

Family Newsletter

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From the Principal

One cannot listen to the news, read the newspaper or surf the internet without being reminded of the state budget cuts to education. Fortunately these budget cuts do not affect the budget or programs at Notre Dame. Currently we receive approximately \$25,000.00 of funding from the state of New Jersey. This funding supplements the cost of textbooks and provides nursing services to non-public schools. As of date, these services will not be reduced.

As public educators are facing a difficult upcoming school year, Notre Dame has wonderful news for the 2010/2011 school year. Our enrollment is soaring. Currently we have enrolled 258 students for September. We will have one PreK-3 class and two PreK-4 classes. There are eight spots available for PreK-3 and four spots available for PreK-4. Also we have ten students on the waiting list for grade one. If we enroll two more students for grade one, we will split the class. Each class will have approximately nineteen to twenty students. When the PreK's are full and if we add an additional first grade we will increase enrollment by 25 children.

Notre Dame is flourishing due to the your good words to others about Notre Dame's excellent reputation and commitment of the faculty, students and parents. My sincere thanks for your commitment and support.

As we approach Easter Sunday let us remember Easter time is about new life. We celebrate new life with the symbols of eggs, rabbits, chicks, flowers, green grass and butterflies. We enjoy the glory of Jesus and the sure joy he has given us in the resurrection. All of us nourish the life of God when we share in the Easter sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

The Pastors, Staff and I wish the Notre Dame community a very joyful Easter.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for March 2010
The category was: RESPONSIBILITY

Grade 8 Alec Monico
Grade 7 Anna Jeung
Grade 6 Samantha Bott
Grade 5 Jihyun Kim

Grade 4 Francesca Guido
Grade 3 Emily Ash
Grade 2 Vincent Juliano
Grade 1 Alexis Kim

Kindergarten Diane Kim
Pre-4 Sean Kim
Pre-K3/4 Sarah Han
Pre-K3 Raena Kim

The category for March is: CITIZENSHIP

BARNES & NOBLE

Notre Dame held its second Barnes & Noble Weekend from March 12th to March 14th. Even though the weather was awful, it did not hamper the spirit of our children. All the performances were excellent. The total amount of the sales for Notre Dame was \$4,131.00. Mrs. Loukas will be receiving a check for 15% of this money to use for the library.

Great Job!!



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Hopefully winter is behind us and we can plan for the last day of school. We had three snow days built into the calendar and we used all three. Therefore, we do not need to make up any dates. The last day of school is Friday, June 18th. Thursday, June 17th and Friday, June 18th will be 12:15 dismissal with NO AFTER-CARE

GREEN DAY

Out of uniform Green Day was very successful. The students contributed \$350.00 and the staff \$150.00 toward Casino Night. One of the prizes will be a \$500.00 Money Tree.

UNIFORM SALES

In the fall, Notre Dame held a uniform sale during Back to School Night. The Home School Association will be doing this again the weekend of the school play. Details will be forthcoming.

CELL PHONE

If a student has a cell phone during the day it must be off from 7:50am to 3:00pm. Please do not text your child during the day, especially during lunch. If you need to get a message to your child, call the office.

DROP OFF

Although I talk about this constantly, several parents/guardians are still stopping in front of the school to drop off their child. This is extremely dangerous for your child and others. You need to go either to the Stop & Drop line or park legally to drop off your child. Please adhere to this for the safety of your children.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASS

On Tuesday, April 13th the Summer Enrichment Packet will be sent home. Please register by May 21st.

ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA

I have six free tickets for the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Concert. The concert will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 25th at 4:00pm. Please call the office if you are interested in attending.

CASINO NIGHT

There are still tickets available for Casino Night. If you are interested in attending please respond by April 14th.

2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The balance of fees are due and contracts must be signed by May 14th. You need to come to the school office any day from 9:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 3:00.

SCHOOL REACH

I am in the process of contracting with School Reach. School Reach is an automated system that will phone, e mail, and text you for school closings. When you register for the 2010/2011 school year you will need to complete an information form.

CENSUS

All residents should have received a U.S. Census form. Please complete the form and mail it as soon as possible.

SPELLING BEE

Notre Dame is very proud of Kevin Koroglu. On Saturday, March 13th, Kevin participated in the North Jersey Spelling Bee. Although he did not reach the final round, we're very proud of this accomplishment.

ON A ROLL
SECOND MARKING PERIOD
2009/2010

Grade 8

Jake O'Dowd
Jae Eun Park

Grade 6

Dong Hyeok Shin
Ji Young Park
Ki Beom Song

Grade 5

Stella Woo
Matthew Marrero
Caitlyn Orbe

Grade 4

Kaitlyn Rivera
Angelica Hernandez

Grade 3

Nicolas Camejo
Joseph Chabuel
Christian Perez
Lucio Rodriguez
Marina Speanburg
Julia Vartanyan

Grade 2

Kaleigh Campen
Vincent Juliano

Grade 1

Ariana Atlihan
Victoria DeVoto

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW BASKETBALL

On Saturday, March 20th the Knights of Columbus sponsored a Free Throw Basketball Contest for students in grades 4 to 8. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Lecky organized this event for the school. The winner of the Free Throw Contest was Brandon McConnell, Grade 7, Guy McCann, Grade 8 second place, Ryan Fundora, Grade 4 third place and fourth place was Mario Echevarria in Grade 6. The winners received gift cards to Modells or Game Stop. The entire group was treated to pizza.

