



Sister Mary Walter Hickey,
RSM

President's Notes

November 11th is the 170th Anniversary of Catherine McAuley's death. During her life of service to others she often kept vigil at the bedside of the dying. In the course of her life she grew from fearing death to welcoming this movement of the human spirit to "that heavenly country" whose wonders we daily seek.

Pray together the prayer provided to us by the Mercy Network for education.

Lord God,

On this 170th anniversary of the death of Mother Catherine McAuley, we give thanks for this woman who lived deeply her faith in you and who answered her call to serve others. We recall Catherine's example and witness that called all to serve those in need, particularly the poor. We give thanks for her courage in the face of hard times and her commitment to live each day in care for others and in praise of you.

We in Mercy schools give thanks for Catherine's legacy to us. We pray that we might be faithful and worthy of this gift given to each of us. We pray for strength when times are hard and we find it difficult to have hope. We pray for a compassionate heart that we might reach out to those in need.

We pray in thanksgiving for the gifts you have given to us, and pray that we might use them in service to others and in praise of you—just as Catherine did in her life. We are blessed this day to join with students, faculty, staff, and administrators in Mercy schools all over the world, remembering and celebrating the life of this wonderful woman.

We recall the final hours of Catherine's life during which she encouraged her sisters to gather together, share tea and support one another. Let us remember to be persons who support others in times of loss, persons who treasure life in all its fullness and persons who believe in the promise given to us by you.

Lord God, we give you praise and thanksgiving for the gift of this woman to her time and her gift to each of us for all time. Amen.

Sr. Mary Walter Hickey, RSM
President

A Message from our Principal:

September ended with many Athletic events and Spirit Week Activities which culminated in the Homecoming Dance held on October 1, 2011. It was an active and spirit filled end to September and a good start to the second month of the school year.

October was nationwide Bullying Prevention Month. The Service Learning Class started the month by distributing Blue T-shirts to all students and staff members. Class members made announcements on "Stamp Out Bullying Day". The main message board at the entrance announces to the community that the school is participating in Bullying Prevention Month. The Service Learning Class has held an assembly for students at the Riverside Elementary School and St. Mary Our Mother School. In addition there has been local TV news coverage of the activities of the class and the school.

The Sophomore Class has been involved in Service activities at the Community Soup Kitchen and at Holy Family Elementary School. The staff at the Soup Kitchen is very grateful for the involvement of our students.

The school year continues to proceed with enthusiasm and purpose being displayed by all community members.

Mr. Jim Snyder

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Notre Dame High School
Cordially invites you to attend

**The 3rd Annual
An Evening at the
Casino Royale**

on
Saturday the 5th of November 2011
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Corning Country Club
\$50 per ticket

Live & Silent Auctions ~
Chef Attended Stations ~
Beer & Wine
Casino ~ Music
Cash Bar for mixed drinks

Dress: Business Casual

**Proceeds to benefit Notre Dame
High School**

NDHSAuction@gmail.com

News briefs

Middle School Madness

All area 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students are invited to "Middle School Madness", an evening of fun, food, music and games. It will be held at Notre Dame High School on Friday, November 4, 2011 from 7-9:30PM. Staffed by our ND students, it promises to be a great evening of fun for area middle schoolers. We have distributed fliers to all middle schools in the Elmira, Horseheads, Elmira Heights, Corning and Sayre area, public and private. There is no admission fee. Please encourage your middle schoolers and their friends to join us!

Open House

It is never too early to start thinking about the next year! **We are having an Open House on Sunday, November 13, 2011** from 1-3PM for families who might be interested in sending their children to Notre Dame High School for the 2012-2013 school year. We would like to ask you to mention this Open House to family and friends and encourage them to come and see what Notre Dame has to offer their sons or daughters. Thank you for your help to promote Notre Dame High School.

OKLAHOMA

Our very talented Notre Dame High School students are performing **OKLAHOMA** on **November 18th, 19th, and 20th**, in the school auditorium. Friday and Saturday the curtain rises at 7pm and the Sunday Matinee is 2pm.

So save the date; come and see our students perform.

Attendance

When a student is absent from school, it is essential the parent call the school by 9 a.m. to report the absence. On the first day that the absent student returns to school, a written excuse signed by a parent must be presented to the homeroom teacher to verify the absence and to **state the reason for the absence**. Students are responsible to make up missed class work. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher in regard to make-up work.

