

HUSKY HOTLINE



A WEEKLY PUBLICATION FROM NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember:

Sept 28 - ITBS testing
October 3- Fall Festival Dinner

October 4- Fall Festival 10-4
October 7- Half Day/ Free Dress

October 9- No school

Connie's Corner:

Picture Day has been changed to **October 12th**.

OFFICE IS IN NEED OF COVERAGE ON MONDAYS FROM 12 TO 1....all you have to do is answer the phone and give out band-aids and ice packs. This counts toward those volunteer hours.....thank you. Please call Connie, 342-2502 or email cfreitas@ndschico.com. **THANK**

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I want to remind you of the great privilege that we all have in being part of the Notre Dame family. As the youngest member of our family, I can assure you that this is the best environment for each of our children, our staff, and our parents as well. We are not perfect and we make mistakes, but the great news is that with God there is unlimited forgiveness. We are people of good will because we see the importance of Catholic education for our children, and we are taking our time and resources to make sure that our children are raised with the values of a one of God's children. For parents, we have a lending library at the parish office that has many great books for our children and for us. Not everyone will like every book, but there is certainly something for everyone.

I am now reading a book with my oldest son called *The Catholic Book of Character and Success*. I have read the first three chapters and it is really very good. The way my son and I are working this is we will read a chapter separately and then meet later to discuss it. It creates an environment for my son and me that is important to our relationship. For independent reading the language level would be high school, but you could read it to your younger children and discuss it with them.

On campus: first, could I ask all parents to talk to your children about finishing their lunch, or taking it home if they don't finish it? I am seeing too much food thrown away. Besides the waste that this is, it is also not showing gratitude to God for His favor to us. Please understand, I go through this same issue in my own home at times, so I am not perfect. I am just pointing out what we are all trying to achieve: good, respectful, grateful sons and daughters.

The second thing on campus is that I would like to have the Kindergarteners picked up in the parking lot. I have worked out a plan with the Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Smith, to have the children meet their parents in the parking lot near the entrance. This is a safer way to go and will allow parents to stay in their cars while the staff walk the children to the car. We will begin parking lot pickup for Kindergarteners on Monday, September 21st, 2009.

Thank you and God be with you all.

In Notre Dame,

Michael A. Garcia, Principal

"Notre Dame our Mother, pray for us!"

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BAKE SALE/CAKE WALK

Attention all Notre Dame Families:

Welcome back NDS parents and students. I'm so excited to announce, along with the cakewalk we will be having a bake sale. The bake sale will be outside the church and we will be having fresh brewed coffee (looking into) and baked goods for sale.

Last year, thanks to all you parents we had over 200 cakes, cookies, and cupcakes. This year I'm asking to increase that number so we can have a wonderful bake sale. I'm asking for homemade breads (banana, pumpkin, and zucchini), pies, cakes, brownies, and cupcakes. Last year I donated some 8-inch domes (for cookies, crispy treats, brownies and 8 inch cakes.) and will do the same this year. It really helped with presentation and where very easy to stack in the classroom. Reminder- for every baked item you will receive 1 parent hour. (Ex: 4 cakes= 4 hours). ¼ sheet pans with lids can be found in **any** grocery store in the baking aisle or by the holiday displays.

I'm also asking for volunteers to do the walk or the bake sale.

Looking forward to a great Fall Festival.

Lara Bramon

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Hot Lunch News

Order school hot lunches at www.orderlunches.com

School Password: Huskies58

Questions contact Kami Smith 809-0571

Hot Lunches need to be ordered 4 days prior to the lunch date.

Sept 22nd
5th street Chicken
Sandwiches & Fruit

Volunteers:

Lisa Forrest
Marie Huitt

Sept 23rd
Franky's Mac & Cheese
& Salad

Volunteers:

Darleen Bettencourt
Julie Polito
Monica Vlach

Sept 24th
Mr. Pickles Sandwiches & Fruit

Volunteers:

Angelina Carlos
Monique Carrera
Pearl Guzman
Cathleen Greenlee

Paying by Check or Cash:

If you are paying by Cash, please write in the check # space: CASH Connie needs to receive your Check or Cash payment 5 days prior to the first lunch ordered or your order will be canceled by the system.

Canceling or Changing Lunch Orders:

Parents are also able to cancel or change lunch orders 4 days prior to the lunch date. A credit will be applied to your account.

Sick Policy:

If your child is ill the day of lunch families or siblings are welcome to come by the cafeteria and pick up your child's lunch between 12-1:30PM. Please notify the office if you are doing this or your lunch may be given away.

