



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

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES/ CAMPUS MINISTRY

During the Advent Season, Campus Ministry sponsored 17 families in the Utica area who needed items for the holidays. The students provided warm clothing, socks, mittens and coats as well as personal hygiene items. Each Religion Class adopted a particular family and concentrated on the specific needs of that family. The kids really did a fine job and made Christmas brighter for the less fortunate in our community.

On January 22nd and 23rd some of our students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Annual Walk for Life. They will be gathering with other youth of our diocese and attend Mass as well as Rally. January 23rd, they will take part in the Respect for Life Walk on the Mall in Washington. I am sure that this will be a life changing experience for them that they will not forget for a long time.

The students are also getting ready to present the Living Stations of the Cross entitled "The Way of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary" to the parishes in our community. I know that their hard work and dedication will bring the sacrifice of Christ alive for many people during this Lenten Season.

On behalf of the Campus Ministry office, we would like to wish all of the Notre Dame Community a happy and healthy New Year filled with many blessings.



OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House will be Thursday, February 9th 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 23rd, 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.

All districts will provide busing to school at the regular time on Monday thru Friday. Transportation home will be available at 10:30 a.m. each day. Students who take NYS exams must make their own transportation arrangements. 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 their exams on Thursday and Friday afternoons. 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 as follows:

2012 MIDTERM SCHEDULE

January, 2012 Midterm Exam Schedule

Monday - January 23rd

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

English

Tuesday - January 24th

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Social Studies

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Integrated Alg. Regents

Wednesday - January 25th

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 26th

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Science

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

US History Regents

Friday – January 27th

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 26th.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Attention Seniors: February is the month to complete the FAFSA form for college financial aid. This form should be completed online at www.fafsa.gov. Please read the instructions carefully and note you must set up a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov before you can begin filling out the form. It is required for all families to go through the financial aid process if they expect to receive any type of aid or scholarship consideration for college. 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. **All financial aid forms should be completed and mailed between January 1st and February 28th.**

Please bring college acceptance and scholarship letters to Ms. Colangelo.

Scholarships:

We have a scholarship corner in the Counseling Office! Seniors are encouraged to check to see if they qualify for any of the scholarships. There are also many scholarship search sites available online and students should check with the college they have applied to for information specific to scholarships that are offered by that college. Another good source of scholarships is: www.fastweb.com.

Juniors:

Juniors should begin preparing to take the SAT or ACT in May/June. Study guide books are available to be purchased at Barnes and Noble. Students can also check www.collegeboard.com for sample questions and practice tests. There are several SAT Prep. Classes available in our area including The College Advisory Service at www.patgildersleeve.com (732-9001), Sylvan Learning Center, MVCC, and Utica College.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Colangelo, School Counselor, at 724-5118 ext. 27.

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:

jjones@syrdiocese.org.

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| 28 Jan | -- Proctor Drill Meet |
| 4 Feb | -- Military Ball |
| 23-24 Mar | -- Regional Drill Meet
N. Rockland H.S. |

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

On Friday, February 3rd, there will be an in-service day for teachers. Students will not have school.

2012 YEARBOOK



This is your last opportunity to order the 2012 "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 2012 yearbook. Cost is \$60.00. 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, March 2nd.