

JUGGLER NEWS

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

-- Psalm 51:10

† *Create in me a clean heart*, open and receptive,
so that I may embrace the many ways you choose
to visit my life.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, cleared of the
refuse of old battles with others and deadly
opposition with myself.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, purified through the
daily disruptions and the life encounters that take
me beyond my grasping control and ego-
centeredness.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, freed from the
clutter of cultural enticements, so that I can enjoy
the beauty of life's simple things and relish the
gifts I easily take for granted.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, bathed from harsh
thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies,
warmly welcoming others with the embrace of
nonjudgment.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, brushed free of
frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell
with you in the listening space of solitude and
silence.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, rinsed of the
residue of false messages about my identity,
enabling my inner goodness and light to shine
through all I am and do.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, cleansed of anxiety
and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith
in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, scrubbed of racism
and prejudice, drawing me toward all as my sisters
and brothers.

† *Create in me a clean heart*, washed with your
mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me
move beyond whatever keeps me from union with
you.

-- Joyce Rupp

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of February brings us many
reminders of "love". The retail stores inundate us with
Valentine flowers, candy, jewelry, etc. This might be a
good time to reflect on God's unconditional love for us
and for the many ways others show us their love.

Ash Wednesday will be during the February
break. I encourage you to have your children attend
Mass on Ash Wednesday.

February brings us the much anticipated "Winter
Break". Hopefully everyone will be able to take some
time to relax and recharge our batteries for the remainder
of the school year.

Please know that we are grateful for your
cooperation and support.

God bless you,

Sister Anna Mae

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES/ CAMPUS MINISTRY

During the week of February 8th, we celebrated Vocation Week at Notre Dame. Father Joe O'Connor, the Vocation Director for the diocese, spent the week with us, visiting all Religion classes and sharing his experiences with our students. Father began the week by celebrating Mass for the student body at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Monday.

As is our tradition, during the season of Lent we will be traveling to local parishes to present the Living Stations. This year we will be presenting *Jesus' Way of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary, His Mother*". Through the spoken and unspoken words of Mary, we will see the suffering of Jesus on the way to Calvary. As of now, we are booked at the following places:

- Friday, 2/26 -- St. Leo's Church, Holland Patent -- 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 3/12 -- Our Lady of the Rosary -- 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 3/26 -- Holy Family, Vernon -- 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 4/2 -- St. Mary's, Clinton -- 7:00 p.m.

All students in grades 7-12 may work with us on these presentations. Please encourage your children to be part of these prayerful experiences. We also invite you to join us for one of our local presentations. They can have a profound effect on both parishioners and participants.

Our students will be offered the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at school on Tuesday, March 23rd. Priests will be available in the chapel during their religion classes.

JOSTENS

On Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th, Jostens representatives will be at Notre Dame during lunch periods to take orders for graduation announcements and school rings. Information packets will be given to all sophomores, juniors and seniors the week following winter break.

DRESS DOWN

On Friday, March 12th, we will have a dress down to generate funds for the plant sale. The plant sale is a very successful fundraiser and the money from the dress down will be used to cover expenses for signs, advertising and a commercial. The cost of the dress down is \$3.00.

DRAMA NEWS

The Notre Dame Blue & Gold will present "Godspell" on March 18th, 19th, and 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Church Auditorium. Tickets are \$8.

If anyone is interested in buying an ad or becoming a Blue & Gold patron, forms are enclosed or email musicteacher.deery@gmail.com.

GUIDANCE

Seniors:

Seniors should have completed the college application process by this time. If they have not done so they should see their Guidance Counselor as soon as possible.

The scholarship booklet has been posted on our school website <http://www.ndjugglers.org>. Once on the website go to the guidance site and look for "scholarship information". Please see Mrs. Kirkham, Guidance Secretary, for the actual applications. Please pay close attention to deadlines if you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships. They are also announced during the 'Morning Show' in Homerooms each day.

Please bring college acceptance letters and scholarship award notifications to the guidance office so that we may keep a record and post the good news on our bulletin board.

Reminder to senior parents - the **FAFSA** form which is required by all colleges for obtaining financial aid for college should be completed online to the

processing center no later than February 28th to ensure that you will get the best aid possible for your son/daughter. Student Aid Reports (SAR) will be mailed to your home about 3-4 weeks after you complete this form. Keep a print out of these forms in the event that you need to update them. Keep them in a safe place. The student aid report (SAR) will be your only record that the processing center has received your information. In March the colleges will send you financial award letters based on the information they have received from the processing agency. Please contact the guidance office if you have any questions on the financial aid process.

Sophomores and Juniors:

A BOCES counselor will meet with interested 10th grade students to give a presentation on the various BOCES programs in late February. Following this presentation 10th grade students who have expressed an interest in attending the Career/Tech High School for next year will also be allowed to visit the program for a half day on March 10th or 11th. Permission forms will be sent home for your signature to allow your student to be transported to BOCES for that visitation.

BOCES will be conducting an Open House for students and parents to showcase their programs on Tuesday, March 16th from 6-8 p.m. If your child is interested in attending either the Career Tech high school or the New Visions program, you should attend this Open House.

NOTRE DAME PRIDE MEETING

The next meeting of the Notre Dame Pride Association will be on Wednesday, March 10th. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

FUND RAISER

On February 8th your child(ren) came home with a brochure for selling homemade fresh fudge. All orders are due in school by Thursday, February 25th. A portion of the sales will be given to the Freedom Project to help Moses build his school.

The fudge will be delivered in time for Easter.

RE-ADMISSION

Reminder: Packets were sent home the beginning of February with forms for re-admission. If you have not already done so, please return the forms as soon as possible.

In order to apply for tuition assistance, all forms for re-admission must be returned. The deadline for filing for assistance is **March 19th**.

NJROTC NEWS

19 Feb -- Fish Fry Post 229
13 Mar -- St. Patrick's Day Parade
18 Mar -- Annual Inspection
19-20 Mar -- Regional Drill Meet at North Rockland HS
29 Mar-3 Apr -- Senior Cruise

SPRING SPORTS

Sign-up for spring sports will be on Monday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m. All students who wish to participate in spring sports must attend the meeting with a parent.

YEARBOOK ADS

Last call for yearbook ads – deadline February 24th. Please consider an ad in the 2010 Crescent. Prices are for both personal and business ads:

Full Page - \$150.00
1/2 Page - \$100.00
1/4 Page - \$ 65.00
1/8 Page - \$ 35.00

Digital ads must be in JPEG format.

We will build your ad for you. Include desired text, pictures, etc. Please make checks payable to Notre Dame by February 24th and bring to the main office.

Questions? – email Mrs. Radlowski @

dradlowski@syrdiocese.org

Thank you for your support.