Report Cards & RenWeb

Notre Dame is seeking to embrace technology by utilizing the student information system RenWeb. **First Quarter report cards will be posted on November 9th.**

Teachers are working to get all assignments online. Parents should use the parent login on RenWeb to get information about class work and assignments as well as e-mailing their child's teacher for any concerns. RenWeb is an important communication tool and we are working to get all of our teachers up to speed.

News briefs - *continued*

Note from the Nurse's office

If you wish your child to receive any medication at school, prescribed or over-the-counter, you must submit the following to the school nurse's office:

1. Written order from the prescriber.
2. Written consent of parent/guardian.
3. The medication in its original container; label on medication must match prescription.
4. If the student is to carry the medication and self-administer, this must be noted in the prescriber's order.

It is also important to remind parent that the Elmira School District is unable to do sports physicals. Parents need to make arrangements with their private physician in order to have their students have the needed sports physicals completed.

Please call Kim Holden RN, FNP at 735-3066 if you have any questions.

Guidance

Life is busy in the Guidance Office these days as the seniors are putting their college applications together and submitting them to Mrs. Morrell. The seniors all traveled to College Information Day at the Arnot Mall and spoke with the college admission representatives. Our students presented themselves well and many college reps commented on how impressed they were with the Notre Dame students.

Here are the action items that seniors should be addressing:

***Requesting** letters of recommendation from teachers/other adults, giving them plenty of time to complete their letters.

***Checking** deadlines, but not waiting until the deadline to submit, remembering that Mrs. Morrell needs two weeks to process everything.

***Filling** out the application online or on paper.

***Requesting** transcripts from Mrs. Morrell.

***Remember** if they want their applications to go out before Christmas vacation so that they will arrive by January 1, they will need to have them on Mrs. Morrell's desk by December 7th.

Parents may have questions throughout this often stressful process and Mrs. Morrell is happy to answer any of your concerns, or to meet with you and your student if that would be helpful. Please do not hesitate to call or email her.

Guidance - *continued*

College Representatives

Juniors and Seniors should check the college representative visitation schedule posted at the top of the stairs by the Guidance Office. It is posted in all junior and senior homerooms.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The marking period ends November 4, 2011. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 14th.

Career Development Council

Deborah Lynch from the Career Development Council will be here at Notre Dame High School on **Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd & 16th** to talk to the **juniors and seniors** about shadowing and career panel opportunities. Mrs. Lynch is in the ND library on these days and other days throughout the year from 8-Noon. Encourage your student to contact Mrs. Lynch to arrange one of these worthwhile experiences.

9th & 10th Grades

This month the ninth graders are meeting in small groups in Mrs. Barron's office to talk about time management and other study skills. Those who passed everything on their first report card are happy to have "no study halls." They may now choose to spend their free time in the library or the cafeteria.

Mrs. Barron met with the tenth graders to prepare them for the PLAN test and the interest inventory that is an important part of that assessment. She will review their results in group guidance sessions this month.

Juniors & Seniors are anxiously awaiting their PSAT results which will probably arrive by December 1. Their group guidance sessions with Mrs. Morrell this month will begin the college search process.

Seniors are very busy getting their college applications in to Mrs. Morrell. There are many questions about using the online Common Application and Mrs. Morrell is happy to assist with this or any other issues. The seniors used their trip to College Information Day to speak with admissions representatives and explore options for college.

Some suggestions for Parents

It is our hope that all parents help your son or daughter to make responsible choices regarding alcohol that are consistent with your beliefs and values. Help your children to feel safe and supported by building strong relationships so they can talk with you when they are faced with difficult choices regarding alcohol. It is also important that you monitor their whereabouts and keep track of them wherever they go. Know who they are with and always check in advance that responsible parents will be present when they

Guidance - *continued*

Some suggestions for Parents-*continued* party. Develop a plan for your son or daughter so they know what to do if they are in a difficult alcohol related situation and make sure that their safety is your priority.

Sadly, it is sometime adults who are providing the alcohol. Your connection with other parents is essential. Talk with these parents about your values, discuss your expectations and encourage other parent to set boundaries which will in turn build a strong alcohol free community for our students.

Here are a few suggestions to help keep your child safe and away from the influence of drugs and alcohol. By working together through education, we can provide our students with the knowledge and safety they need.

