

# JUGGLER NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### The New Year

Faithful Companion,  
in this new year I pray:

to live deeply, with purpose,  
to live freely, with detachment,  
to live wisely, with humility,  
to live justly, with compassion,  
to live lovingly, with fidelity,  
to live mindfully, with awareness,  
to live gratefully, with generosity,  
to live fully, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision  
and to daily renew it in my heart,  
becoming ever more one with you,  
my truest Self.

-- Joyce Rupp

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This New Year may you and your families be  
blessed with much joy, peace and good health.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and  
administration, I thank you for your many remembrances  
given to us this Christmas.

Sincerely,

Sister Anna Mae Collins, CSJ

During Advent, Campus Ministry sponsored a drive to provide toys and baskets filled with household and personal care products for our neighbors in need. Through the generosity of our students, their families, faculty and friends of Notre Dame, we were able to adopt 20 families containing 41 children. Our students took great pleasure in shopping for these children as well as preparing the baskets. There were many additional care products that went to replenish the shelves in the food pantry for St. John's. Our Christmas gifts were greatly appreciated by these people who have little to call their own.

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to take part in the annual March for Life. They will attend the Vigil Mass for Life at the Verizon Center with some 20,000 teens and college students before taking part in the March on Friday. While in D.C. they will visit the National Basilica, the John Paul II Cultural Center and tour Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in MD, and other Washington monuments. These students will be representing Notre Dame and responding to the words of Pope John Paul II, "The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest of priorities in all of our societies."

Again, this year we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by acknowledging the many people we take for granted in our school. Our schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - We appreciate our **administration and staff**. Surprises are planned.

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - We appreciate our **students**. **No homework, no tests and no uniforms for all**. Also, Homeroom 101 and the National Honor Society will be served a catered lunch as a "thank you" for their great work on our Food Drive.

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - We appreciate our **teachers**. Surprises are planned.

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - We appreciate our **seniors**. Seniors will enjoy a double lunch period with a catered meal provided by the school. In the afternoon we are planning a volleyball game – seniors vs. faculty/staff.

During Catholic School's Week we will also be holding day-long retreats for our seventh and eighth grade classes. Both retreats will be given by Kelly Colangelo, the Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception parish in Fayetteville. They will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and their lunch will be catered by O'Scugnizzo in Utica. The eighth grade retreat will be on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and the seventh grade on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Uniforms must be worn on those days.

Our annual Valentine's Day Flower Sale will begin on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Students can have a silk rose with a message delivered to a friend's homeroom on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. They can choose from roses costing \$.75 or \$1.00. All profits will assist us with Campus Ministry programs.

This year we are beginning our Lenten programs with a trip to the South Bronx, NYC to spend four days working with the poor and living and praying with the sisters who serve them. Space for this mission trip is very limited and the response from the students has been overwhelming. We are hoping to sponsor a second trip to accommodate all who are interested.

We also hope to again have students participate this summer in mission programs with the Navajo Nation in Arizona and in Nicaragua. These trips are a week long commitment and the students must be at least 16 years old to go. The five Notre Dame students who took part in them last summer described them as "life changing." For more information contact Mrs. Troy at 724-5118 ext. 25.

### **KEVIN LONG BASEBALL**

Kevin Long, hitting coach for the New York Yankees, will be doing a hitting clinic at Field of Dreams on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information and application forms are available in the main office or on our website: [ndjugglers.org](http://ndjugglers.org).

### **DAN JANSEN DINNER**

Tickets for the Dan Jansen dinner are available in the main office. More information is on our website: [ndjugglers.org](http://ndjugglers.org).

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Our Open House will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you know any families who are interested in attending Notre Dame, please encourage them to attend our Open House.

### **MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS**

During the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>, all students will be responsible for comprehensive midterm evaluations of learning which count as 10% of final grades. Since this form of evaluation is an excellent preparation for Regents/AP/ and college assessments, students will hopefully prepare well with increased study time.

**Attention Parents: During midterms, when all grades take their math exams at the same time, the mathematics department cannot provide calculators to students. Courses in which calculators are allowed: if students have their own calculators they may use them. Exams will be constructed so that no midterm questions will require the use of a calculator. This does not apply to the New York State Math B Regents exam, which is scheduled separately and calculators will be provided to students.**

All districts will provide busing to school at the regular time on Monday and Tuesday. Transportation home will be available at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Students who take NYS exams must make their own transportation arrangements on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Students are expected to be present only at the times of their respective exams.

To insure that all students take midterms, it is expected that students be in attendance for midterms unless they have a doctor's excuse for the absence. Students who have a doctor's excuse will make up missed midterms on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

Alternative transportation arrangements must be made. Failure to make-up a midterm will result in a grade of zero.

Midterm exams will be given on the days listed below.