October and November Menus are now open for ordering.

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SCRIP NEWS

We would like to say a special thank you to a new Notre Dame family that has very generously volunteered to be a part of our Notre Dame Scrip Program. Christian and Kellie Steinbach, owners of Christian Michael's restaurant and California Pasta Productions have made available to our Notre Dame families- gift certificates in \$25 increments, of which 15% will be donated back to our school. Again, this new scrip program is a win-win for all involved. Thank you for your participation. Please contact Cassandra Crossen at Cassandra@rvebk.com or Julie Koehnen at jkoehnen@pulsarco.com if you have any questions. In the meantime.....buy, buy, buy!!!

WE NEED PTO SPONSORS!!!

We are in need of more PTO Sponsors!!! Notre Dame families are EXTREMELY supportive of the businesses that sponsor our school. If you own a business, consider being a PTO sponsor. If you know of a business that should be sponsoring our school but isn't, ask them if they'd like to sponsor Notre Dame. It is great advertising and we have sponsorships starting at \$100, so there is a level for everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like me to follow up with a business for you. I can be reached at 343-9902 or at roster@ndschico.org.

We need about \$2500 more in sponsorships to reach our goal and we are delaying the printing of the roster another week so that we can reach that goal. Please help us out! Thanks! -Nica Digmon

Yearbook Orders for 2008-2009

Kindergarten

Ryan Smith
Sarah Paris
Isabelle Hallin
Jade Bennett
McKenna Moore
Chandler Long
Lizzy Lucio
Kiana Boyd

3rd Grade

Rachel Digmon
Tyler Willis
Grace Diep
McKenna Bettencourt
Dominic Hernandez
Shane Bronner
Abbey Korte
Jack Terrell

6th Grade

Reed Koehnen
Jake Harrison
Alisa Tousey
Becca Korte
Ian McNanie

1st Grade

Jordon Bennett
Dylan Diep
Jack Taylor
Elizabeth Carlos
Natalie Hernandez
Addie Sands
Madeline Greenlee

4th Grade

Hannah Westwood
Jack Emanuel
Julissa Nava
Taylor Crossen
Adriana Garcia
Julianna Bonacorsi
Robbie Payne
Grant Thomas
Karla Rigoza
Alexa Griggs

7th Grade

Sarah Seibert
Krissie Mensching
Micheal Dale Reynolds
Mary Lee Pickering
Kloe Brooks
Houston McGowan
Remi Long
John Siminc
Renae Schuler

2nd Grade

Cal Smith
Joseph Huitt
Haille Ostendorf

5th Grade

Abbie Anderson
Dominic Milani
Ariana Gonzales
Wyatt Bronner
Emily Erlendson
Sutter Long
Julianne Ray
Caroline Habib

8th Grade

Jessica Sibal
Jose Santana
Madeleine Pardini
Karina Haddad
Aidan Wallace
Grant Poliquin
Jake Thorup
Liz O'Neill
Jacob Cook
Janie Anderson
Lindsay Harrison
Katie Brown
Maddi Johnson
Sophia Oseguera
Vincent Uribe
Andy Ray
Gabrielle Chiotti
Clayton Schuler
Josh Contreras



Thank you for a great Book Fair!

Thank you to so many for supporting our 1st Barnes and Noble Book Fair. It was a very successful event!

Thank you to all the parents that gave of their time to work the table, talents of reading and music, and purchases of books or cafe items. Also, a special thanks for those that adopted books from the Wish List. We received 32 books to add to the library. Our proceeds from the fair were about \$900. "The check is in the mail!" We have some much needed supplies to replenish.

Thank you also to the Marketing Committee (Heather and Karen) for taking charge of the Road Show Kit and making sure that we were well represented from the Marketing side.

Thank you to the Specchierla family for the amazing Roald Dahl Day celebration. Thanks Kathryn for all the work on the contests and treats. Thanks Mike for the great reading of the Dahl book on Sunday.

Thanks to Mrs. Ward and Ms. Janzen for the great music program that was performed on Saturday. The performance added so much to Book Fair and we loved the patriotic music.

Thanks to all the kids that read during the story hour on both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks Lianne for playing your violin. Thanks to Mr. Garcia for reading also.

Please support the local businesses that helped out also. Powell's Candy donated the 339 gumballs and Collier's Hardware donated the big jar. Thank you again!

The new books are processed and in the library for the students to check out. If you donated a book - you are the first to check it out. Please come by and visit.

