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President

*President's Notes*

**New Year Blessings**

*May you have:*  
Beauty for your eyes to see  
Comfort on your difficult days  
Faith during your lowest moments  
Smiles to brighten your day  
Rainbows to follow the clouds  
Courage when the way gets dark  
Laughter to kiss your lips  
Patience when you need to wait  
Hugs when your spirit sags  
Friendships to lighten your being

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**Check out your friends on Page 4 who have contributed to the Parent Advancement Fund.**

**Semester Exams: Prepare more, stress less**

*Here is a list of tips to help ease your students' mid-term nerves;*

**Start reviewing early:**

Cramming the night before an exam is much less effective than studying smaller amounts of information in the weeks leading up to the test date. Students will be surprised at how much more information can truly be crammed into their head with this technique.

**Study the most difficult materials first:**

This will ensure that students are more alert and awake, and it will give them more time to ask necessary questions.

**Find a quiet spot to study:**

Students should find a place where they feel comfortable and alert, but without distractions such as phones, televisions or radios.

**Be a strategic test taker:**

Students will gain confidence by going through and answering the questions they know first. After that they can go back over the more challenging questions.

**Don't panic:**

Remind your student that once in the classroom, he or she should take his/her time. It's okay not to be the first to hand the test in - use all of the time allotted is best.

**Mid-term exam info.**

*Please be sure to check your student's exam schedule on RenWeb and review the following information for parents and students during exam week.*

**No Homeroom:** Students report directly to the room where they will take their exam in the morning.

**Uniforms:** Uniforms are required throughout the exam week.

**Lunches:** Students can purchase or bring lunch each day during exams the same as during regular school days. Menus are posted on a day-to-day basis in the cafeteria. Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch if they are scheduled for an afternoon exam. No lunch on Friday, January 27th.

**Attendance:** Students do not have to come to school if they are not scheduled for an exam. They may leave early if they have no afternoon exam, or come in late if there is no morning exam. Please make transportation arrangements accordingly. Check with your local bus service to see whether transportation will be provided each day. Those absent from exams due to illness are required to make them up as soon as possible.

**Exam Schedule:** The examination schedule can also be found on RenWeb. Morning exams begin at 8:30am and afternoon exams begin at 12:30pm. Students are required to remain in the exam room for a minimum of two and one-half hours and have a maximum time of three hours to complete the examination.

In the event of a snow day, exams will be postponed until Tuesday, January 31st. State regents exams will not be administered on the scheduled day.

**Midyear Exam Schedule January 2012**

**Morning(8:30-11:45AM)**

**Afternoon(12:30-3:25PM)**

**Monday, January 23**

English 9, 10, 11 12  
AP English 11, 12

**Tuesday, January 24**

Global Studies 9, 10  
U.S. History & Government  
American Studies H  
American Federal Government

AP Art History

**Advanced Biology**  
**RE Integrated Algebra**

**Wednesday, January 25**

AP Chemistry  
Morality  
Understanding the Bible  
Sacraments

Spanish 1,2, 3, 4  
Mandarin Chinese  
**RE Algebra2/Trig**

**RE Living Environment**

**Thursday, January 26**

Earth Science  
Biology  
Physics  
**RE U.S. History & Government**

Chemistry  
Psychology  
**RE Earth Science**

**Friday, January 27**

All Math Exams in AM  
(Algebra I, Geometry, Geometry A,  
Algebra 2/TrigA, Algebra2/TrigB,  
AlgebraII/Trig, PreCalculus, PreCalculusH,  
CalculusH, AP Calculus)

**Make-up and Conflict Exams**

**RE Global History & Geography**

**All tuition and fees must be current for students to be admitted to January exams. Please contact the Business Office regarding arrangements.**

## ENROLLMENT / RECRUITMENT

Notre Dame High School is actively recruiting new students for the newly established junior high and the high school.

We continue to seek assistance from our current parents and students in this process. If you know of any families who might be interested in finding out more about Notre Dame, please encourage them to contact Sister Nancy Kelly. They will be able to ask questions and get the paper work they need for their child to register at Notre Dame High School. Thank you in advance for your help.

## RE-REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

Re-Registration information will be sent to parents of students in Grades 9, 10 and 11. Your cooperation by returning the information before the deadline of January 27, 2012 is very important.

New student registration will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 11am until 2pm and Monday, February 6 from 3:30 to 8pm. Please inform parents of new students of these important dates.

