

JUGGLER NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Instruments of God

A small, wooden flute,
an empty, hollow reed,
rests in her silent hand.

it awaits the breath
of one who creates song,
through its open form.

my often-empty life
rests in the hand of God;
like the hollowed flute,
it yearns for the melody
which only Breath can give.

the small, wooden flute and I,
we need the one who breathes,
we await one who makes melody.

and the one whose touch creates,
awaits our empty, ordinary forms,
so that the song-starved world
may be fed with golden melodies.

Joyce Rupp

As we begin this new school year, may all of us
rest in the hand of God, being open to all that unfolds
this year.

All of our new students seem to have made a
smooth transition to Notre Dame and so far they have
managed not to get lost!

Over the summer our maintenance staff worked
very hard to get the school ready for our opening. We
are grateful for their very hard work that keeps our
building and grounds clear and neat.

The following are included in this mailing:

- 1) Memo on asbestos from the Catholic School Office
- 2) List of extensions for Voice Mail System
- 3) Military Request

May this year be one of new learnings and new
beginnings for all of us.

God bless you,

Sister Anna Mae

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

At the close of the last school year, we
announced that five of our students would be working in
mission stations in Nicaragua and with the Navajo
Nation in Arizona for one week during July. All
students returned saying they received more than they
were able to give. They explained their experiences as
"life changing". We hope to offer this opportunity to
other students next summer and hope to raise funds for
students needing financial assistance.

On Wednesday, September 9th, our incoming 7th
grade class was welcomed by the Campus Ministry
Leadership students. They also served as guides
throughout the day. Each 7th grade homeroom has been
assigned a Senior Brother and Senior Sister who will be
in the class each morning throughout the year to help

students with any problems that might arise. They are Kayla Graham, Jessica Hillman, Pat Moore, Connor Perry, Jessica Strzepek and Nick Wasczkiewicz.

Our Opening Liturgy was celebrated by Father Greg Kreinheder at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Wednesday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Greg is now assigned to Holy Family Church in Syracuse and we wish to thank him for his presence and the support he has given us the past two years. He will be greatly missed in our halls and in our classes.

Retreat Schedule:

Half the Junior class on Tuesday, October 6th
Second half of the Junior class on Wednesday,
October 7th

Half the Senior class on Thursday, October 8th
Second half of the Senior class on Friday,
October 9th

Both retreats will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and will be given by Mr. Tony Bellizzi from New York City. In addition to founding the Hope for the Children Foundation, he comes to us with 33 years experience in youth ministry, religious formation and worldwide evangelization. His retreats have greatly impacted our Seniors and Juniors in the past. With our Juniors he will focus on faith, prayer, and building a personal relationship with Jesus. With our Seniors he will focus on living a gospel lifestyle both now and when they leave Notre Dame. Lunch will be catered each day by O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria on Bleeker Street. Students must be in dress code for the day.

CONFIRMATION

This is a reminder for 9th and 10th grade students regarding Confirmation. If you have not already done so, you need to contact your home parish to register for Confirmation classes.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Fall of 2010 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Notre Dame High School. The 50th Anniversary committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 5th in the cafeteria. I do have the names of those who previously joined the committee. Anyone else who

would like to be on the committee is welcome to come to this meeting.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. When you arrive, please go to your child's homeroom, where you will pick up your child's schedule. We will begin with an opening prayer and then you will proceed through your child's schedule.

During the time your child's schedule reads lunch and/or study hall, please come to the cafeteria for refreshments. The guidance counselors will also be available in the cafeteria.

Homeroom list will be posted as you enter the building NJROTC students will be available to direct you to the classrooms.

FACULTY

We welcome Mrs. Ann Marie Horan to the Notre Dame Faculty. We also welcome back to Notre Dame Ms. Randy DeVett who will be teaching 7th grade music.

Ms. Deery who formerly taught music, has taken a position in the public school. I am happy to announce to you that Ms. Deery will continue to direct our drama productions!

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The Emergency Alert System allows us to notify parents immediately by phone if there was an emergency and/or crisis at school. We will place in the system the cell phone numbers listed on your child's registration card. If there is no cell phone listed, we will use the home number.

ATTENDANCE

It is very important for children to be in school each and every day. On a day when your child is not going to be in school, please call the office by 8:30 a.m.

In this way, the secretary won't have to call you at home or work to see if your child is home.

Also, if you need to have your child dismissed during the school day, please send a note with your child in the morning. Your child should bring the note to the office before homeroom. In this way, the teachers receive notification and we don't need to interrupt class to have your child dismissed. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTRE DAME PRIDE

The Pride will be sponsoring a bottle drive on Saturday, October 10th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Students who bring at least 50 bottles to the drive, will be allowed to dress down on Tuesday, October 13th.

The next Pride meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

NEWSLETTER

By November we hope to be able to post the newsletter on the website and not mail them to every family. Please be sure that Mrs. Duignan has your email address. Please send your email address to comlabnd@syrdiocese.org, if you haven't done so already.

We will continue to mail newsletters to families who do not have internet access.

GUIDANCE NEWS

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Grades 7 – 12 (A-L) Miss Alicia Soper.
Phone #: 724-5118 x28

Grades 7 – 12 (M-Z) Miss Patricia Mundschenk
Phone #: 724-5118 x27

COLLEGE PLANNING:

Counselors will be conducting group sessions with the seniors during late September and early October on the College Application process and deadlines for completing applications. Seniors are encouraged to make an individual appointment with their counselor to discuss their post high school plans.