With much gratitude,
Ronda and Suzi

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Fall Festival Dinner Dance

When was the last time you danced with your child or with your spouse? Had a family night out on the town?

Help us kick off this year's Fall Festival by joining us for a fun evening of dining, dancing and laughing with friends under the stars. What's more, dinner for a family of four or more will only set you back \$35. Enjoy a few drinks, bid on great silent auction art items to support the school, and enjoy a fabulous meal cooked by JadeAinsley Catering. Then head to the dance floor with your kids and fellow NDS friends and community members to groove to live music provided by Lain Hensley and friends. We promise a spectacular family night out without breaking the budget.

Tickets can be purchased in the school office, at school pick up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or after masses this weekend and next. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, Sept. 28.

Saturday, October 3

Notre Dame School

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's with combined NDS
choirs

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Silent Auction and Dinner

7:30 to 9 p.m. Music and Dancing

\$12 per adult, \$7 per child or \$35 for a family of four or more.

Menu

- Herbed Barrel-Roasted BBQ Chicken and 12-Spice Rubbed Pork Ribs
- Organic Mixed Greens with Fuji Apples, Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese and Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Roasted Red Potatoes with Bacon, Blue Cheese and Chives with Wholegrain Mustard Dressing
- Cornbread Muffins with Honey Butter
- Watermelon Slices
- Fudgy Chocolate Brownies
- Lemon Bars

[Penny Harvest Coming soon! Please start collecting your Pennies!!! Watch for more information next week!](#)

[Thanks Miranda McGovern Chief Penny Collector](#)



Notre Dame is continuing to raise funds for school programs and items thru the Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign and Labels for Education campaign. We are collecting Box Tops and Campbells/Spaghetti O's/ V8/Prego/Swanson UPC Labels to turn in for cash for our school. We will be offering a monthly drawing for a Powell's gift certificate for those who submit label or box tops with their name and grade written on the back. The collection box is on the bookcase outside of Connie's office.

Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education are school fundraising programs that have helped America's schools raise money to buy the things they need but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment..

If you'd like to help the students at Notre Dame School, there are several easy ways to get involved

- **Clip Box Tops** and Campbell's soup labels from hundreds of favorite products and turn them into the box in front of Connie's office. Please write your child's name and grade on the back so that they will be eligible for the monthly Powell's gift certificate drawing.
- **Sign up to support Notre Dame** on the Box Tops website at btf.com and/or labelsforeducation.com.

- **Shop online** once you've signed up, Notre Dame will earn a percentage of your purchases made through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM.
- **Buy books** once you've signed up, we will earn a percentage of your purchases made online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM.

For more information, visit btf.com or contact Maria Pelletier at 345-9777

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER HOURS!!

We need help with Fall Festival setup/take down. Help needed on Friday, October 2, after school, set up Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday October 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. and take down on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. after the fall festival. Thank you in advance for your help, coffee and pastries will be provided. Please contact David or Rita Evers at 898-1626 or e-mail at rdmeevers@aol.com.

We are looking for families/students to sell Fall Festival dinner tickets and raffle tickets after all masses on Sat. Sept 19, Sun. Sept 20th, Sat. Sept. 26th and Sun. Sept 27th. We need people for ODS, St. Johns and the Newman Center. Please call or email Sheila Murray (murrays@sbcglobal.net) 895-0588 or Lisa Dougherty (ildhunter@gmail.com) 894-8170

We need a few good people to sign up for two hour shifts to clean up tables, monitor recycling, empty trash cans, and just keep up appearances. This is a great way to take care of some hours while your kids (and you) are enjoying the festival. It also really helps to keep the festival environment clean and appealing. Sign up at the board today (near the flagpole) or see Allison, Lisa, or Cathleen. Thanks!

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Theme: "A Celebration of St. Francis"

October 3rd

**5:30 p.m Mass with Combined NDS Choirs
6:00 -9:00 p.m. Family dinner, dance & silent auction.**

**October 4th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Annual Fall Festival: food, games, raffle.**

All events will be held in the school parking lot

It is time to start looking around the house, garage or shed for all those things you wanted to take to Salvation Army or sale at the yard sale that never happened last summer. The Country Store for our 2009 Fall Festival will gladly take your donations. They would like furniture, toys, household items, etc. For large items, pick-up may be requested. They are asking not to send clothing. If you have any questions contact Amy King: 342-4733 or AmyKking@aol.com. Deadline is Oct. 1st. Location for drop off will be announced at a later date.

