

Family Newsletter

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From the Principal

During the month of May, a month both named for and dedicated to Mary, Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for school children to have a "May Crowning". During the ceremony a crown of fresh flowers are placed on the statue. Our children will be having a "May Crowning" on Monday, May 3rd.

Suggestions to honor Mary as a family are:

Wherever you have room indoors or out, plant flowers associated with Mary (roses, violets, or white lilies). In the midst of them, place a picture or statue of Our Lady and add decorative stones or seashells.

Pray the Hail Mary—You may want to have the children color a picture of Mary to hang in their rooms or on the refrigerator to be the reminder to pray.

Pray the Rosary—May is a great time to teach children the Rosary.

The Mary Shrine

To make a traditional Mary shrine, place a statue or picture of Mary on a table in a prominent place in your home. Cover the table with a pretty cloth and then decorate with flowers, either real or ones you make together.

Please remember to honor Mary this month along with honoring our mothers.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for April 2010
The category was: CITIZENSHIP

Grade 8 Nathaniel Alegria	Grade 4 Carolyn Lee	Kindergarten Joshua Cho
Grade 7 Ryan Campen	Grade 3 Lucio Rodriguez	Pre-4 Jessica Gerber
Grade 6 Christopher Ko	Grade 2 Alanna Cordero	Pre-K3/4 Daniel Kang
Grade 5 Alisha Saini	Grade 1 Analese Checo	Pre-K3 Rachel Ryu

The category for March is: HONESTY

CASINO NIGHT

Notre Dame's First Casino Night was a huge success. A sincere thank you to our Co-Chairpersons, Mrs. Yve Severino and Mrs. Kim Devoto. The co-chairs made the Casino Night a worthwhile fundraiser. In addition their committee consisted of: Mrs. Cari Orbe, Mr. Michael Birchwale, Mrs. Isabel Biricik, Mrs. Janet Doyle, Mrs. Lori Dutta, Mrs. Barbara Kivlehan, Ms. Ana Malagon, Mr. George Campen, Mrs. Sarzan Mehra and Mrs. Alice Torres. Also, a special thanks to: Mr. & Mrs. John Bott, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Scardigno, Ms. Lucinda Corrado and Mrs. Deborah Boru.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As you are aware the Home School Association has a partnership of matching funds with the Columbian Charitable Group of the Knights of Columbus for the 2009/2010 school year. As of Saturday, April 24th the Home School Association fundraised \$29,000 towards our computer initiative, Approximately—\$9,000 from Beverages for Technology \$13,000 from Casino Night \$7,000 from Book Fair, Wrapping Paper Sale, Breakfast with Santa, and Santa's Work Shop (after yearly expenses). This week the Home School Association has received an additional \$5,075.00 from various families toward our computer initiative. Also, donations were made in memory of a family member. Our goal is in sight. If you have not made a donation to Beverages for Technology, please consider making a pledge this month. Also please try to support the Home School Association's Plant Sale. We are nearing the finish

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On March 30th, the Home School Association sponsored a Battle of the Bands for Grades 4 to 8. All students were able to watch the bands perform.

Congratulations to the following bands.

- 1st Place - Blue Nights
 - Katrina Loukas
 - Kevin Koroglu
 - Matthew Quinn
 - Robert Wragge
- 2nd Place - Dunkin Donuts
 - Andrew Son
 - Jonathan Ulloa
 - Christopher Ko
 - Giovanni Sotomayor
- 3rd Place - Big Band
 - Ryan Fundora
 - Kevin Koroglu
 - Christopher Magner
 - Alexander Birchwale

Each band member received a \$10.00 gift card for I Tunes.

Congratulations!

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Monday, May 3rd
May Crowning 10:00am

Wednesday, May 5th
NJHS Induction at St. Matthew's 7:00pm

Friday, May 7th
12:15pm Dismissal
PreK Progress Reports

Sunday, May 9th
Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 12th
Home School Assoc. Meeting—7:00pm

Progress Reports for Grades 1—8
8th Grade Bake Sale

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Thursday, May 13th
Ascension Thursday
Mass 10:00am

Friday, May 14th
School Play - 101 Dalmatians Kids and Grease the School Edition—7:00pm

Saturday, May 15th
School Play—7:00pm

Sunday, May 16th
School Play - 3:00pm

Tuesday, May 25th
8th Grade Religion Exam

Wednesday, May 26th
8th Grade Math Exam

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Thursday, May 27th
8th Grade Social Studies Exam

Friday, May 28th
8th Grade Science Exam

Monday, May 31st
Memorial Day - No School

TUITION

All tuition fees are due by May 14th. You must come to the school office to sign your contract and to review the information on your Smart Tuition form.