*Teens frequently party at home when their parents are away. Prohibit unsupervised parties; if you must go away, arrange quality supervision.

*If your teen is attending a party, know where he or she will be and for how long. Contact the parents of the party giver. Know your child's ride home.

*If you chose to let your teen have a party at home, set the ground rules. You should understand state laws, know about curfews and alcohol and drug abuse.

*Set party hours. Do not allow guest to come and go. This will discourage teens from leaving the party to drink somewhere else and return.

*Limit the guest list. Be prepared to ask guests to leave if they try to bring substances to your home or arrive under the influence. Call his or her parents to ensure a safe ride home.

*Ask your teen what other fun, safe and interesting things they would like to do with friends besides drinking parties.

Come up with your own alternatives, as many as you can, and help make them happen.

KUDOS

The Rotary Youth Salute selected five Notre Dame High School students as top ten candidates. They are **Alexandra Antos, Emily DeMuth, Amelia Neumayer, Kyle Halm, Alexandra Rynkiewicz**. These individuals were recognized for their leadership, scholarship and communication skills.

Amelia Neumayer earned the first place Scholarship of \$3,000 and **Alexandra Rynkiewicz** the third place with a cash award of \$500. As Amelia was not able to be present for the award ceremony (she is studying in Switzerland), the Rotary connected those at the luncheon with her via Skype.

Congratulations to the Notre Dame students who participated in the City of Elmira Youth Court Mock Trial Program during National Youth Court Month.

The Service Learning students who participated in anti-bullying sessions at Riverside School and St. Mary Our Mother are to be commended.

Fundraising

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

Discover 2011

We hope you have purchased tickets for the 2011 Pot of Gold Drawing, with guaranteed minimum prizes totaling \$60,000. The early bird drawing of \$500 prizes have been posted. The grand prize winner will receive \$25,000 on November 15, 2011. That drawing will be held in the library at Notre Dame High School.

Gift Ideas-Crusader Cards (Scrip)

Give yourself and your family a treat-take a road trip or go out to dinner after you purchase SCRIP cards for Tops gas or any of our participating restaurants! 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. Shawn Barkley
3. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Keefer
4. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Martin
5. Mr. & Mrs. James Miller
6. Mr. & Mrs. John DeMuth
7. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Volino
8. Mrs. Marjorie Hitchcock
9. Ms. Mary Hosey
10. Mr. & Mrs. William Smetanka

Candy Drive

Those parents, who have not yet returned their candy sales money, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline is past for the single boxes. Also, if any parent is willing to sell additional boxes, please let Ms. Hosey know in the Business Office.



Fundraising- *continued*

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER! **TICKET(S) FOR THE** **Classic Corvette Convertible**

We hope you have already taken a chance to win this beautiful Red on Red 1964 Corvette Coupe. Visit our website and click the Quick Link the Classic Car Raffle to purchase your ticket. Tickets are only \$25 each or 6 for \$100. You may also contact the Advancement Office to pay by cash, check or credit card. Don't miss your chance to drive away in this beautiful, red classic convertible.



Cell Phones/Ink Cartridges- Recycling Fundraiser

Don't throw out your old cell phones, iPods or small ink cartridges. Instead, drop them off in the Advancement Office and earn money for Notre Dame. It is easy; when we send these used items to EcoPhones, they give money back to the school. In turn they restore the phones and cartridges, or use them for pieces and parts.

Graduation Celebration 2012

The committee representing the Class of 2012 is very busy trying to raise money for the events following the 2012 graduation. Keep checking your mailbox for fundraiser forms. There are several fundraisers underway and senior parents appreciate all of your support. If you are a senior parent and would like to help or be on the committee, please contact RC Ike at: partytimerr@aol.com

Bottle/Can Drive-Proj. Grad. 2012

Please take your empty bottles and cans to the following locations. These businesses will collect and hold the NY State deposits for us for our project graduation. Please separate glass from aluminum and plastic. Write ND Project Graduation 2012 on the bag if possible and leave them at the store. There is no need to count them!!! If someone has some that they need picked up please call 732-6803 and leave your information. The stores:

State Line Market, 9 Main St., Wellsburg, NY (will give us \$.07 per bottle/can)
Quality Beverage, 1137 Maple Ave., Elmira, NY
West End Beverage, 1806 W. Water St., Elmira, NY

Fundraising - *continued*

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 will once again appeal to your generosity in November. 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 \$37,500—a reasonable and an attainable goal. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.



