

Parent Memo
From Ms. Lorie
St. Mary's Grade School
Notre Dame Middle and High School



Keep Praying
Friday, February 7, 2024

St. Mary's and Notre Dame Families:

We are looking forward to an exciting week of events ahead.

Saturday night the middle school classes will have a Snowball activity night in the school cafeteria from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The week is filled with many basketball games. See the list below and join us to cheer on the Irish! Thursday will be our 8th Grade Night of Recognition and our Little Mr. and Miss Irish Contest.

Friday we will conclude with a Dress Down Day in red for Valentine's Day for a \$1 donation. The donations collected will go to the Long Family for their medical mission trip in March.

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow both schools on FB for pictures and updates of events!

NEWS:

Valentine's Day Gifts: The school will not accept deliveries from outside agencies but we do have an option for sending your child a quick little gift. The NDHS Junior Class will deliver your message and treat! See attachment for ordering.

NDHS Girl's Softball: We are not able to have a full team this year and participate in SSAC games but we would love to bring this sport back for next year! This spring, we will provide some clinics and opportunities to learn the game and build our skills for girls in 8-12 grades. Our clinics will be after school in the spring. If your daughter is interested in learning this sport and wants to get out and have some fun, please email Claudine Rogers at crogers@notredamewv.org. We will create a group and notify you about clinics and practice opportunities.

Parent Meeting: On Tuesday, Feb 18, I will host a Round Table Forum group in the ND Cafeteria at 6:00 pm for parents from St. Mary's and Notre Dame. The purpose of this meeting is to begin laying the ground work for the establishment of a **SMS-ND Athletic Support Association** and a **ND HandS (Home and School)** organization. Please join me as we begin these important discussions.

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: Those currently non-compliant have been emailed or called personally by Maria Ammons. If you have not completed your requirements by the end of February you will be marked as inactive in our system. Attached is the February Bulletin.

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!!!!

Note Change from last MEMO* If you currently have the HOPE Scholarship, you do not have to complete another NOI (Notice of Intent). Only new recipients and if you move from your county must complete the NOI and send it to their local board of education.

TAPS (Tuition Assistance Program) opened 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:

Feb 10: Boys, Home, Cameron, JV – 5:45, V – 7:30

Feb 11: Girls, Home, Cameron, 6:00

Feb 12: Girls, Away, Clay-Batelle, 6:00

Feb 13: Girls, Home, Richwood, 7:30, Little Mr and Miss Irish
Boys, Away, Liberty, JV- 5:45, V- 7:30

MS Boys: Home, Heritage Christian, 6:00, 8th Grade Night, Little Mr/Miss Irish

Feb 14: Boys, Away, Tygarts Valley, JV-5:45, V- 7:30

MS Boys: Away, Emmanuel Christian, Jewel City Church Gym, 6:00

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:

Feb 8: ND MS SNOWBALL dance and games, 7:00-9:00, ND cafeteria

Feb 11: Midterm of 3rd 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! (\$1 donation)

Feb 17: **Tech Day** for President's Day

Feb 18: SMS Social Studies Fair, set up in the morning in the STEM Room

Feb 22: Elimination Dinner in ND Cafeteria

March 4: Mardis Gras with ND students

March 5: Ash Wednesday

March 12: Reconciliation Service for grades 3-12

March 13: End of 3rd 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 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