

Family Newsletter

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From the Principal

Catholic School—"Dividends for Life" is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses on the good work done by the Nations Catholic Schools. According to Karen Ristau, National Catholic Education Association president, "Catholic schools provide good things for students and families-high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of Catholic school education-students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline-last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future-or the future of our world." Please join us this week in celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Lent begins this month on Wednesday, February 17th. Lent is not an unhappy time, but it is a serious time. With your families, take this time to think about how much the gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. Families need to make plans for Lent. Choose actions where everyone can participate. These actions can help us to become more prayerful, to make our lives more simple and to share what we have with those who are in need. That is the purpose of lenten sacrifices.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

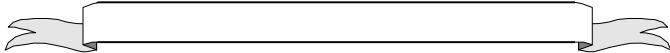
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for January 2010
The category was: FAIRNESS

Grade 8	Alfredo Rodriguez	Grade 4	Angelica Hernandez	Kindergarten	Justine Ma
Grade 7	Jessica Kwon	Grade 3	Kevin Lee	Pre-K4	Sebastian Biricik
Grade 6	Joseph Birchwale	Grade 2	Patrick Lee	Pre-K3/4	Andrew Harilaou
Grade 5	Ashley Lee	Grade 1	Isabella Biricik	Pre-K3	Joseph Thomas

The category for March is: INTEGRITY

SCHOOL NEWS



SPELLING BEE WINNERS

On January 11th, Notre Dame held a Spelling Bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each finalist will receive a prize of \$20.00 from the Knights of Columbus.

The winners were:

- Grade 4 - Ryan Fundora
Christopher Magner
- Grade 5 - Gabriela Sesin
Stephen Rim
- Grade 6 - Christopher Ko
Gianna Scardigno
- Grade 7 - Matthew Quinn
Jessica Kwon
- Grade 8 - Alec Monico
Kevin Koroglu

School Winners are:

- 1st Place: Kevin Koroglu—Grade 8
- 2nd Place: Matthew Quinn—Grade 7
- 3rd Place: Alec Monico—Grade 8

Kevin Koroglu will represent Notre Dame on a county level on Saturday, March 14th.

GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

On January 13th, Notre Dame held its first Geography Bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each finalist will receive a prize of \$20.00.

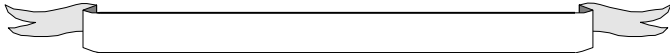
The winners were:

- Grade 4 - Brian Kim
Christopher Magner
- Grade 5 - Matthew Marrero
Ji Hyun Kim
- Grade 6 - Vincenzo Guido
Samuel Tuero
- Grade 7 - Preeksha Lal
Brandon McConnell
- Grade 8 - Jake O'Dowd
Nathaniel Alegria

School Winners are :

- 1st Place: Christopher Magner
- 2nd Place: Brian Kim
- 3rd Place: Brandon McConnell

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



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Monday, February 1
Catholic Schools Week
Mass 10:00am
8th Grade Ring Ceremony

Tuesday, February 2
Groundhog Day
Catholic Schools Week -
Service Project

Wednesday, February 3
Feast of St. Blasé - Blessing
of Throats
School Tours 10:00—2:00
and 7:00pm—8:30pm

Thursday, February 4
School Olympics—PreK to
Grade 8
2nd Progress Report Grades
1 to 8

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Friday, February 5
Catholic Schools Week
Teacher Appreciation Day
Faculty Meeting - 1:00pm
12:15 Dismissal

Wednesday, February 10
100th Day of School Celebration

Friday, February 12
Red Day
Talent Show—Grades 2 to 8
1:00pm

Sunday, February 14
Valentine's Day
Korean New Year's

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Monday, February 15
President's Day

February 15—19
Winter Recess

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
Lent Begins

Monday, February 22
School Reopens

Friday, February 26
Dr. Suess Day—Grades PreK to 3

Home School Assoc. Movie Night-
Grades PreK to Grade 5
School Dance—Grades 6, 7 & 8
7:00pm to 10:00pm

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STIMULUS FUNDS

As you are aware we received \$32,000.00 in stimulus funding from the Federal Government. Currently all of the funds except \$7,000.00 has been spent.

At the January 8th faculty meeting I gave the faculty these options:

1. Each classroom teacher could be allotted between \$400.00 and \$500.00 for classroom equipment.

OR

2. Funds could be pooled to purchase an additional Smartboard.

The staff unanimously decided to pool the funds for a Smartboard. It was also decided to place this Smartboard in the second grade. With the addition of this Smartboard Notre Dame will have seven Smartboards. This has been a major accomplishment in the past 18 months. We only need three more Smartboards for the entire school.

REGISTRATION

If you are planning to have your child(ren) attend Notre Dame Interparochial School for the 2010/2011 school year. You must pay the \$200.00 registration fee by February 12th . If you do not pay this fee by February 12th, a space for your child(ren) will not be guaranteed.

All fees must be paid and contracts must be signed by May 14th. If you need to come into the school to register in the evening we will be opened on March 24th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

EIGHTH GRADE

Congratulations to our Eighth Graders. All of our eighth grade students have been accepted to a Catholic High School.

We are proud of their accomplishments.

BASKETBALL

If you attend basketball games or work in the kitchen during basketball games, please remember children must stay in the gym. Children are not allowed to play in the hallways. Also, please use the lavatories on the stage.

SMARTBOARD

As you are aware, Notre Dame is part of the Palisades Park Board of Education Include Grant. From this grant this year we were the recipients of a Smartboard for Grade 7. During the 2010/2011 school year we will receive an additional Smartboard for Grade 8.

I sincerely thank Dr. Mark Hayes the Superintendent of the Palisades Park School District for including Notre Dame.

SCHOOL MASS

On Monday, January 18th the seventh grade class prepared a Peace Mass to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Our next school mass is scheduled for February 1st at 10:00am for Catholic Schools Week. The fourth grade will be preparing the liturgy.

All are welcome.

CASINO NIGHT TICKETS

Casino Night tickets are on sale. Please support this fundraiser in our effort to purchase new computers for the entire school.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Once again Notre Dame will be offering summer enrichment classes. We are in process of finalizing the courses and dates. Tentatively they will be scheduled for 3 sessions.

Session I June 21st to July 1st Morning & Afternoon

Session II July 6th to July 16th Morning Only

You will receive all the details in the April Newsletter.

WARMING RACKS

There are still warming racks in the kitchen from the International Dinner (September 11th). If any of these belong to you, please pick them up this week.