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.

Thanksgiving Recess

**Wednesday, November 23, 2011 -
Sunday, November 27, 2011**

Christmas Recess

**Thursday, December 22, 2011 -
Monday, January 2, 2012**

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 Thanksgiving, Christmas, 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.

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.



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:

Notre Dame Casino Royale

**Saturday, November 5, 2011
6:00PM-11:00 PM**

Fun with Inflatables

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

Big Band Dance

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

Mayfest

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



The Christmas Basket Announcement

On Monday, November 28th the school will begin collecting food items and gifts for the Christmas baskets. We hope that your son or daughter will be generous as the school seeks to assist the needy in our area.

Every homeroom will sponsor a family referred to us by the school nurses of the Elmira City School District. Daily donations of food items are suggested on a list to be given to each student and also posted on renweb. Spare change is collected on a daily basis from November 28-December 16 for the purchase of perishable groceries such as turkey, milk, bread, fresh fruit, etc. A separate one time donation of \$3-5 is collected from each student to cover the purchase of new warm clothing (sweatshirts/sweatpants) for the children in the family sponsored by each homeroom.

Catherine McAuley continues to bless our school when we make efforts to do her work in the service of the poor and the infirm.

Middle School Madness

Who: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students

Where: Notre Dame High School

When: Friday, November 4, 2011

Time: 7:00-9:30pm



Come Join us for a fun night of Games, music & Food!

Andit's Free!

Reserve your place now by sending the form below to Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Ave, Elmira, NY 14904 or by calling 734-2267 ext. 310 or email the information to shannont@notredamehighschool.com.

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

NOTRE DAME SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER

Life is too short for bad coffee...

**Enjoy great coffee, tea, chai, and hot chocolate
while helping to raise money for the**

Notre Dame Class of 2012!



**Coffee & Tea
Fundraiser**



All proceeds benefit the Class of 2012.

All orders are due on November 16th.

Delivery will be the week of December 12th.

Payment is due at the time of ordering.

Questions about the fundraiser?

Please contact Susan LaVelle at lavelles@notredamehighschool.com.

Questions about the products?

Please contact Pam Weachock at Market Street Coffee & Tea at
936-3351 or marketstcoffee@stny.rr.com.

Please make checks payable to "Notre Dame High School".

ORDER FORM ON NEXT PAGE - - -

COFFEES

Full one-pound bags of freshly-roasted coffee by Market Street Coffee & Tea in Corning. Please specify whole bean or ground on order sheet.

Crusader Blend.....\$13.00

(Market Street Blend) A blend of Brazilian and Colombian beans, this is a classic American coffee with a wonderful aroma, rich sweetness, and good body.

Guatemalan Huehuetenango.....\$13.00

Phenomenal flavor combined with a nice, pleasing body create an incredibly rich and complex coffee full of red fruit, honey and butterscotch. The high altitude and hearty, rich soil combine to give this coffee an aroma of chocolate and full body

French Roast\$13.00

Deep, dark, and satisfying, French Roast has an intense, robust character and bold flavor. Rich taste, complex flavors and bittersweet finish make it a popular brew.

Pumpkin Spice.....\$14.00

Think pumpkin pie without the calories. The perfect accompaniment for crisp fall days.

Chocolate Raspberry.....\$14.00

Rich chocolate with tart raspberry - an unbeatable combination

Crusader Decaf.....\$14.00

The same great coffee as our regular Crusader Blend (Market Street Blend) but decaffeinated using the swiss water method. It's a great decaf with no chemical aftertaste.

Teas

Whole leaf tea in silken sachets by Harney & Sons. 20 sachets in a decorative tin.