Thursday, April 1
 April Fool's Day—No School

Friday, April 2
 Good Friday—No School

Sunday, April 4
 Easter Sunday

Monday, April 5 to
Friday, April 9
 Easter Recess

Monday, April 12
 School Reopens

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Friday, April 16
 6, 7 & 8th Grade Dance
 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Movie Night—Grades PreK—5
 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, April 22
 Mass 10:00am

Earth Day

Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day

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Friday, April 23
 Casino Night
 7:00pm to 11:00pm

Wednesday, April 28
 Spring Concert—7:00pm

**ENJOY THE
EASTER
RECESS.**

BASKETBALL TEAMS

A TEAM

Paul Chiurazzi
William Clancy
Christopher Habibian
Michael Juliano
Brandon McConnell
Sung Kyu Ro
Anthony Velazquez
Nathaniel Alegria
Brandon Castillo
Kaitlin Matos
Guy McCann
Alec Monico
Jake O'Dowd
Alfredo Rodriguez
Caroline Severino

B TEAM

Nicholas Juliano
Keith Kofoed
Aret Korogluyan
Jonathan Quinn
Alisha Saini
Kayla Toofani
Nicholas Vivanco
Jonathan Alegria
Joseph Birchwale
Mario Echevarria
Helen Park
Giovanna Severino
Samuel Tuero
Jonathan Ulloa

CHEERLEADING TEAMS

A TEAM

Victoria Balarezo
Meghan Geneux
Katrina Loukas

B TEAM

Samantha Bott
Ann Marie Martucci
Angelene Perez-Vento
Chelsea Mendoza
Natalie Rodriguez
Gianna Scardigno
Francesca Sotomayor
Caitlyn Orbe
Alexa Rae Rivera

BASKETBALL/CHEERLEADERS

The Home School Association would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents/guardians that volunteered their time to work the concession stand during the basketball season this year. You helped to make the season a great success.

MRS. LISA LEGG

Dear Mrs. Legg,
We appreciate all you have done for the team. For being at every practice, for encouraging us to do our best, and for being a great coach. We were so lucky to have a coach like you. We can't wait to see you next year. Thank you for all you have done.
Sincerely,
The A Team Cheerleaders
Let's Go Knights

Dear Coach Birchwale and Coach Campen,

Thank you for being great coaches. We have learned so much from you this year and also had a lot of fun. It was a good season and we appreciate all of the time you spent coaching our team.
God Bless You!
Sincerely,
Joseph B., Jonathan A. and the Team

Dear Bianca, Mrs. Juncosa and Alexa,

Thank you for a wonderful year! You taught us some awesome dance moves and taught us that we can do anything we set our minds to.
You inspired us to have more confidence in ourselves. You are the best coaches any cheerleaders could wish for.
Love,
Annie & Gianna
Your B Team Captains

"COACHES A TEAM"

Dear Coaches,
The whole Notre Dame team would like to thank you for the time and sacrifices you have made to make this happen. You did not just teach us basketball but taught us about life, how to treat others and how hard people should try. It was more than a team, it was a family. We went through thick and thin and never gave up. Although we may not have won 1st place, we know that what we have been taught is far greater than a championship. We can use everything we have learned for future reference to make ourselves better. There was not one time where you told us we could not accomplish a task and never did you doubt us. We were given a respect from you and we learned from you to give it back in the same manner. While the seventh graders look forward to another season next year, we can only hope they use all their knowledge from this year for next year. The eighth graders also look to something bigger, high school. We all plan to use everything we learned in order to succeed not only in education but also in life.

Sincerely,
Alec Monico and Jake O'Dowd
Notre Dame A Team

HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD

First Honors
Grade 7

Matthew Quinn

Grade 6

Jonathan Alegria
Andrew Son
Joseph Birchwale
Ann Marie Martucci
Angelene Perez-Vento
Samantha Bott

Grade 5

Jihyun Kim
Ashley Lee
Stephanie Delgado
Jonathan Quinn
Gabriela Sesin
Rodney Byun

Grade 4

Catherine Park
Ryan Fundora

Grade 3

Emily Ash
Eunice Baek
Hanna Choi
Dylan Hsu
Kaity Kim
Kevin Lee

Grade 1

Mariel Bacolod
Isabella Biricik
Harold Choi
Jessica Choi
Daniela Espada
Kate Foy
Luis Granata
Alexander Hroncich
Irene Hsu
Alexis Kim
Clara Kim
Ryan Slovak

Second Honors
Grade 8

Nathaniel Alegria
Alfredo Rodriguez
Caroline Severino
Alec Monico

Grade 7

Paul Chiurazzi
Preeksha Lal
Yun Hee Lee
Katrina Loukas
Natalie Torres
Anna Jeung
Jessica Kwon

Grade 6

Giovanna Severino
Christopher Ko
Gianna Scardigno
Vincenzo Guido
Mario Echevarria
Helen Park
Francesca Sotomayor

Grade 5

Ariana Camejo
Breannah Checo
Nicholas Juliano
Keith Kofoed
Aret Korogluyan
Chelsea Mendoza
Stephen Rim
Alisha Saini
Kayla Toofani
Nicholas Vivanco

Grade 4

Carolyn Lee
Francesca Guido
Brian Kim
Christopher Magner
Rachel Kim
Gwen Milovic
Paige Pallotta
Nicholas Lopez
Marianna Forese

Second Honors
Grade 3

Vanessa Pallotta
Elizabeth Slovak
Nicole Cabrera
Jonathan Perez-Vento

Grade 2

Lyna Crane
Marco DeLucia
Patrick Lee
Nicholas Mollica
Giovanni Sotomayor

Grade 1

Analese Checo
Isaac Cho
Andrew Gerber
Carolina Gomez

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