## FACTS INFORMATION

During the re-registration process, we want all of our parents to be aware of the availability of scholarship and financial assistance as they plan for the 2012-2013 school year. This assistance is available through FACTS which helps the school to implement our cost based/needs based tuition making our school available to all who wish to choose a Notre Dame education.

This program based on the cost per pupil, allows the school to operate at full capacity and meet the human and financial needs of each family. Information is available when a family registers and applying on-line ([www.facts tuitionaid.com](http://www.facts tuitionaid.com)) is the fastest and most direct method of submitting your application. It is important for every family to know this is a completely CONFIDENTIAL process and no one in the school is able to review your application without your approved consent. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 30, 2012.

## OPEN HOUSE for incoming 7th/8th graders

Notre Dame will sponsor a special OPEN HOUSE for families interested in enrolling students in our 7th and 8th grades on Sunday, January 22nd between 1 and 2pm. We want to acquaint our potential students with the areas of the building they will be using.

As enrollment will be limited to 50-7th and 50-8th graders, it is important that families register in a timely manner.

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**  
**Sunday, February 5**  
**11am to 2pm**  
**Monday, February 6**  
**3:30 to 8pm**

### ATHLETIC FEES

**Reminder:** Athletic fees are due for Winter sports participants. \$100 per sport must be paid to Notre Dame High School by ND and Holy Family School students as soon as possible. Please contact the Business Office if you need more information or are unaware of the school's Athletic Fee policy. Thank you.

### Bullying Seminar

***The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander – Breaking the Cycle of Violence***  
 Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium  
 Open to the community, free -- Be sure to go to page 5 for more information.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

**Senior Parents:** January is **Financial Aid Month** for college bound seniors and their parents. Seniors have received some helpful financial aid information from the Guidance Office and there are several good websites to assist as well. The first step is to obtain a PIN for both the parents and the student at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The actual FAFSA form is filled out on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA form should be filled out as soon as possible and does require information from the parents' and students' 2011 income taxes. If the tax return for 2011 is not completed and as long as the family's income is not significantly different from the previous year it is perfectly acceptable to do estimated information on the FAFSA. Most colleges ask that the FAFSA and any other financial aid forms be submitted by February 15 and some may even have a February 1 deadline. There is a help-line chat feature that is available while you are filling out the form.

It always a good idea to make sure you **verify** that the colleges your student has applied to have all the necessary paperwork to make an admission decision. Some colleges will send letters confirming that your student's file is complete or e-mail that to you, but some do not. You should never hesitate to call the colleges where you are not sure if they have received all necessary documents. A quick phone call can save a crisis later!

Seniors are reminded to **bring their acceptance letters and scholarship award letters** to Mrs. Morrell. Any scholarships that a student receives will be listed in the graduation program, even for colleges that the student will not be attending. We think that their years of hard work deserve as much recognition as possible.

It is also the beginning of "scholarship season" and there are many applications available in the Guidance Office that seniors should check out.

Mrs. Morrell is always happy to answer any questions parents may have about this stressful and sometimes intimidating process. Her e-mail is [morrellc@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:morrellc@notredamehighschool.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

**KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP** applications will be available for seniors in the guidance office on February 1st and are due back on March 23, 2012. Scholarships are awarded based on several criteria: service, character, leadership and scholarship.

**Musical Scholarship Competition:** The 49th Annual Thursday Morning Musicales' Scholarship Competition will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 9:30am at the North Presbyterian Church for high school seniors attending school in Chemung County who plan to continue their study of music in college. Applications/Instructions will be available for seniors in the music department in February.

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**The SNOWBALL:** The annual SnowBall winter semi-formal dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th from 8-11PM at the Elmira Country Club and is open to all students. Tickets are \$45 per couple and \$25 for an individual. Parents and students need to be aware of the following policies:

- **Guests/Dates:** Only Notre Dame High School students and their dates may be admitted to the dance. Any Notre Dame student who wishes to bring a student from another school (no student younger than 9th grade or older than 20 years of age) must fill out a "Guest Permission Form". These forms need to be returned by January 25th, the last Wednesday before the dance.

- **Hours:** All students must arrive and be admitted by 9pm and must remain until at least 10:30pm unless they have written permission to leave early. Parents will be called if their child does not arrive by nine or leaves prior to eleven.

- **Dress Code:** The event is a semi-formal event for which girls are required to wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit; boys are expected to wear dress slacks and a dress shirt. Dresses for all dances need to be appropriate for a Catholic school semi-formal. Bare midriffs, very short skirts, and plunging necklines are **not appropriate**.

- **Behavior:** No overtly sexual dancing will be allowed, and public displays of affections are inappropriate.