English Breakfast.....\$8.50

The traditional black tea

Hot Cinnamon Spice.....\$8.50

Harney's most popular flavored tea, this is a blend of black teas, three types of cinnamon, orange peel, and sweet cloves

Pomegranate Oolong.....\$8.50

A delicious blend of light, yet fragrant oolong tea and pomegranate flavors

Chai

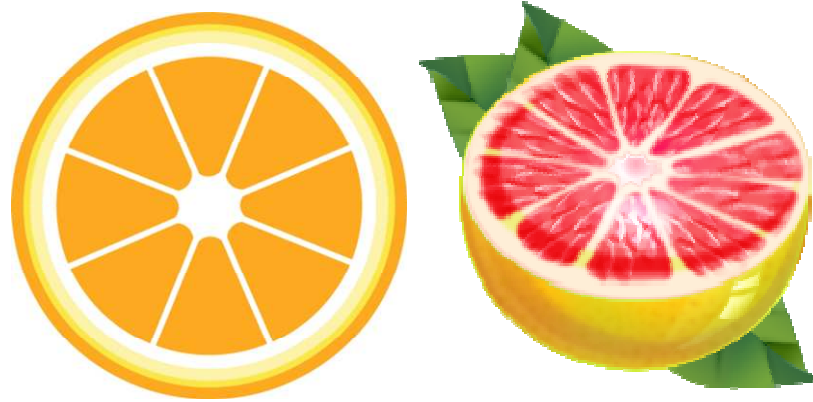
A 12 oz. container of pre-mixed chai by Caffe D'Amore.. Can be served hot, iced, or frozen.

Vanilla.....\$10.00

Hot Chocolate

A 7 oz. container of pre-mixed hot chocolate by Bellagio. Can be served hot, iced, or frozen.

Hot Cocoa.....\$6.50



CLASS OF 2015 FRUIT SALE FUNDRAISER



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN OUR FRESHMAN CLASS OFFERS THE COMMUNITY A LITTLE SUNSHINE FROM FLORIDA! BOXES AND BOXES OF DELICIOUS FRESH ORANGES AND PINK GRAPEFRUIT WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR DOORSTEP AROUND THE 13TH OF DECEMBER. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THESE TREATS AND SHARE THEM WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

<u>PRICES</u>	<u>*LARGE BOX</u>	<u>SMALL BOX</u>
Oranges	\$27.00	\$19.00
Pink Grapefruit	\$27.00	\$19.00

**A FLIER WILL BE SENT HOME
WITH AN ORDER FORM SOON.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER
AND ENJOY!!!!**

2012

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

2012

Sponsored by: Graduation Celebration 2012
ORDERS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 19th



**#1 FRESH EVERGREEN WREATH ON 10" RING
WITH RED OR MAROON BOW
AND PINECONES
(18-22")**



**YOUR CHOICE
\$25.00**

**#2 FRESH EVERGREEN SWAG
WITH RED OR MAROON BOW
AND PINECONES**
*Swag can be used as a Centerpiece

All wreaths and Swags will be assembled fresh from a locally grown supplier, B & B Florist.
**Pick up will be at Notre Dame High School: December 2nd, 12 pm - 2 pm **

Item #1 WREATH - \$25

RED _____ Qty _____ MAROON _____ Qty _____

Item #2 SWAG - \$25

RED _____ Qty _____ MAROON _____ Qty _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Checks Payable to: Graduation Celebration 2012 Return with payment to: c/o Pat Demuth
1400 Maple Ave, Elmira, NY 14904

ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____



NYC Holiday Shopping Bus Trip

Saturday, December 3, 2011

\$70 per person

(Proceeds go to NDHS Project Graduation 2012)

Depart ND: ND Parking Lot 6:00 AM

Arrive NYC: Approximately 11:00 AM

Drop off/Pick up: NYC at McDonald's on Avenue of the Americas or at Driver's discretion

Depart NYC: 7:00 PM

Arrive ND: Approximately 11:00 PM

Many extras on the bus – Raffles/Drinks, Snacks, etc.

(Shopping, Shows, etc. on your own)

To confirm your reservation, please tear off this form and mail to Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 by Monday, November 15, 2010, or drop off at the Main Office at ND. Your payment of \$70 per seat (made out to "NDHS Project Graduation 2012") must accompany your form or your seat will be sold to another traveler. This trip is a first come, first serve fundraiser and space is limited. No refunds will be given.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NUMBER OF SEATS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL RAFFLE TO BENEFIT PROJECT GRADUATION 2012

1ST Prize: 2 tickets to a Yankees game in 2012

2nd Prize: \$150 in gift cards

3rd Prize: \$50 in gift cards

Cost per ticket \$10.00 each

Drawing date: December 7, 2011

To purchase tickets please contact PJ White at 732-6803 or send an e-mail to
ndclassof2012@yahoo.com

