



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 clean and neat. We have added
three additional smart boards in our classrooms and
finished renovations in the Earth Science lab.

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

God bless you,

Sister Anna Mae

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

During the summer several of our students
attended the Steubenville Youth Conference in
Steubenville, Ohio. They were Cody Conley, Nicole
DeStefano, Jake Elacqua, Brittany Gregory, Jon
Kinville, Stephen Nguyen, Rylee Powers, Arthur
Zemanek, and Christine Zemanek. We appreciate these
students attending and representing Notre Dame High
School.

On Thursday, September 8th, the Notre Dame
Community welcomed the incoming 7th graders to the
school with various activities that were planned for them
throughout the day. The students got orientated on how
things go on a particular day at Notre Dame so that their

transition from elementary school to Junior High School would be easier. Each 7th grade homeroom has a Big Brother/Big Sister to assist them throughout the year and help the students with anything that may arise. A very special thank you goes out to those students who made the 7th Grade orientation so successful. They are: Alex Alinea, Delaney Buckley, Tierney Buckley, Joseph Caldwell, Kassie Mullen, Wiljar Ojuro, Bethany Papale, Frank Tamburrino, Michael Valenti, and Rachel Wojnas.

Our Opening School Liturgy was celebrated on Tuesday, September 20th at Notre Dame with Fr. Felix Colosimo as the celebrant.

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.

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.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Presently Ms. Kelly Colangelo is working with all of our students. Ms. Patricia Mundschenk has agreed to "unretire" and will be back at Notre Dame in the near future.

COLLEGE PLANNING:

Ms. Colangelo will be meeting with seniors during late September and early October on the College Application process and deadlines for completing applications. Seniors are encouraged to stop by guidance and discuss their post high school plans.

COLLEGE NIGHT:

There will be a College Night program on October 11th at SUNYIT campus in Marcy from 6:30 p.m. 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. The registration deadline for the November 5th SAT is October 7th. The registration deadline for the October 22nd ACT is September 16th. 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 will be visiting Notre Dame in the next few weeks. Please obtain a pass from Ms. Colangelo and show it to your teacher of the class you are missing. Additionally, a great day to visit colleges would be October 10th since we have no school.

OCTOBER 12TH TEST DAY:

On Wednesday, October 12th, students in grades 10 & 11 will take the following standardized tests:

10th – PLAN
11th – PSAT

In early October, Ms. Colangelo 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 grade students on 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. It is also the perfect opportunity for our students to share their knowledge and views with other scholars from surrounding school districts. A \$47.50 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 next session begin on October 26th. Students should see Mrs. Nemecek for all paperwork.

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 \$30 deposit or pay the full amount of \$60. 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 have been 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 Development Office at (315) 724-5118 ext. 26.

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/cafeteria 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 Mrs. Duignan, our technology director. Her email: complabnd@syrdioocese.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.

PRICE CHOPPER’S “TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS”

Please help our school get free equipment! It’s simple and fast to do and it costs you nothing. All you have to do is log on to the website: www.pricechopper.com to register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card for our school code number: 16892. **IMPORTANT:** If you enrolled your AdvantEdge card to support our school prior to August of 2010, you will need to re-enroll your card this year. This will automatically earn credit for our school every time you use your AdvantEdge card during the time period 7/31/11 – 3/31/12. Thank you ☺

ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION WEEKEND - 2011

Listed below is the itinerary for our upcoming Alumni & Friends Reunion Weekend. The weekend’s events are open to our current parents/guardians and families. NOTE: Passes to Saturday’s football game are free and may be picked up at the reception on Friday evening.

Friday – October 7th

3:00 p.m. – Alumni/Friends Golf Tournament at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club – Cost: \$25 per person (four person Scramble Format) includes: 9 hole green fees, cart and dinner (tossed salad, penne w/marinara sauce, Italian baked chicken) as well as prizes.

7:00 p.m. – Welcome Reception at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School – Cost: \$20 per person includes: hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, fresh fruit display with vegetables and dip as well as assorted cheese, wine, beer, soft drinks. Entertainment provided by D. J. Sugarbear (Anne Borababy Shore ND ’78). The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented along with the Inductees for the Brother More, C.F.X. Sports Hall of Fame.

Saturday – October 8th

1:00 p.m. – Alumni & Family Cookout at Brother Victor Stadium, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School – Cost: \$5 per person includes: hot sausage & peppers, hamburger, hot dog, deli salad, chips, soft drink and ice tea.

2:00 p.m. – Football Game: ND Vs. Clinton at Brother Victor Stadium, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School – Cost: Free to alumni, students and families. **Passes need to be picked up at the Friday Night Reception. No free passes will be given out at the gate.**

Sunday, October 9th

10:30 am. Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church followed by a Continental Breakfast at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School – Cost: Free to alumni, students and families.

