



# HUSKY HOTLINE

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## FROM FATHER BERG

Hurry up and wait! That's what the season of Advent is about. At least sometimes it may feel that way. As we know, Advent is all about waiting in expectation for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. We like to celebrate a lot of "Christmas" parties during Advent, but they are really Advent parties. (Okay, I know, I'm being a bit mischievous.) In any case, as we know, Advent lasts for four weeks and concludes on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Then, on December 25<sup>th</sup> we begin Christmas season that goes through January 9, 2012.

How do we wait in expectation when there is so much hustle and bustle around us during Advent? To be sure, it is a challenge. But we try to snatch some precious times of prayer. One might make a visit to the church on the way to pick up the children from school. Perhaps, you might try to make it to daily Mass. Maybe, you could pay a visit to the Adoration Chapel. These are a few ways to "catch our breath"

during Advent, and remind us of the beauty of this holy season.

Christ's peace,  
*Fr. Blaise Berg*



## FUN STUFF TO DO!

**Notre Dame Mass at ODS:** Please plan to attend the 9 am Mass hosted by NDS parents and students at Our Divine Savior Church this Sunday, Dec. 4. There will be a pancake breakfast following. Please have students wear their uniforms and show what a great presence NDS has in the Chico community. Hope to see you all there!

**Music Man:** Lines have been memorized, dance steps rehearsed, and songs perfected! We hope you will join us to see Notre Dame students showcasing their talents in the upbeat musical "Music Man." There will be two performances: Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm. Performances are at the Troupers Theatre located at 14 Hillary Lane in Chico. Tickets are \$7 and will be sold at the door.

**Banana Slug String Quartet:** Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm in Laxson Auditorium, Chico Performances is celebrating both earth science and holiday cheer with the award-winning musical group, the Banana Slug String Band. For more than 25 years, these award-winning "slugs" have taught environmental education to children of all ages. With professional expertise of environmental science and true musical talent, these humorous harmonies both entertain and educate. Please [click here](#) for more information.

**Notre Dame School Christmas Program**  
December 15, 7 pm in St. John's Church

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NDS Mass 9 am at ODS  Pancake Breakfast follows	Walk the Block Terrell		Walk the Block Picard	Walk the Block Miskey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade leads Mass 8:45 am  Walk the Block Bettencourt	  Online Calendar



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**Round Table Pizza Night:** Come join us Dec. 22 from 4 pm to 9 pm for a yummy night of pizza and a bake sale! This is a great source of volunteer hours as not only can you enjoy all the fun of baking, but you can then contribute to the bake sale. You can get one hour for every baked goodie donated. (Lara thinks pies are a good idea ☺). For more info, contact [larabramon@yahoo.com](mailto:larabramon@yahoo.com).

**Vacation Homes Needed:** The Spring Gala committee is seeking help from NDS families. If you know of any vacation homes or vacation timeshares that could be donated to the 2012 Spring Gala, please e-mail Rebecca Solaire at [r\\_solaire@yahoo.com](mailto:r_solaire@yahoo.com).

**Uniform Exchange:** Thanks to Noel Sorrano for all the time and hard work painting and cleaning the staircase for the new Uniform Exchange Room. It looks great!

## PARISH NEWS

**Catholic Q&A** is meeting Thursday, Dec. 8, from 8:15 am in the Parish Library! We will finish in time for the Mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Opportunity) at 9 am. Please contact Jenni Schaeffer at [pschae828@aol.com](mailto:pschae828@aol.com).

**Catholic Identity** needs three helpers for the Mother/Daughter Programs to assist with decorating, food and door prizes. The programs are taking place Feb. 18 at ODS. Contact Lisa Pickering at [lpick893@scglocal.net](mailto:lpick893@scglocal.net).

**Catholicism Episode 2:** "Happy Are We - The Teachings of Jesus." The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. Fr. Barron highlights the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables. Jesus' teachings are illuminated during Fr. Barron's pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City. **Showing Friday, Dec. 2, 7 pm in NDS' Upper Meeting Room.**

## PTO PUTTING IT OUT THERE

There is NO December meeting of the Notre Dame PTO, so enjoy a free night at home! We would like to thank all the families who have attended the meetings. Attendance has been great and hopefully you are having fun learning about what our amazing volunteers do to make Notre Dame great! If you haven't yet attended a PTO meeting this year, please join us in January. We will learn about the new technology available in the library and how we can all chat online about books amongst students and families. The Sunshine Committee makes sure goodies are always available, so come on out!

A huge thank you to Sonja Oseguera and the PTO Jr. High dance committee. The night was complete with an amazing DJ, a hot chocolate bar and food galore; everything a Jr. High girl - and boy - could want.

Principal Terri is in need of six strong dads (or moms if you like to shovel) over Christmas break. The current plan is to order shredded bark to give more padding to our play structures. We will need help shoveling bark around the play equipment. If anyone has a good lead on shredded rubber or rubber mats for play structures, please email our principal before Christmas break.

Thank you Kami Smith for organizing our Christmas Tree fund-raiser. Details to follow! Another big thank you to Lara Bramon for organizing our Round Table Pizza Nights.

We are postponing our Christmas Home Tour and Boutique this year. If anyone would like to schedule their home for next year, please email Shanna Long at [sjolong@gmail.com](mailto:sjolong@gmail.com). We were one home short and the organizers would like to have more time to make it amazing!!

If anyone would like to put something on the PTO agenda for November, please call or email [sjolong@gmail.com](mailto:sjolong@gmail.com).

PTO President  
*Shanna Long*

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## HOT LUNCH

**Hot Lunch Schedule for the week of  
Tuesday, December 6 – Thursday, December 8**  
**Tuesday:** Kinder's Hot Dogs/BBQ Beef Sandwiches  
Volunteers: Julie Polito and Suzi Carlos  
**Wednesday:** Speedy Burrito Quesadillas/Burritos  
Volunteers: Steve & Kathy Matalavage  
**Thursday:** Round Table Pizza/Jamba Juice  
Volunteers: Danyelle Wylle, Evangelina Henman  
Contact Kami at [ksmith@ndschico.org](mailto:ksmith@ndschico.org)

## MORE ROSTER CHANGES

Andrew and Becky Milani's e-mail address is [Milani\\_family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Milani_family@sbcglobal.net);  
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