- **Alcohol:** No alcohol or any other similar drugs or substances are allowed at this or any other school function. All students and their guests may be screened with passive alcohol sensors as they enter the dance. It is important for parents to know your son or daughters date, with whom he or she is riding, and the plans that have been arranged for parties before and after the dance.

## KUDOS TO:

the students and faculty who helped to make 22 families' Christmas brighter with the delivery of food and gifts. Special thanks go to **Mrs. Peggy Warner** who made many arrangements.

**Brian Brown** who is our Principal's Leadership Award Recipient.

## KUDOS TO: (continued)

the **boys and girls basketball teams** who participated in the Josh-Palmer Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament. The boys captured the title in their division. The girls advanced to the finals.

the **Robotics Team** who under the direction of Charles Berry have begun the process of building their robot to enter the N.Y. State Tournament. They travelled to Rochester, Saturday, January 7th to pick up the robot parts and receive directions.

**Abby Carr** who was the school's entry for the DAR Good Citizen person.

**Rebecca Mozdy** who is our entry for the Fireside Scholarship Award.

the **Cheerleaders** and their coach, **Mrs. Slater-Stedge** for the wonderful birthday party they had for Riley Murray on her 4th birthday.

to our winners of NYS Catholic Daughters of America 2011 National Education Contest who received certificates. **Mina Raj**-1st Place NYS-Poetry Division III. **Connor Sharkey**-1st Place-NYS Essay-Division III and **Emma Anderson**-2nd Place-Art Division III. Their certificates were mailed in January from Mary Smith and we thank the Theology teachers for submitting their projects.

## FUNDRAISING

**MAGAZINE DRIVE** - The Annual QSP Magazine Drive at Notre Dame High School begins on Thursday, February 9th. This is a major fundraiser for Notre Dame and we encourage all students to participate. We hope that each student can sell at least 7 items (books and CDs are available in addition to magazine subscriptions). Once a student has reached 7 sales, he/she will have permission to dress down for the remainder of the drive.

The school receives very reasonable prices for these items, so be sure to contact a Notre Dame student ASAP to be the first on their order form. Renewals of old subscriptions are available as well. You can encourage relatives and friends to order online by clicking the link from our website:

[www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com)

or by directly visiting:

[www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com)

and recognizing Notre Dame as the recipient of your order donation.

## KUDOS TO: (continued)

**MAYFEST** - The Mayfest Committee will meet soon. Save the date for the event- **SATURDAY, MAY 12TH!**

Everyone is invited to contribute to making the bake sale and the slightly used book sale a success. One of our parents will contact you about the bake sale and you may bring in gently used books and puzzles any-time before the event.

Basket raffles are a big part of the event. Please think of items that would be appropriate for that event NOW!

It is the committee's hope that all ND families will be involved... Thanks in advance for your help.

## CRUSADER CARDS

Thank you to all of our parents who purchased Crusader Cards for the holidays. Our sales for December were super (we sold over \$44,000) and we have everyone to thank. Current parents who participate in the SCRIP program will see tuition rebates at the end of the year relative to the amount of Crusader Cards they've purchased. A percentage of all sales serve as a donation to Notre Dame High School, as well.

You can download an updated scrip form from the ND website under the Crusader Cards tab.

## Top Ten Scrip Card Purchasers:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaVelle
2. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Martin
3. Ms. Mary Hosey
4. Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Barkley
5. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Keefer
6. Mr. & Mrs. John DeMuth
7. Mr. & Mrs. James Miller
8. Mr. Mark Quesada & Ms. Michelle Hilton
9. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Volino
10. Mrs. Margie Hitchcock



## Fundraising - *continued*

### Parent Advancement Fund

Each school year we make a special appeal to our parents to support the Annual Fund. As you know the income from tuition does not cover the complete cost of educating a child. Each parent is asked to make a contribution of cash or services to help make up that difference. This fund raising does not "bridge the gap" completely. Therefore, we will once again appeal to your generosity. If each family could give what is possible according to their means, the school will be able to reach its goal for the Parent Advancement Fund which is \$37,500 – a reasonable and an attainable goal. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

#### **Knight (\$5,000+)**

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Curran  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Tony Tripeny

#### **Crusader (\$2,000-\$4,999)**

Mr. & Mrs. Louis DiFabio  
Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Gregg  
Mr. Charles S. Xu & Ms. Joanna H. Zhang

