

"So...What's New?"

Future Plans 2011-2012



- Continuation of the “*One Principal ...Two Schools*” Model
- **Math and Religion** Teacher’s position (Mrs. Carter) has been expanded to **full-time** with Mrs. Carter becoming the **Religion Chairperson** for our school and will now teach 6th, 7th and 8th grade Religion and Math.
- **Music** Teacher’s position (Mrs. Conway) has been expanded to **full-time**.
- Mrs. Liz Parrow will be added to our staff (Science Consultant). She will be teaching an **Enriched Science Program** for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders (twice month). Students must apply and be accepted for this special course. Topics covered will include Robotics, Environmental Science, Pre-Veterinarian Medicine, Marine Biology and other advanced subjects.
- All students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade will participate in our local **Science Fair** and those chosen will go on to participate in the Hernando County Science Fair.
- We are looking for volunteer coaches for our **Odyssey of the Mind** Teams (Primary, Elementary, & Middle)
- **Chess Club** to begin next year
- Enhancement (remodeling) of our current **Library** with purchase of new books, updated **Accelerated Reader** computerized program, and other technology.
- Participate in the National Catholic Education Association’s focus for 2011-2012 theme of “**Read it Loud!**”
- Once a month “No Uniform Days” for those students who wish to donate \$1.00 to various charities such as St. Vincent DePaul, American Cancer Society, the Dawn Center, etc. This is part of our new improved **Service Projects** program based on our Catholic Identity.
- Remodeling of the Maintenance Building into a classroom that will be used for Title I Services, Extended Day Care, conferences, meetings and other uses.
- **New lap top computers** for all staff members to enhance the use of technology for improving curriculum.
- According to Diocesan Policy, The **Iowa Test of Basic Skills** will be given in the **spring** instead of the fall. This will give us the data to better analyze and improve our current curriculum.
- **Diocesan-wide calendar** with an **all schools inservice day** planned for October.
- Continue **Strategic Plan for Schools** as directed by the Office of Schools and Centers, Diocese of St. Petersburg
- **Home and School Board** reinstated **if** we can find volunteers to take the positions
- Institute the new **Parent Buddies Program** where current families are “paired up” with new families to help them get acquainted with the school and families at Notre Dame

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Future Plans for the 2011-2012 School continued

- New internet program (Google) to check **volunteer opportunities** and **record volunteer hours**
- Improved communication through our new updated **website** and **newsletter**
- New **flyers, folders, stationary, & business cards** developed through our marketing program
- Complete implementation of new Diocesan Standards & Benchmarks for our **Social Studies Curriculum**
- **Gym Jams** held quarterly for the students (Gym time on Friday nights with games & activities for the various age levels)
- The possibility of **splitting the Early Childhood Program** into two classes (separate 3 and 4 year old classes) once enrollment reaches that point
- **Retreat for *Body, Mind & Spirit*** and students from Pope John Paul II Catholic School
- New **check-in security system** where background checks completed on everyone who enters the building
- **New logo** on our uniforms/ pull-over navy blue cardigan sweater added to uniform choices (Note: All current uniforms are grandfathered-in and will be acceptable for the next few years)
- Physical Education Uniforms will be purchased through Riese Brothers, our uniform company (We will sell what we have in stock at discounted prices)
- **Early Childhood Uniforms** for next year will be required. (They look like our current PE uniforms)
- Gym shoes will be allowed next year for **uniform shoes** (color to be determined ... solid black or white)
- Remodeling of the Boy's Coaches office into a **First Aid Room** with the possibility of staffing with **volunteer nurses**
- The following staff members will be leaving us next year and we sincerely wish them **God's Blessings** and want to thank them for all they have done for Notre Dame Catholic School:
 - **Mrs. Grigsby, Spanish** (resigned for personal reasons), **Mr. Jacobson, Language Arts** (retirement), **Mrs. Schlyer, 5th grade** (taking a position at Christ the King), **Mrs. Carmon, Library** (applying to Title I teacher for ND through Hernando county), and **Mrs. Walus, Counselor** (working more hours at PJPII)
- Administrative Assistant's position (Miss B) has been restructured into two part-time secretarial positions.
- Plant Manager's position (Mr. Sal) has been restructured to a part-time position working in the afternoons.
- Mr. Joey Monticciolo will still work with Extended Day and he will also be our Development Coordinator.

- A new comprehensive **Annual Report** will be provided to all parents, parishioners, & other stakeholders with a detailed report on our programs, accomplishments, academics, finances and plans for our future. This will be made available when we return to school in the fall. We must wait until the fiscal year ends in June.

This has been a very successful year and we ask the Blessed Mother to watch over us as we look forward to continuing our successes for the next 25 Years of Catholic Education.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Lou E. Whitaker, Principal*

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