

Parent Memo  
From Ms. Lorie  
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Notre Dame Middle and High School



**Keep Praying**  
**Friday, January 24, 2024**

*St. Mary's and Notre Dame Families:*

*Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday, January 26. We are asking all SMS and ND students to wear their Formal Uniforms to mass on Sunday. We will have students speaking on behalf of our schools. See the attachment for the full explanation of activities for the week for both schools.*

*Monday – Jan 26: 'Merica Monday – Dress Down in red, white, and blue or military camo,  
No political shirts permitted.*

*Tuesday – Jan 27: Together Tuesday – students in grades 4-12 may Bring A Friend to School\*  
\*see attached forms  
SMS only – attending Middle School basketball game with Emmanuel at noon.  
Please bring money for concession stand.*

*Wednesday – Jan 28: With You Wednesday – SMS – Bring a Loved One to Lunch\* – (pasta with  
Meat sauce, salad bar, bread and butter. Cost \$4, \*see form attached.  
ND – Switch-it-up Wednesday – Students and staff dress like one another*

*Thursday – Jan 30: Thank You Thursday – Mass for both schools at 1:00, all invited*

*Friday – Jan 31: Fighting Irish Friday – Dress Down – wear Green and Gold, Volleyball game,  
7-12 grades, all students watch, bring money for concession stand*

*Saturday – Feb 1: Say It Saturday – We can't say it enough... Thank you for choosing St. Mary's and Notre Dame.*

*\*\* Service Project for both SMS and ND – We will collect school supplies for a school effected by the LA fires.*

*Thank you for choosing to send your child(ren) to our schools. We appreciate you and know the sacrifices you make for your child. On Friday, Jan 31, we will open the 25-26 school year for re-enrollment. Re-enrolling will ensure your child has a spot next year in our schools. I will send out a separate email next week explaining with a link to complete this task.*

## **NEWS:**

**ND Make Up Picture Day** is now Jan. 28.

**Menu Change for Wed:** Pasta with meat sauce, salad bar, and bread with butter.

**On Feb 22, our schools will host an Elimination Dinner** in the ND Cafeteria. Please join us for a delicious baked steak dinner and a fun filled evening! See flyer.

**Virtus and Volunteering:** **As of Jan 6, if you have not completed the Protecting God's Children Video 4.0, you are non-compliant in Virtus. Please check your [virtus.org](https://virtus.org) account. If you are non-compliant, you may not come in to volunteer for parties or events.**

To do this, go to [virtus.org](https://virtus.org), create an account and complete:

Background Check

Watch the video: Protecting God's Children 4.0\*

Read: Required Documents

Also, Reading a monthly bulletin is required. I will send the monthly bulletins attached to the Parent Memo each month.

\*Note....the Bishop now requires everyone to watch a new video every year. The 4.0 version has to be completed by Jan 6 or you are not eligible to attend parties or volunteer around the students.

\***January's Bulletin is attached. Please read.**

**HOPE Scholarship:** If you currently are receiving the HOPE Scholarship, it is time to renew! You do not automatically qualify again next year. You must complete a CPC (Continual Participation Confirmation) form and send it to the Hope Scholarship organization. You will receive a confirmation letter that you have been approved for the 25-26 school year. This letter must be sent to our Finance Director, Missy Jordan. [mjordan@notredamewv.org](mailto:mjordan@notredamewv.org)

The reapplication period is January 3- June 15. Please don't lose your scholarship!!!!

**Current Hope Scholarship Families:** You must complete a Notice of Intent Form and mail it to Harrison County Schools in order to maintain your scholarship. You will lose your scholarship if you do not complete this step in addition to the Continual Participation Confirmation.

**TAPS (Tuition Assistance Program) opens February 1:** Even if you receive the HOPE Scholarship, you are still eligible for TAPS! Please read the attached document for specific details. There are three phases. You only need to apply 1 time. If you are not approved in Phase 1, your application will automatically go into the queue for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

## **Games Next Week:**

*(St. Mary's students have free admission to all home games too! Come support our teams!)*

Jan 27: Away, Boys JV-5:45 and Varsity-7:30, South Harrison

Jan 28: Away, Girls-6:00 and Boys Varsity-7:30, Hundred

Jan 28: Home, Junior Irish at noon, Emmanuel, open to friends and families  
Jan 30: Away, Boys JV- 5:45 and Varsity – 7:39, Parkersburg Catholic  
Feb 1: Away, Girls-1:00, Boys-2:30, Pendleton County

**HandS Events:**

April 14: Easter Egg Hunt at Compton Park 5:00 pm  
May 7: Last HandS meeting in auditorium at 6:00 pm

**\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR \*\*\*\*\***  
**Watch for changes each week!**

**Upcoming Dates and Events:**

Jan 26-Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week – see flyer attached  
Jan 28: ND Make Up Picture Day

Feb 4-6: ND MAP testing days  
Feb 11: Midterm of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks  
Feb 14: Valentine’s Day Parties, 1:30, SMS, Dress Down for both schools, Wear your Valentine’s Day gear – jeans accepted with no holes above knees!  
Feb 17: **Tech Day** for President’s Day  
Feb 22: Elimination Dinner in ND Cafeteria

March 4: Mardis Gras with ND students  
March 5: Ash Wednesday  
March 13: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks  
March 17: St. Patrick’s Day – Dress Down day for both schools. Wear your Irish greens!  
Jeans acceptable with no holes.  
March 19: Report Cards Home

April 2: ND SAT for Juniors  
April 15: Midterm for 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks, Individual Spring Picture Day for SMS, Dress Down Day for everyone  
April 16: Easter Parties, 1:30  
April 18-April 27: Good Friday, No School, Spring Break Begins  
April 28: Students return to school, Class Picture Day

May 12: PK3 and PK4 LAST DAY  
May 16: K and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduations, Last Day for K and 6  
May 22: NOON Dismissal for SMS  
8:00 am Senior Video and Awards, ND Gym (family and friends invited)  
1:00 pm Rose and Candle Ceremony for Seniors, IC Church, (family and friends invited)  
May 23: NOON Dismissal for all students, Last Day for all students  
Seniors – Graduation and Baccalaureate Practice 9:00 am  
5:30 pm Baccalaureate (All Saints Church) family and friends invited  
7:00 pm Senior Banquet  
May 25: 3:00 pm Graduation (IC Church), friends and family invited, Seniors arrive 2:15 pm