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President's Notes

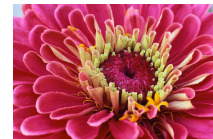


Happy Spring!!

John O'Donohue in his book, Anam Cara has some beautiful thoughts on spring which is trying to break out and bring new life. He writes, "Spring is a youthful season: it comes forth in a rush of life and promise, hope and possibility. At the heart of spring, there is an inner longing. It is the time when desire and memory stir toward each other. Consequently, springtime in your soul is a wonderful time to undertake some new adventure, some new project, or to make important changes in your life. If you undertake this when it is springtime in your soul, then the rhythm, the energy, and the hidden light of your own clay works with you. You are in the flow of your own growth and potential. Springtime in the soul can be beautiful, hopeful and strengthening. You can make difficult transitions very naturally in an unforced and spontaneous way."

As we begin the month of May, we thank God for the gift of spring and pray that life is always possible when things are most bleak and lifeless. As the earth is reborn, we need to remind ourselves that we too are reborn through faith. It is my hope that the flowers and newly green trees be a constant reminder of God's infinite love for us. Happy Spring!!

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MAYFEST ON ITS WAY

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We hope you will join others at the **Annual Mayfest Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, May 7th from 10 am to 3 pm**. The schedule will include a Notre Dame High School Art Students' Show and Sale, vendors, entertainment, character appearances, raffles, a chicken barbeque, pigs in a blanket and other baked sale items. It will be fun for the whole family. Children will be able to climb on the Southport Fire Department's engine, get their fingers printed by the Sheriff's Department or have Tedd Arnold autograph his books.

We still need to have families donate items to be used for the silent auction and theme basket raffles. As in the past, the classes support this worthy cause and we would be pleased to have you support it with your creative and generous hearts.

If you are a **YANKEE FAN** the Big Raffle for the event is tickets to a Yankees game at the new Yankee Stadium. The lucky winner will win 4 tickets to a home game and two gas cards to help you arrive at the game. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets are available in the Main Office and if you have sold any tickets please **MAKE SURE TO RETURN ANY SOLD TICKETS TO SCHOOL.**

The gently used **BOOK SALE** will be a success, with donations of hardcover or paperback books to the school office to be sold the day of the Mayfest. Many people will be looking for books to read over the summer vacation and your contributions will be very helpful.

Thank you for your support of this event.

News Briefs

Tuition Sign-Ups

Tuition sign-ups for the 2011-2012 school year will be from 5PM-7PM on **Monday, May 16th** and **Wednesday, June 1st**. For parents who have students entering Grade 10, 11 and 12, your payment plan choice will be ready by May 9th. Information on this and your parent service will be sent home with your oldest child. For those who are new to the school, your packet will be mailed. This packet will be ready on Tuesday, May 10th. Each family is required to come to the school to complete a formalized agreement on how your tuition will be paid and your commitment to service.

In order to receive financial assistance for the 2011-2012 school year, parents must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Application. Your completion of this form is essential for a family to be eligible for needs base/cost based education. Go to factstuitionaid.com.

All 2011-2012 tuition, fees and fines of any kind must be paid by Friday, June 3, 2011. Students will not be admitted to exams or permitted to graduate from the stage if accounts are not paid in full. If you have any questions about any of these items, please call the Business Office.

National Honor Society

Congratulations to those who were inducted into the Lourdes Chapter of the National Honor Society on Wednesday, April 27, 2011: **Emma Anderson, Alexandra Antos, Brian Brown, Chelsea Camilo, Abigail Carr, Victoria Dawes, Joseph DiFabio, Matthew Frank, Marine Marcargent, Rebecca Mozdy, Amelia Neumayer, Victoria Prybyl, Sarah Schamel, Mike Schenone, Connor Sharkey and Charlie Xu.**

The induction ceremony included a reflection on the qualities of leadership, character, service and scholarship needed for NHS membership. Mr. Michael Mustico'90 addressed the group with an inspiring and practical message.

May Day

The school will celebrate our May Day on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10:30AM. The traditional crowning will take place after Mass in the school auditorium. We are honored to have Bishop Matthew Clark as our Celebrant for the Mass.

Our May Queen is **Emily Tift** who will be escorted by **Spencer Bense**. The attendants and their escorts are **Taylor Drake** escorted by **Jack Coughlin**, **Maddie Leonard** escorted by **Mike Skordynski** and **Christina Musshafen** escorted by **Adam Butters**. Parents are invited to the ceremony.

NDWebsite

We hope that you have noticed the updated website for Notre Dame High School. We believe it is user-friendly and it complements the school's marketing materials.

You should find the Crusader Connection more easily and our staff finds it much simpler to update the current events. The Satori Group is responsible for the design.