### 2010 MIDTERM SCHEDULE

#### January, 2010 Exam Schedule

##### Monday - January 25<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
English                              Math

##### Tuesday - January 26<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Social Studies                      Science

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Math B Regents

##### Wednesday - January 27<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Spanish Regents

##### Thursday - January 28<sup>th</sup>

Noon – 3:00 p.m.  
Integrated Algebra  
Chemistry Regents

### GUIDANCE NEWS

**Seniors**, this is the month to complete the FAFSA form for college financial aid. This form may be completed either online or on paper, although online is preferred by the colleges. All seniors received the *online worksheet* in homeroom. If your child did not bring home this form, there are extra copies available at the guidance office. If you are planning on completing this form online, please read the instructions carefully and note you must set up a pin number at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) before you can begin filling out the form. It is mandatory for all families to go through the financial aid process if they expect to receive any type of aid or scholarship consideration for college. Parents should check with the colleges their children are

applying to in order to establish which forms are necessary for accessing financial aid. **All colleges require the FAFSA, and some private colleges require the PROFILE form as well and some colleges have an additional form of their own. The Profile form is available in Guidance and the counselors can assist students in determining if they need to complete the PROFILE. ALL FINANCIAL AID FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND MAILED BETWEEN JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> AND FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>.** Failure to complete the process during this time may have a negative impact on the amount of aid you receive.

**A FINANCIAL AID Workshop** was held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the McFarlane Auditorium in Deperno Hall on the **Utica College** campus. Financial aid counselors were available to answer questions and assist parents in completing the financial aid forms. Another workshop will be held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in Kunsela Hall at **SUNYIT**.

**College acceptance and scholarship notification letters** should be brought to the Guidance Office so a copy can be placed in the student's file. College acceptances are posted on the bulletin boards in the main hall and in the guidance office. However we only post acceptances of students who have brought a copy of their acceptances letter to the Guidance Office.

**A scholarship list** has been prepared by Mrs. Kirkham, our Guidance secretary, and is available on the Notre Dame Guidance Web site [www.ndjugglers.org](http://www.ndjugglers.org). Seniors are encouraged to check the site to see if they qualify for any of these scholarships. There are also many scholarship search sites available online and students should check with the colleges they have applied to for information specific to scholarships that are offered by that college.

**Juniors** should begin preparing to take the SAT or ACT in May and/or June. A couple of hours per week in workbook or computer-based study programs that are readily available should enhance the student's ability to do well on these tests. Books and CD Rom materials can be purchased at bookstores such as Barnes and Noble. Students can also check the [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) site for practice test samples. Please read over the information that was sent home with the PSAT results for additional information as to how to access *My College Quick Start*, a personalized online college-planning package. There are several SAT Prep. Classes available in our area including The College Advisory Service at [www.patgildersleeve.com](http://www.patgildersleeve.com)

(732-9001), Sylvan Learning Center, MVCC, and Utica College.

**Standardized Testing:** All students in grades 10 and 11 have received the results of the Standardized Test they took in October, namely the PLAN or PSAT. Please remind your child to share the results with you. If you have any questions please call the Guidance Office.

Second quarter **report cards** will be distributed to all students on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**NOTRE DAME PRIDE**

The next meeting of Notre Dame Pride is Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**PLANT SALE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

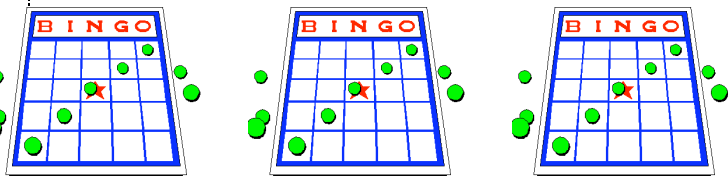
There will be a meeting of the Plant Sale Committee on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The committee is open to anyone who is willing to help with the plant sale.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

If you have a son or daughter and is a graduate and has moved from the area, or married, please e-mail an update to the Alumni Office at:

[ndalumni@syrdiocese.org](mailto:ndalumni@syrdiocese.org).

Thank you....



Nothing to do this weekend? Bored? Come for some fun and support Notre Dame at the same time. Notre Dame has **B-I-N-G-O** every Saturday and Sunday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

**NJROTC**

Military Ball – February 6<sup>th</sup> (Post 229)  
Proctor Drill Meet – February 6<sup>th</sup>  
St. Patrick’s Day Parade – March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Inspection – March 18<sup>th</sup>  
NJROTC Fish Frys @ Post 229  
January 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 19<sup>th</sup>  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**TEACHER IN-SERVICE**

On Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an in-service day for teachers. Students will not have school. Following the in-service, the teachers will be treated to a luncheon by the Notre Dame Pride Association.

**NOTRE DAME TRAVEL CLUB**

The Notre Dame travel club is pulling together a summer trip to Spain. Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend on their own. Students in grades 9 and 10 may participate with a parent. All families are also invited to participate. Final arrangements will be made once we determine that significant interest exists. The cost is estimated at \$3,000 and the expected dates are 6/24/10 to 7/5/10, a 12 day trip. Please send a note of interest by January 29<sup>th</sup> to the office, Mr. Zasa or Mrs. DeVett-McKeon.

**2010 YEARBOOK**

This is your last opportunity to order the 2010 “Crescent.” Final order counts need to go to the publisher. Due to rising costs, only pre-orders will be filled. Do not miss out on owning the Notre Dame 2010 yearbook. Cost is \$50.00. If you wish to create a personal page/ad to recognize or congratulate your son/daughter, get a business to advertise in the yearbook, or become a yearbook patron, please fill out and return the attached form with your payment and return it to the school by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.