful job. Hopefully we will never need to use this procedure. At the next Home School Association meeting on Wednesday, January 13th, I will be discussing the safety codes.

Snow Days

If there is inclement weather I have 3 options:

1. No School
2. A 2 hour delayed opening.
Before Care begins at 9:30am
Students may arrive between 9:50 and 10:10.
3. Early dismissal 12:15pm, no lunch, no Aftercare.

You will be notified by the class parent to which option the school is following or on:

ABC/NBC/CBS/NJ 12 for New Jersey

Using any of the above options is a difficult decision. Thank you for your cooperation. The safety of the students is top priority.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society took part in two activities this month. The first was a candy sale at the Christmas Concert. They collected \$127.00 for Tomorrow's Children Fund. The second event was a school wide Teddy Bear collection for ill children at Englewood Hospital. The National Junior Honor Society delivered 100 Teddy Bears to the hospital on December 15th. They also sang Christmas songs in the lobby of the hospital. Visitors were very impressed with our students. As you may recall the National Junior Honor Society students participated in the Memory Walk for Alzheimer. Notre Dame won the School Spirit Award and will be receiving a plaque. WAY TO GO!!

MORNING PROCEDURE GRADES K TO 3

If you walk your child to the classroom in the morning, please say goodbye to them at the door. This is not the time for a private conference. Also before the start of the school day, if you need to see a staff member please report to the office. It is inappropriate to enter the teachers lounge to locate a staff member. The office will assist with this.

APPEARANCE & HAIRCUTS

Many students are coming to school wearing incorrect uniforms and untidy uniforms. Please review the uniform code on page 18 in the handbook. Shirts need to be buttoned and ties need to be properly worn. Also, many boys are in need of haircuts. Please refer to pages 25 & 26 of the Parent/Student Handbook.

LUNCH

Grades K to 8 - Please do not send in lunches that need to be heated. We do not have the facility or personnel to heat lunches. Instead a thermos may be used.