

Notre Dame Catholic School



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WELCOME

It is so nice to begin another school year welcoming back our families and seeing many new and exciting faces. It is definitely going to be a fabulous school year.

All information regarding the activities going on at the school is on our website. Please check it regularly. Information concerning emergencies, school closings, and any unexpected happenings will be sent to you on the *Honeywell Instant Alert*. This link is located on our website. You must go into this system to register your information. We cannot do this for you. It must be done by you. Every registered family/student has been entered into the program with one phone number. It is now up to you to make any changes or additions to your contact information, such as cell phone, work number, PDA's or e-mail addresses so when alerts go out they are received on the devices you have chosen.

Beginning Monday, August 31, I am asking all parents to leave their children in grades K through 8 off in the morning in front of the Archbishop Hurley Building or in front of the St. Francis Building. Do not walk them into the school buildings or park in the parking lot and walk them to the sidewalk. This is for the safety of the children. There are two teachers in the parking area who are there to direct traffic and assure the safety of the children.



Thank you for your cooperation.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

Hopefully, we will be getting acquainted again at our **first Home and School Meeting on September 14th at 7:00 PM in the Gym**. It will be preceded by pizza at 5:30 PM and an Open House at 6:30 PM. Please be sure to return your pizza order form. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and to see your son's/daughter's classroom.

EXTENDED CARE REMINDERS

Please be advised that pickup time is no later than 6:00 PM.

REMINDERS

School begins at 8AM. Any time after that is considered a tardy. It is imperative for safety purposes that you follow the rules for arrival and dismissal. We do not want to see any child injured on the school grounds. **"No child should be dropped off at the school before 7:45 a.m. as there is no supervision before that time and the school cannot accept responsibility for the safety of your child."** This includes dropping them off at the front office to wait inside. If you need to arrive before that time, your son/daughter is to go to morning care in the Early Childhood Building. If you arrive late at school, you are to report to the main office in the Archbishop Hurley Building. Your son/daughter will be escorted from there to the St. Francis Building or to the Early Childhood Building. **FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE HERE AT NOTRE DAME YOU MUST MAINTAIN A SPEED LIMIT OF 10 MPH IN THE PARKING LOT AT ALL TIMES.**

Please check the Parent Student Handbook in regard to uniforms. All students must comply with the uniform dress code.

GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST

Our first big school event will be the Grandparent Breakfast, which will be held on Friday, September 11th beginning with 9:00 Mass. All the information about this day has been posted on our website.



H1N1 PRECAUTIONS

We at Notre Dame are following all the directives prescribed by the Office of Catholic Schools and Centers as well as the directives of Hernando County regarding the Swine Flu. **Some of these directives are:**

- **Stay home when sick:** Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs. (For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm>.)

- **Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:** The new recommendations emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of influenza prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- **Early treatment of high-risk students and staff:** People at high risk for influenza complications who become ill with influenza-like illness should speak with their health care provider as soon as possible. Early treatment with antiviral medications is very important for people at high risk because it can prevent hospitalizations and deaths. People at high risk include those who are pregnant, have asthma or diabetes, have compromised immune systems, or have neuromuscular diseases.

We are prepared to protect our children and will advise you as to any risks that may occur. Feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

WEBSITE

We hope all of you are keeping up to date with all the Notre Dame News that is fit to print by checking our web page, www.ndischool.org. **The white envelope will not be sent**



home every month. All newsletters, calendars and forms will be on the website. The envelope will only be used for information that cannot be posted on the website. The website will be updated every Friday and you will need to access it weekly. This is our way of cutting down on the cost of paper. If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know so that arrangements can be made accordingly.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of more parent volunteers especially for lunchtime. Remember, each family is required to give the school 20 hours of service. If you are able to volunteer please let the school know as soon as possible.

All volunteers must attend a Safe Environment Workshop, which is provided at different locations within the diocese. A list of these locations and dates is posted on our website.

A level II background fingerprinting is required for any volunteer who will be functioning in a supervisory role at the school. Lunch room volunteers are never left alone with students. However, if you plan to go on a field trip with a class as a class parent or be a scout leader, you will need a level II background fingerprinting. This will cost you \$50. It is up to you to make that decision.

Every volunteer who enters the building must pass his/her driver's license through a Check In Program. This is a nation-wide program that will alert us of any criminal background.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY

- 8/2 Ashley
- 8/4 Trevor
- 8/11 Marissa
- 8/13 Sarah
- 8/15 Joseph
- 8/16 Caralynn
- 8/19 Tabitha
- 8/22 Edward
- 8/23 Taylor
- 8/24 Abigail
- 8/25 Miller
- Michael
- 8/26 Patrick
- Talia
- 8/29 Ian
- 9/2 Elizabeth
- Andrew
- 9/10 Adam
- 9/14 Scott
- 9/16 Angelina
- 9/19 Sydney
- 9/23 Michael
- 9/25 Gennevieve
- 9/27 Caitlin
- 9/30 Sabrina