UNIFORMS

School uniforms can be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara, Emerson Plaza (Shop Rite Plaza) 473 Old Hook Road, Emerson, NJ 07630 or on their website: www.flynnohara.com. Also parents have requested to purchase hooded sweatshirts (not to be worn in school) and fleece jackets with Notre Dame's logo. Although this is not part of the uniform, Flynn & O'Hara have agreed to have these items.

School shoes must be purchased at Co-Ed Uniform Co. , Saddle Brook Mall, Elmwood Park, NJ , 201-796-4220 Extension 218 (Flynn & O'Hara does not carry similar shoes).

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

On May 5th, Notre Dame Interparochial School will host its National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony at St. Matthew's Church at 7:00pm. The following students will be inducted:

GRADE 8: Alec Monico

GRADE 7: Preeksha Lal

GRADE 6: Jonathan Alegria
Joseph Birchwale
Samantha Bott
Vincenzo Guido
Angelene Perez-Vento
Gianna Scardigno

Advisor Mrs. Jeanne Loukas
Admission is by invitation only.

Kevin Lee, a former student of Notre Dame, will be the guest speaker.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Annual Spring Concert was held on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00pm under the direction of Mr. Dennis DeSantis. Our PreK to Grade 8 certainly Rocked the House. Also our Instrumental & Recorder Band gave a performance under the direction of Mr. John Vignone.

OOPS!

In the April Family Newsletter we inadvertently did not include Eunice Cha from the first grade on the list of First Honors for the Second Marking Period.

CONGRATULATIONS EUNICE!

SUMMER UNIFORMS

Students may begin to wear summer uniforms on Monday, May 3rd.

EARTH DAY

On April 22nd all Notre Dame students participated in our Earth Day Mass. The liturgy for the mass was prepared by Mrs. Rushnak and her fifth grade class. In addition, the 7th and 8th grades have been working on projects to make the school environmentally friendly. From the projects Michael Juliano, Alfredo Rodriguez and Paul Chiurazzi have been selected to apply for a grant from the 2010 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority. They have proposed that all faucets in the school be replaced with sensor faucets. This would conserve water as children wash their hands and decrease the spread of germs. Also, looking forward to the next school year, students/teachers will be encouraged to use notebooks/paper made from recycable paper.

Finally, Notre Dame will establish a "Green Team". This team under the direction of Mrs. Rushnak would be responsible for recycling, keeping the property clean, planting flowers and making birdhouses. Every step we take to help Mother Earth will ensure our children's future.

ENROLLMENT

Good News—enrollment is soaring. There will be a PreK-3 class , two PreK-4 classes and we will be opening an additional First Grade.

Hopefully by June 18th a teacher will be hired for the new section of First Grade.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following Second Grade students.
They will be receiving First Holy Communion this month.

Vincent Juliano
Angelique Perez
Kaleigh Campen
Gianna Guido
Nicholas Mollica
Giovanni Sotomayor
Francesca Boru
Donatella Leon

BOY & GIRLS CLUBS OF LODI & HACKENSACK

The Boys & Girls Clubs offer Summer Programs. For more information call 973-473-7410 Extension 10 or go to the website: www.bgcoflodi.org.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Please register for Summer Enrichment classes
by May 21st.

PHOTOS

Wednesday, May 5th is the
last day to return the Life
Touch photos.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

According to the Archdiocese of Newark
Safety Procedures, any parent/guardian that
volunteers in the school, attends a birthday
party etc. must sign in/out at the school office.

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE/
SALE**

During the School Play the
Home School Association
will sponsor a Uniform
Sale. Details will be forth-
coming from Mrs. Camejo.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

If you are interested in being on the Executive
Board of the Home School Association, please
send me a letter of interest by May 10th.