#### **Shield (\$1,000-\$1,999)**

Dr. & Mrs. Matthew Brand  
Dr. William Pochal'75 & Dr. Kyra Bannister  
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Ronsivalle  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schmeckenbecher  
Mr. Frank'81 & Mrs. Karen (Kozemko'86) Steed

#### **Sword (\$500-\$999)**

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nelson  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Prybyl

#### **Lance (Up to \$499)**

Drs. Matthew & Maria Brown  
Mr. Michael'90 & Mrs. Lisa (Beaty'92) Mustico  
Dr. & Mrs. Brent Samter  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Spaulding  
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Stanley  
Dr. & Mrs. Philip Stuart

## School Calendar

The calendar is posted on the school's website. As you study it and make plans for vacations, please keep in mind the dates that have already been set aside for time away from school. Students, who miss school because of family plans at times other than those already set aside, miss valuable classroom time.

### President's Day Weekend Recess

**Friday, February 17, 2012 -  
Monday, February 20, 2012**

### Spring Recess

**Friday, April 6, 2012 -  
Sunday, April 15, 2012**

Student athletes need to be aware of games and practices during President's Weekend Recess and Spring Recess. These students should consult with their coaches prior to making plans.



The School Calendar and Sports Schedules can be accessed on the Notre Dame Website at:

[www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com).

To access the sports calendar, click the orange "Sports Schedule" tab under Quick Links on the home page.

To access the School calendar, click the black "Calendar" tab at the top right corner of the home page.

To access the "Crusader Connection", click the "Parents" tab on the home page then click Crusader Connection.

### **RECYCLE FUNDRAISER**

(Items accepted listed below)

**Jewelry, Cell Phones, Ink Jet Printer Cartridges, Laptop Computers, Apple iPods & MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, GPS Devices, Radar Detectors, Kindle & Sony Book Readers, and Handheld Game Systems.**

*Please bring items to the Advancement Office.*

## Events throughout the year

Your participation and support of the fund raising events throughout the year will be very much appreciated.

*Save the dates for:*

### Cabaret Night Talent Show

**Saturday, February 11, 2012 - 7:30PM**  
Students-\$6/Adults-\$8  
(Tryouts on 2/2-2/3 from 6-9PM)

### Fun with Inflatables

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**  
10:00AM-3:00PM

### Salute to America Concert

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012 - 7:30PM**  
(Family members or loved ones who are or were in the military who would like to be in the concert program, should submit names to ND with name, rank and service)

### Big Band Dance

**Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 7:30PM**

### Broadway Show Trip

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012** for students and parents. Scheduled visit to the new 911 Memorial and a ticket to the musical Evita. Only 42 tickets available at \$80 per person. Call 426-6268 to reserve a spot.

### Mayfest

**Saturday, May 12, 2012**  
10:00AM-3:00PM

### Crusader Classic Golf Tournament

**Sunday, May 20, 2012**  
12:30PM - Shotgun Start

## CELL PHONES

**Our Code of Conduct states that "Cell phones may NOT be used during the school day except in the case of extreme emergency with teacher/administrator permission."**

**A parent should not come to pick up a son or daughter unless they have been called by someone in the school office or the school nurse!**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

***The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander – Breaking the Cycle of Violence***

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium**

**Open to the community, free**

The issue of bullying has captured headlines recently with stories of very sad and tragic occurrences across the country. Despite the recent media attention on the issue, bullying is something we know is not a new phenomenon. What is different today, is due to increased reports of bullying in schools, and school districts are taking a much more proactive approach addressing the issue.

To address this complex and difficult issue, the C-PP Area School District is bringing a nationally known and highly-respected expert on bullying to our community, and they have invited parents, students and community members to attend. Barbara Coloroso, an international bestselling author and for the past 38 years an internationally recognized speaker and consultant on parenting, teaching, positive school climate and many other school-related topics, will be speaking at the Corning Museum of Glass (CMoG) auditorium Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to all, but with limited seating. There is no reserve seating for this event.

Ms. Coloroso has appeared on Oprah, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and NPR and has been featured in the New York Times, Time, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek and other national and international publications.

Her uniquely effective parenting and teaching strategies were developed through her years of training in sociology, special education and philosophy, as well as field-tested through her experiences as a classroom teacher, laboratory school instructor, university instructor, seminar leader, volunteer in Rwanda and mother of three grown children.

The program on the 17<sup>th</sup> is “The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander – Breaking the Cycle of Violence.” Topics will include the making of a bully, a definition of the bullied and a bystander, breaking the cycle and creating circles of caring within the home. She will also discuss what works and doesn’t work in addressing the issue in the schools and community.