COLLEGE NIGHT:

There will be a College Night program on October 13th at **UTICA COLLEGE** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in their gymnasium. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the programs offered by the more than 120 colleges and universities that will be in attendance that evening. In addition there will be small group sessions on Financial Aid and Colleges that have programs for Students with Learning Disabilities. This program is open to all high school students.

SAT AND ACT REGISTRATION:

Students are encouraged to sign up online as they can now receive their results much sooner. The website for the SAT is www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT it is www.actstudent.org. Packets are also available in the guidance office for students who wish to register by mail. The registration deadline for the November 7th SAT is October 1st, and for the December 5th SAT the deadline is October 30th. The registration deadline for the October 24th ACT is September 18th and for the December 12th ACT it is November 6th. Be sure to use the **Notre Dame CEEB Code 335687** when registering.

COLLEGE VISITS:

Seniors are encouraged to meet with the various college representatives that are visiting the building during the next few weeks. Additionally, since seniors have no school on October 12th or 14th, we suggest that these would be good days to schedule visits to college campuses.

OCTOBER 14th TEST DAY:

On Wednesday, October 14th, students in grades 10 & 11 will take the following standardized tests:

10th -- PLAN

11th -- PSAT

In early October, the guidance counselors will give students materials to familiarize them with the format of the test and an informational booklet to share with parents. All students should bring two # 2 pencils and students in grades 10 and 11 should bring their social security # and a calculator. Students will be dismissed by noon on this day. There is no school for 7th, 8th, 9th, and 12th graders that day.

**COLGATE SEMINAR:
THE NOTRE DAME TRADITION
CONTINUES**

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores are invited to participate again this year in the Colgate Seminar. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to attend mini-college courses taught by university professors at Colgate University, recently named the sixteenth-best college in America by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. It is also the perfect opportunity for our students to share their knowledge and views with other scholars from surrounding school districts. A \$46.25 fee covers the cost of the course, transportation and dinner on campus. Students leave Notre Dame at 2:45 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. The classes for the first session are on Wednesdays, September 23rd, 30th, October 7th with choices of: “Bailemos: Salsa, Merengue Bachata and More”, “The Struggle for Greater Social Equity Through Education”, “Forensic Medical Entomology”, “Kayak Seminar”, “Everything About Alcohol and Other Drugs That You Didn’t Really Know About”, “Dangerous Earth: The Science of Geologic Disaster”. Students should see Ms. Heintz for applications and course choices.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook orders for students in grades 7-11 will be taken during the month of October. To reserve a yearbook, the student can make a \$25 deposit or pay the full amount of \$50. All money should be placed in an envelope with the student’s name, grade, and homeroom number. The envelope should be given to the homeroom teacher or turned in at the main office. Yearbook quantities are limited so please order yours today!

SWEATERS

Sweaters are no longer a mandatory part of the dress code. However, if you want your child to wear a sweater during the colder months, it must be ordered from Flynn and O’Hara. The choices are navy V-neck or navy cardigan with the Notre Dame logo. Order forms are available in the main office.

Seniors have the option of a white cardigan. They will be given forms in school, if they wish to order a white sweater.

MARIAN CLUB OF NOTRE DAME

This is a group whose purpose is to raise monies thru membership dues (\$100), an annual “Recognition Dinner”, and the “Memorial Brick” program. All monies are for tuition assistance for students who could not attend Notre Dame without financial help. There are very few meetings. Only when needed. Anyone that believes in a Catholic Education is welcome to join. For more information please call the Alumni Office at (315) 724-5118 ext. 13.

TRAFFIC GUIDANCE

In an effort to reduce the volume of traffic traversing the main entrance driveway, as well as alleviating the subsequent backup of vehicles on to Burrstone Road, the following guidance is provided. All privately owned vehicles are asked to use Notre Dame Lane for the drop-off and pick-up of students during school hours of operation (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Students will be permitted to enter the main building via the gym/cafe/entrance way. Individuals requiring assistance in entering or departing the main building may continue to use the main entrance driveway. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER...

The main entrance parking lot is reserved for Administrative and Staff personnel during school hours of operation (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Thank you.

TEACHER EASE

How can parents/students access TeacherEase?

Here’s how parents view their child’s grades, assignments, etc. on TeacherEase:

◆ For security reasons, parents **CANNOT** create their own accounts. Your child’s teacher/network administrator must set it up for you.

◆ The parent/student provides his/her email address to Mr. Duignan, our technology director. Her email: complabnd@syrdiocese.org.

◆ Mrs. Duignan enters this email address into TeacherEase for each student. TeacherEase creates a parent account with access to these student(s). Your email address will be your login when accessing TeacherEase.

◆ TeacherEase will send a “welcome” email with login and password information to the parent. Once he/she receives this email, he/she should be able to login. If the parent hasn’t received this “welcome” email, he/she please contact Mrs. Duignan directly.

◆ The parents can then use this login/password to access their student’s information. Go to www.TeacherEase.com, click “Login”, and fill in their information.

EMERGENCY CARDS

In the August mailing, each family received an Emergency Form to complete and have your child return to school. We are missing several forms.

It is imperative that we have an Emergency Form from each family. Please complete it and return to school ASAP.

HANDBOOK/TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

This form was also sent in the August mailing. Your child may not have access to any computer in the building until the form is returned.

MILITARY REQUEST

The military recruiters in our area have requested the names and addresses of our students.

If you do not wish your child’s name and address to be sent, please complete the enclosed form and return it to school by September 30th.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Due to “Spirit Week” being September 22nd – 25th, we have changed the date of school pictures.

All students in grades 7-11, will have their school pictures taken on Monday, September 21st. Picture packets will be given to the students this week.

