

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



Keep Praying
Friday, January 17, 2024

St. Mary's and Notre Dame Families:

Monday is now just a holiday. Students have worked so hard on Tech Day assignments that I am going to give them (and you) a break. Enjoy the day with your families and try to stay warm!

NEWS:

Report Cards: Report Cards will be distributed today.
*ND Virtual class students do not have grades yet.

Welcome Back to two teachers at ND:

Mrs. Darlene O'Dell will be teaching Geography and Science for the Middle School
Mrs. Kristy Smith will be teaching AP US History for the High School.

We are very blessed to have them come back part time to help us! This is a true testament to the greatness of our students.

ND Make-Up Picture Day is Jan 21.

Seniors: Boys wear a tie and jacket; Girls wear a t-shirt with a tank top underneath
All others: Wear Formal Uniforms

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!

Graduation 2025 Events: See attachment.

Congratulations to the following students selected as WVSSAC ND award winners:

Middle School Athletic Award: Pearla Cortez and Joseph Ricketts
Middle School Community Service Award: Caroline Arnold and Tristan Korn
High School Athletic Award: Emily Besten and Henry Kennedy
High School Community Service Award: Rachel Baker and Kayden Lewis

Congratulations to the following students selected for these diocesan awards:

ND Thomas Aquinas Award: Molly Korn
SMS Thomas Aquinas Award: Mila Vernon
St. Sebastian Award: Austyn Paugh and Dominick Policano

Congratulations to the following SMS Science Fair winners:

1st Place: Grayson Grimes
2nd Place: Autumn Szarko
3rd Place: Kayda Williams
4th Place: Justin Bowen

Virtus and Volunteering: In order to volunteer at any school event, you must go through the Virtus approval process. To do this, go to 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 the end of this month (January) 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

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

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 20: Away, Parkersburg Catholic, Boys JV at 5:45, Boys Varsity 7:30

Jan 21: Away, NDMS vs. Morgantown Christian, 4:30, Mylan Park

Jan 22: **Home***, Cameron, Girls Basketball at 6:00, Boys Basketball at 7:30

*Little Mr and Miss Irish Crowning at half times of both games

Jan 24: **Home**, Trinity, Girls 6:00, Boys 7:30 Senior Night!

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 17: Report Cards home

Jan 20: **Tech Day** – MLK Jr Day

Jan 21: ND Make-Up Picture Day

Jan 24: Senior Night for ND Girls and Boys Basketball and Cheerleading

Jan 26-Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week – events will be announced next week

Feb 11: Midterm of 3rd Nine Weeks

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Parties, 1:30, SMS

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 3rd Nine Weeks

March 19: Report Cards Home

April 15: Midterm for 4th 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 6th 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