



# JUGGLER NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Prayer †

- Joyce Rupp -

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything: there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying good-bye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for the harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all of this we are grateful.

Amen

The first few weeks of school have been a time of adjustment and transition for all of us. The seventh graders and new students in grades 8-12, have learned their way around the building and now seem comfortable in their new surroundings.

We are grateful for the many parents who were able to attend Open House. Parents were able to meet with teachers and learn the expectations for the school year.

Please know that I am very grateful for all of your efforts in support of Notre Dame.

God bless each of you,

Sr. Anna Mae



## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

On Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Campus Ministry will co-sponsor a Junior High Dance with the NJROTC program. Along with grades 7 and 8, we have extended an invitation to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Notre Dame Elementary School.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive began on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and will run through Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was done in each of the Religion classes to kick-off the food drive in the hopes of making it successful. With the economic problems that so many are facing, we hope to donate several baskets to the needy of our community this year.

We are asking each student to bring in three (3) food items from the following list: instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, stuffing mix, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, baby food, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, coffee, teas, and juices.

The students have been reminded that it is the small things that you do that make a big difference in other people's lives. With this in mind, we hope that this year's food drive will prove to be successful.

We, in the Campus Ministry office, would like to thank you in advance for all the sacrifices that you endure to make the food drive so successful.

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

School Counselor: Miss Colangelo  
Email [kcolangelo@syrdiocese.org](mailto:kcolangelo@syrdiocese.org)  
Phone: 724-5118 ext. 27

**College Applications:** Seniors are encouraged to stop by guidance during the month of October to discuss how they are coming with their applications.

**SAT and ACT registration:** The deadlines for the December tests are as follows:

November 8<sup>th</sup> -- is the registration deadline for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT  
Website: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

November 4<sup>th</sup> -- is the registration deadline for the December 10<sup>th</sup> ACT  
Website: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The conferences will take place in the gym. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Report cards will be distributed to students on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UP**

Sign-ups for winter sports will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Students must have a physical within the last 12 months in order to try-out. A copy of their physical must be on file in the nurse's office. They must sign up in the nurse's office prior to try-outs.

## **THE MARIAN CLUB OF NOTRE DAME**

The Marian Club of Notre Dame was founded by a group of friends for the purpose of preserving and promoting Catholic Education in Utica, specifically Notre Dame. This organization is independent of Notre Dame and is administered by a Board of Directors. Over the last thirty years, funds have been raised each year to assist Notre Dame financially by offering scholarships to their students.

In this very difficult time, more and more families are in need of assistance. Yearly membership dues and support of the Spring Recognition Dinner are vital to our mission of offering scholarships.

If you would like an application, please call the Alumni Office at 724-5118 ext. 26.

## **2012 YEARBOOK**

**ATTENTION:** Please remember to pre-order your 2012 yearbook today. Due to rising costs, only books that are pre-reserved will be ordered. Extra books will not be available as in the past. First deposit of \$30.00 is due now. Full cost is \$60.00. Make checks payable to Notre Dame.