The sign up sheet to work in the booths will be placed in the glass display window near the courtyard. You can choose 2 hour increments or work the booth the entire festival as some families have in the past. It's a fun way to get those volunteer hours. If you cannot make it down to the school or have any questions contact Cathleen Greenlee @ 892-8606 or cathleengreenlee@sbcglobal.net.

As you know, this tried and true event is not to be missed! We would like to also invite **new** friends, neighbors, business associates, and family. **Beautiful posters are available in the school office** for you to post at any site that you frequent, or at your office or business. Please feel free to take two or three and help us advertise. Thank you!

Also be on the lookout next week for the **raffle ticket books** that will go home with your child. This is a famously successful fundraiser and we hope that this year we will break last year's record of **7,000 tickets** sold!

More details about clean-up and booths will be coming as we near the event!

We are having a scarecrow contest for the Fall Festival. We need parents to donate any needed supplies (old clothing, hats, etc...) to construct the scarecrows for each class.

Other needed supplies for Fall Festival decorations:

- White Christmas lights for dinner/dance.
- Large spotlights for dinner/dance (Borrow)
- Straw bales
- Pumpkins
- Old flower pots
- Corn stalks
- Misc. Fall decorations

Also, Janet Beane has generously volunteered to put together a great petting zoo. Anyone with gentle farm animals, please contact her for more info.

Thanks so much, Susie Carlos

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Great News!!

We Re-Ordered Women's Tee's!
Order yours before we sell out again!

- Fitted girls Tee \$10
S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-16
 - Children's "unisex" Tee \$10
XS 4, S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-16, XL 16-18
 - Women's Fitted Tee \$15
S, M, L
 - Men's "unisex" Tee \$15
S, M, L, XL
- Please return to office or teacher*
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Name _____ Class _____

- Fitted Girl's ___Small ___Medium ___Large
- Children's ___X-Small ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___X-Large
- Women's ___Small ___Medium ___Large
- Men's ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___X-Large

Total # Shirts _____ Total \$ _____ (checks to NDS PTO)



Time to order your Fleece NDS Jackets!

Hutter-Brock uniforms is ordering Fleece Jackets for those cold winter days that are soon to be upon us. They carry the full zip-down jacket and the 1/4 zip (new this year for Jr. High) jackets. The logo and names can be added to the jackets.

Sweatshirts are also available for the upcoming winter season. The new Jr. High sweatshirts are available.

Thanks for your support for the "Uniform Shop".

SCRIP NEWS

Hello again from the Scrip Chicks,

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to explain our new scrip program. As we hope you are aware, the new program is an incentive program. For every dollar you spend purchasing scrip in the form of paper gift certificates or gift cards, 2 1/2 percent will go back to you in the form of a tuition credit on next year's tuition.

For example, if you purchase \$1000 in scrip over the school year, you will receive a \$25 tuition credit for next year. Keep in mind, that in order to be eligible for this credit, all other fees and obligations must be met, i.e. parent hours, registration fees, tuition, extension fees, library fees, etc.

Secondly, the issue of eScrip has given us on the Scrip committee, Principal Garcia, and others on the Finance committee, a bit of a pause. The average eScrip contribution is only about 1 to 2 percent. Therefore, if we were to give back 2 1/2 percent, NDS would lose money. None of us wants that, and frankly it just does not make any sense. So, we have come up with a solution. As of this year, you will track your eScrip contributions yourself. Wait, don't panic, it is very simple.

1. Log on to eScrip.com
2. Click on my eScrip
3. Click on "view your monthly eScrip reports"
4. In March 2010, click on December 2009. This will give you not only December's contributions, but also your year-to-date contributions from January 2009 through December 2009.
5. Print this report and turn it in to the Scrip Chicks (or Connie) by no later than April 1, 2010.

We will then take 50 percent of what you earned and apply it to your tuition credit.

For example, if your year to date eScrip contribution is \$50, you would receive \$25 credit to your next year's tuition.

If you have friends and family also contributing to your account, we will need their year end donation amounts as well.

Once again, we really are trying to simplify the Scrip system, both for ourselves, but also for you. It is our hope that with this new "incentive" system, people will be encouraged to buy Scrip, not only because it greatly benefits our school, and all the merchants and businesses that support NDS, but it will be a benefit to you as well.

If you have any questions, or need help logging on to eScrip, please do not hesitate to contact Cassandra Crossen at 899-7965 or Cassandra@rvebk.com or Julie Koehnen at 934-3009 or jkoehnen@pulsarco.com.

Thank you for your continued support,

Cassandra and Julie

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