



# JUGGLER NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### A Christmas Blessing †

- Joyce Rupp -

-- May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day.

-- May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.

-- May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land.

-- May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted.

-- May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

-- May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.

-- May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind, and spirit.

-- May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.

-- May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

On behalf of the Notre Dame administration, faculty and staff, I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and peace to you and those you love.

Christmas blessings,

Sister Anna Mae



## ***SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES/ CAMPUS MINISTRY***

Through the dedication and hard work of the whole Notre Dame Community, our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success. We raised over \$1,600.00 to purchase gift certificates from Price Chopper and collected 2,529 food items. The National Honor Society also did an outstanding job to help us to reach our goal by collecting 1,172 food items. Through monetary donations that were given to us through outside donations, we were also able to deliver 27 turkeys to the Rescue Mission which was running low on them for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Every year the Notre Dame Community “adopts” a number of families for the Christmas Holiday. This project is in full force. Our students learned about these families and their specific needs in each of their Religion Classes. We are hoping to make Christmas for these families a little brighter. We ask that you check with your child about what family their class has adopted. Some of the items needed are warm clothing, hats, gloves, and pajamas. Household items such as laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotions, etc. are also needed.

On behalf of the Campus Ministry Office, we would like to extend holiday wishes to all of our families. May the blessing of the Christ Child fill your homes during this special time of year.

## ***CHRISTMAS PROGRAM***



A very special thank you to Mrs. Valerie Elacqua and all the students who participated in our Christmas concert and play. It was well done and very enjoyable for all who attended.

## ***39<sup>TH</sup> JUGGLER CLASSIC***

The schedule will be as follows:

### Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. – Girls – Albertus/Magnus Vs. Liverpool

3:30 p.m. – Girls – Proctor Vs. Notre Dame

6:00 p.m. – Boys – Nazareth Vs. Liverpool

7:30 p.m. – Boys – W. Genesee Vs. Notre Dame

### Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. – Girls – Consolation Game

3:30 p.m. – Girls – Championship Game

6:00 p.m. – Boys – Consolation Game

7:30 p.m. – Boys – Championship Game

Admission for each day is \$5.00. If you leave after one game and return that day for a later game, you will not have to pay the admission price a second time.

All games will be played at Notre Dame.

## ***GUIDANCE NEWS***

### Senior Parents

A **FINANCIAL AID Workshop** will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Donohue Auditorium in Gordon Hall on the **Utica College** campus. Financial aid counselors will be available to answer questions and assist parents in completing the financial aid forms.

*Thank you* to Mrs. Laura Bedford, from Utica College, who conducted a very informative workshop for Notre Dame parents on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

All seniors will be given the online instructional form for filling out the **FAFSA**, as soon as they are received here at school. This form may **NOT** be filled out before January 1<sup>st</sup>! 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. After you have gone over the materials you can bring your questions to the workshop mentioned above. 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. Your attendance at one of the workshops could make a significant difference in the amount of aid you receive, because it will be an opportunity to have a financial aid

professional assist you in filling out the application that is essential to the process.

Please contact Kelly Colangelo, School Counselor, if you have any questions.

**Congratulations to Joe Caldwell!** He came in second place for the DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest.

### **PARENT COOPERATION NEEDED**

As we anticipate inclement weather, it is critical that we maintain supervision of all students until public school buses arrive. Students sometimes call home to say that we are closed and that they must be picked up. If your child calls you on a day with inclement weather, please encourage him/her to remain until his/her school bus arrives. Notre Dame cannot close since we must wait for all public school districts to transport students. If your child drove and you are concerned that conditions are dangerous, please call the office and ask that your child be released at the next change of class. We cannot release students to ride home with other students without written parental permission.

School closings due to inclement weather can be heard on radio stations 950 (WIBX), 96.1 (WODZ-FM), 98.7 (WLZW-FM), 104.3 (WFRG-FM) and on TV station WKTV.

As you may know, the Utica School District may use a two (2) hour delay during the winter. If that occurs, we will open at the regular time due to the fact that we have students from 17 school districts. The day's schedule will be adjusted based upon the arrival of the majority of the students.

Parents are reminded that the driveway in front of the building is **ONE WAY ONLY**. Please enter the front of the school from **Burrstone Road ONLY**. We have had a few near misses when people incorrectly enter from Notre Dame Lane. New signage has been posted and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

To insure your child's safety, parents are reminded to call the school any morning before 8:30 a.m. when your child will be late or absent.

### **MIDTERM EXAMS**

Our midterm exams will be 2 hours long and we will schedule only one per day. In this way the students will be better able to study for each exam and it will give the teachers a very good indication of how much cumulative information the students have retained throughout the first semester. Please encourage your children to study for these exams.

Busses will come each day at 10:30 a.m. to transport students home.

Week of January 16<sup>th</sup> -- In class midterms will be given in the following subjects: ROTC, Business, Computers and Psychology.

Week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Exams as scheduled below.

#### **January, 2012**

#### **Midterm Exam Schedule**

##### **Monday - January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

English

##### **Tuesday - January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Social Studies

**8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Integrated Alg. Regents

##### **Wednesday - January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Language

**Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

Alg. 2/Trig. Regents

**8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

RCT - US History

##### **Thursday - January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Science

**8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

US History Regents

##### **Friday - January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Math

**8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Global St. 10 Regents

**Please Note:** Regents listed are only for those students who are re-taking the regents listed.

**Reminder:** If a student is absent for a midterm exam, only a doctor's note will be accepted for an excuse and the midterm will be rescheduled. Otherwise, the student will receive a zero. Regents exams cannot be re-scheduled. Make-up for midterms will be scheduled for Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NOTRE DAME RAFFLE**

Notre Dame proudly presents our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ND RAFFLE! Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Get on our list soon – don't get locked out! The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	\$50,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	\$20,000
5 PRIZES	\$ 1,000 each
10 PRIZES	\$ 500 each

Applications can be picked up at the Main Office or online at: [www.ndjugglers.org](http://www.ndjugglers.org). For further information please call 724-5118.

**NOTRE DAME RAFFLE AND DRAWING PARTY DETAILS**

- Donation for each ticket is \$80.00. More than one name may be on a ticket.
- Drawing Party will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Only (2) adults per ticket will be admitted to the Drawing Party. Free and unlimited food and beverages will be served; special door prizes will be drawn. Must be 21 years old or older to attend.
- Drawing will begin at approximately 3:00 pm with the 17<sup>th</sup> prize and will go to the first prize of \$50,000.
- Taxes will be the responsibility of the winner. (Appropriate forms will be filed.)

- Every winning ticket is thrown back into the drum so that you can win more than once on the same ticket!
- Requests for Lucky or Special Numbers (between 1 – 2000) will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- Need not be present to win.

If all 2,000 tickets are not sold by the day of the drawing, the drawing will go on as planned, however, prizes will be 50% of the ticket money collected, and distributed on a prorated basis. The ticket application has prorated details. Any number of people may purchase a single ticket, however, due to space limitations only two adults may attend the Drawing Party on a single ticket. Purchasers of tickets must be 21 years of age or older.

**SUPER BOWL SPECIAL**

Anyone who purchases ticket(s) by February 1 will be eligible for a special drawing. All numbers sold by that date will be entered into a drawing for five (5) \$100 prizes. Winners will be drawn at the February raffle committee meeting. All prizes will be mailed to the five lucky winners.

Good Luck to All!!!

Your Notre Dame Raffle Committee