Senior Parents

Senior Parents who are planning graduation activities are notified that graduation will be on Friday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m. and the Baccalaureate Mass will be Wednesday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. The Baccalaureate Mass is generally the evening prior to graduation; however, the state mandated exam for students in the EMS course will be held that evening making it necessary to celebrate the Mass on Wednesday.

Robotocs/Band Competition

Congratulations to the Band and the Robotics team who competed over the past weekend. The Jazz Band earned third place in their competition and the Symphonic Band placed fourth. There was stiff competition for our school and we are very pleased with their performance. The Robotics team placed 48th out of 88 teams, and 4th out of 14 Rookies. They failed to make the elimination round; however, they learned a great deal from their experience and we are proud of their accomplishments. The Robot may be present at the Mayfest - come and see it in action.

Year-End Activities

The Junior Prom on Saturday, May 14th and the Senior Prom on Saturday, June 4th are highlights in the upcoming calendar of events. Please help us to make it an enjoyable and memorable evening for all who attend. Some information you should know:

- Students should arrive early; no seniors will be admitted after 9PM. Juniors should be present at Lib's at 6:00PM
- Know with whom your student will be attending the event. Be informed of his or her plans for the entire evening. Please consult with other parents regarding the big event. The school will ask all of those who purchase a ticket to fill out a form informing us of their mode of transportation and with whom they will be riding.
- We will have chaperones, security and special check-ins at each prom. Any student suspected of using alcohol prior to arriving at the dance will be subject to the school's disciplinary code and will be required to remain with a faculty chaperone until the student's parent comes to pick up the student. Parents will be notified immediately if there is a problem.
- Parents are expected to monitor their child's behavior off school grounds and expected to disapprove of the renting of a hotel room and post prom parties where alcohol is served to minors. The school cannot assume responsibility for students after they leave the dance. Please take time to discuss post-prom plans with your son or daughter so he or she will have a safe evening.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 5th - Art Show
 Friday, May 13th - Junior Day
 Saturday, May 14th - Junior Prom
 Wednesday, May 18th - Spring Concert
 Sunday, May 22nd - Golf Tournament
 Wednesday, May 25th - May Day
 Saturday, June 4th - Senior Prom
 Tuesday, June 7th - Senior Banquet
 Wednesday, June 8th - Athletic Awards
 Thursday, June 9th - Awards Assembly
 Friday, June 10th - Senior Car Parade

News Briefs - continued

Fall Sports Tryouts

Fall sports tryouts will begin Monday, August 15th, 2011. Physical forms must be turned in prior to the start of tryouts and sports fees must be paid at the beginning of the season.

E-Mail Address Updates

During the 2011-2012 school year, we will continue to use more e-mails to communicate. Please provide us with any changes or new e-mail addresses to help us all stay connected.

Summer Camps

Elementary and Junior High students may participate in camps at NDHS this summer. Sports available include basketball and soccer. A Fine Arts camp with activities in theatre, art and music will be held the first week in August. The summer camp brochures will soon be available in the School Office.

KUDOS

Please join in celebrating **Bernadette Gublo** who has been nominated to receive the Youth Award at the Tribute to Women Luncheon sponsored by the YWCA.

Shaan Amin recently was notified he is a semi-finalist in the Presidential Scholars Competition and that he has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

Genevieve Marcy and **Shaan Amin** competed in the Thursday Morning Musicales Annual Scholarship Competition on Thursday, April 21, 2011.

Students, faculty and staff who participated in the All School Service Project are to be commended. The weather favored the project, the Friends of the Chemung River Watershed guided our efforts as we cleaned both sides of the river. We made a difference. We took care of the earth, disposed of pounds of garbage and have a new appreciation of the river.

KUDOS - continued

Thank You from the Campus Minister - Mrs. Roy

**Congratulations to the following seniors who were recently recognized by the diocese of Rochester for being the Hands of Christ: Taylor Bower, Jack Coughlin, Taylor Drake, Madison Leonard, Alec Lewis, Katherine Rominger, Laura Stewart and Sydney Youmans.

**A big thank you to the following students who presented Bully-Proof programs to three schools this year. Our gratitude goes to Syndey Youman, Spencer Bense, Max Garten, Taylor Drake, Maddie Leonard, Porter Weeks, and Kate Rominger.

This bully-proof team did a variety of activities including skits, role playing, listening, deepening the awareness of the kinds of bullying and finally encouraging students to literally wave good bye to bullying.

**Recently our Notre Dame seniors gave witness to the fact that miracles happen. Due to some unforeseen circumstances a neighboring parish request help for their confirmation retreat. We truly are proud of the following students for "filling in" at the last moment and leading the confirmation retreat. Thanks again to Kate Rominger, Spencer Bense, Mike White, Erin Kelly, Maddie Leonard and Dylan Steed.

