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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

"On Sunday, November 29th, Advent begins. Advent is a period of simple living and extra prayer. It is a time to prepare for a new coming of Jesus our Savior.



The first coming of Jesus, at Bethlehem, will not happen again. At Christmas, we remember that coming, but now we prepare for a new coming. Every time Jesus comes, it surprises us. It never happens the way we expect it to happen.

Some people want the Savior to come with great power to reward them and wipe out their enemies. But Jesus is a loving and peaceful Savior. He calls His followers to make the whole world loving and peaceful. During Advent, we try to prepare our homes and our lives for Jesus, the King of Glory and the Prince of Peace." Children's Daily Prayer)

SERVICE PROJECT FOR DECEMBER

For the month of November we have been collecting boxes of Instant Potatoes for the Thanksgiving dinner held at St. Frances Cabrini for those who are alone or homeless on the holiday. Mr. Fred Glass coordinates this project and he also coordinates our service projects for the homeless who live in Hernando County. Sad to say the numbers are increasing.

For December we would like each class to collect the following items to be picked up at the school on Dec 21.

- EC Box of Chewy Granola Bars
- K Apple Sauce Cups
- 1 Large Baked Beans
- 2 & 3 Large Soup
- 4 Lunch to Go (Ham, Tuna, or Chicken)
- 5 Box of Individual Sugar
- 6 Large Instant Coffee
- 7 Large Non Dairy Creamer
- 8 Large Can of Mac & Cheese



YEARBOOK NEWS

There is still time to purchase your yearbook at the bargain price of \$18. The price will go up on December 18th to \$20. We have begun to put this years memories together, along with a few from last year. **We need page sponsors, business card ads and other little extras to help defray the production cost of our book.** If you have any pictures that we can use please send them in to the office in an envelope marked "Yearbook". Please indicate if you would like the pictures returned.

Our yearbook is made possible through the generosity of many of our Notre Dame families and friends. Thank you! Our goal is to pay for the book and have no out of pocket expense.

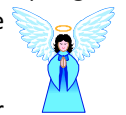
COMING EVENTS

Festival of Trees: Our choir will be singing at St. Anthony's at 10AM on Saturday December 5.

"The Love of God at Christmas": The combined choirs of St. Frances Cabrini and St. Joan of Arc will be singing on Friday December 11 at St. Frances Cabrini and Saturday December 12 at St. Joan of Arc at 7PM. There will be a special appearance by the Notre Dame School Choir.

Christmas Concert: Mark your calendar for Friday, December 18 at 7PM in St. Theresa's Parish Hall.

Angels on High: December 10 to December 13 (6:30PM to 9:00PM) at The Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave. in Spring Hill. Our students have decorated 3 angels. Please come out and vote for our angels.



Santa's Workshop: Students may do their Christmas shopping here at school on December 14 through December 18.

Home & School Mtg.: The next meeting will be on January 25 at 6:45 PM in the gym.

There will be a noon dismissal on December 22. There will be **NO EXTENDED CARE** on that day. Our Christmas break will begin on December 23 and students will return to school on January 11, 2010.

FUNDRAISER SPEECHES

Our Fundraiser promos will be going home before the thanksgiving break. In our quest to sell 1500 tickets we are asking for volunteers to speak at all the Masses at the six parishes. Speakers are needed for the weekend of December 12 & 13 for St. Theresa, St. Frances Cabrini and St. Joan of Arc and the weekend of December 19 & 20 for St. Anthony, St. Anne and St. Mary. Speeches will be repeated on the weekend of January 23 & 24.

SCIENCE FAIR 2009

The Middle School Science Fair is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 5PM. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students have been working hard on their individual projects. We need elementary school parents with a background in math or science to be volunteer judges. Judges should be available from 5PM to 7:30PM that evening to view student projects, discuss the projects with the students and determine winners in every grade. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Drinkwater via e-mail at ldrinkwater@ndischool.org or telephone the school office at 352-683-0755. Thank you.

SECOND ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

What a success! It was a great day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The winning class that receives the trophy will be announced after all the pledges have been returned.

FALL FESTIVAL

What a great success! It was a wonderful family event.



A sincere thank you to the Home and School Association for all the work they put into making it such a fun family event. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered, who constructed the indoor games, who worked at the concession stand, and who gave of their talents in so many ways. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated family community here at Notre Dame!

CONGRATULATIONS

Some of our students and ex-students got their poems published in Inspired, 2009 Poetry Collection, published by the American Library of Poetry. They are:

- Raylene (7th Grade) - "She's Gone"
- Christian (7th Grade) - "Sadness"
- Christen (7th Grade) - "Nature's Fragrance"
- Cori (8th Grade) - "Living with Alzheimers"
- Ryan (8th Grade) - "The New Kid"
- Katie (8th Grade) - "An Instrument Like No Other"
- Savannah (8th Grade) - "Softball"

- Sarah (8th Grade) - "Without Him"
- Ciaran (9th Grade) - "A Son Without Love"
- Sonny (9th Grade) - "The Sun"

CASINO NIGHT

The booster club event, Casino Night, was a huge success. It was an evening that allowed parents and alumni to enjoy themselves and share memories.

Their next big event will be a golf outing on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Keep the date open. More info will be coming as we get closer to the date.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY

- 12/5 Emily
- 12/7 Jessica
- Marie
- Emalee
- 12/8 Dylan
- 12/19 Jacob
- 12/21 Maxwell
- 12/24 Holly
- 12/26 Stephen
- 12/27 Anna Rose
- 12/29 Carl
- 12/30 Drew
- Mallory



**Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year from the
Administration, Faculty and Staff!**