**Merciful May is a theme the Mercy Mission Committee has set for the month of May. As I reflected back on this school year, I am truly grateful for then countless opportunities and willingness of our students to live the Mercy core values of compassionate presence, service, respect, justice and hospitality. I applaud all the effort of our first annual service day. I am also thankful to this year's sophomore class for their 100% participation in the two sophomore service retreat days. I would also like to acknowledge the countless faculty members and staff who juggle their responsibilities to serve side by side with our students.

We are proud of these theology students whose poems received excellent work by their teachers.

Savior

When days seem darkest
when nights are long and cold
when I stand enveloped in despair
all forsaken and alone.

You shine your light upon me
reach out your hand to show I'm not alone
take me under your wing of salvation
give me the hope to carry on.

You help me in all times of peril
guide me through the labyrinth of life
save me from all evil
and I thank thee my God.

Brittany Schutrum '13

Humility

A whale does not terrorize the ocean,
For he does not know his size.

An elephant does not attack a mouse,
For he does not know his strength.

A gazelle does not mock a turtle,
For he does not know his speed.

A horse does not make a hyena his subject,
For he does not know his beauty.

One who kows not his talens,
Will not humiliate others.

Why should one who does,
Act any different?

Mary Pelkowski '14

Fundraising

Parents' 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 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 Parents' Advancement Fund which is \$38,000 – a reasonable and an attainable goal. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

Families donating to this fund include:

Knight (\$5,000 & above)

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Gregg

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

Drs. Muse & Coughlin

Mr. & Mrs. Louis DiFabio

Mr. Frank'81 & Mrs. Karen

(Kozemko'86) Steed

Mr. & Mrs. R. Tony Tripeny

Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Weeks

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

Dr. & Mrs. Nishith Amin

Mr. & Mrs. A. Joseph Antos

Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Charlotte

(O'Brien'82) Wirth

Dr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Connor

Mr. Charles Xu & Mrs. Joanna Zhang

Sword (\$500-\$999)

Mr. Christopher & Mrs. Karen (Gizzi'82) Baker

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Schmeckenbecher

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Stewart

Lance (Up to \$499)

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Braunstein

Mr. & Mrs. John Broderick

Mr. & Mrs. William Dawson

Mr. Tom Gaige

Mr. Steve & Mrs. Karen (Gough'78) Hale

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Halm

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kieli

Mr. & Mrs. Brent Samter

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Schutrum

Drs. Spaulding & Spaulding

**indicates pledge made at this level*

Fundraising - *continued*

CRUSADER CARDS

For those of you who purchased SCRIP during the 2010-2011 school year, your tuition invoice reflects the tuition dollars you have earned. Now is the time to begin your purchases for the 2011-2012 school year. You can download an updated scrip form from the ND website under the Crusader Cards tab.

TOP TEN CRUSADER CARD PURCHASERS:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Martin
2. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaVelle
3. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Keefer
4. Mr. & Mrs. John DeMuth.
5. Mr. Mark Quesada &
Ms. Michelle Hilton
6. Mr. & Mrs. David Sidle II
7. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Brian
8. Mr. & Mrs. Craig Haflett
9. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Musshafen
10. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Volino

CRUSADER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date!! The Annual Crusader Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, May 22, 2011** at the Elmira Country Club beginning at 1:30 PM. Call the Advancement Office for more information.

JOEL STEPHENS MEMORIAL PARK

There are only a few black granite benches available to purchase and engrave in our beautiful new park along the south end of the school. You may also wish to purchase a cobblestone block and have that engraved. The cost of a bench is \$3,000 and the cost of a cobblestone block is \$500.

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to walk through the park and read the many inscriptions on the benches and blocks. Contact the Advancement Office for more information.

Events throughout the year

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

Save the dates for:

Mayfest

Saturday, May 7, 2011

10:00AM-3:00PM

Notre Dame High School

Crusader Classic Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 22, 2011

12:30PM Shotgun Start

Elmira Country Club

Notre Dame's 55th Reunion & 80 Years of Catholic High School education

Saturday, July 9, 2011

3:00 PM - School Tour

4:00PM - Mass (auditorium)

5:30PM - BBQ Buffet

(catered by Bernie Murray's)

7-11PM - Music by Nike Lite

Tickets available in the Advancement Office

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, Handheld Game Systems.

Please bring items to the Advancement Office.

CORVETTE RAFFLE

Notre Dame is selling tickets for a gorgeous 1964 Riverside Red Convertible Corvette. Brochures are available in the school office and tickets are available to purchase in the Advancement Office. Keep checking our website for more information at:

www.notredamehighschool.com.