

HUSKY HOTLINE



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Dates to Remember:

October 20- Round Table Pizza Night 6-9 (Mangrove Avenue)
November 4- Half Day/Free Dress

November 11- Veteran's Day/No School
November 12- Parent Teacher Conferences begin

Connie's Corner:

If you have a change of address, phone number, cell phone or email-would you please contact the office and let us know. This way we can keep our records updated. Thank you.

The office needs coverage on MONDAYS 11:45 till 12:45. If 4 moms or dads would volunteer to cover this time, you would only have to do it once a month.

Counts for volunteer hours. Thank you!!!! Connie

YARD DUTY volunteers are needed from 12:00 to 1:23. Parents if interested please contact Tim Gannon at 893-3793.

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

I hope all is well in your families and that you are all staying healthy. At Notre Dame we are as susceptible as anyone else and so next week I have asked a nurse to speak to our staff to pass on ideas on preventing infection. We may also have a speaker for our whole school if we can work it out.

My staff and I attended a Sacramento Diocese workshop last Friday called Mustard Seed. There were two inspiring speakers who helped us to recognize the great gift we have for our students and families: that charity for all, virtue and right-living in God's eyes, respect for parents and teachers, Biblical values woven into everything we teach and do at the school, a sacramental life; these gifts are not to be had at other schools. As a staff we will continue to discuss how we make Jesus Christ real on our campus.

We are in the process of migrating to a school management system that has a component for teacher grading and attendance, parent access to their student's grades and attendance, and an administrative side that allows for student monitoring. Through use of this tool my hope is that we can communicate better with you. We do not have a date for implementation but we have some very intelligent people working on this – Dori Terrell, Michael Specchierla, and Dan Bennett.

I recently observed the teaching and learning in grades 1 and 2. In grade one I saw Mrs. Pearce giving students choices which fosters independent thinking. In grade two I saw Miss Givens giving students a series of instructions that required students to plan their work. I was very impressed that the students were right on with following the plan. This tells me that it is a procedure, and difficult as the task may have been, the 2nd graders had it down because they understood the 'procedure.'

The 8th grade went to Ashland, Oregon last week for the Shakespearean Festival. Fr. Chris Fraser went told me that they were very well behaved and it was his impression that they had a decent grasp of the plays. This is a testimony to the great teaching that went on in Mrs. Harkness' class in preparation for Ashland. I went in to the 8th grade class at least five times during the weeks preceding the field trip and the students were definitely plugging in to Shakespeare. Thank you Mrs. Harkness. The reflection on Notre Dame School will be long lasting.

Thank you all for supporting Notre Dame. Right now there is doubt among some that we are the best school in Chico. My goal is to build more and more benefits into what we offer so that eventually there will be no question in anyone's mind as to who offers the best education in Chico. That is where I see Notre Dame. Our part is to give God our best and leave the results up to Him. God be with you.

In Notre Dame,

Mike Garcia, Principal

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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.

October 20th

Mr. Pickles

Volunteers:

Lisa Forrest
Angela Carlos
Michelle A.

October 21st

Speedy Burrito

Volunteers:

Darleen B.
Julie Polito
Monica Vlach

Oct 22nd

Round Table/Jamba Juice

Volunteers:

Cathleen Greenlee
Mary McGowan
Monique Carrera

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 maybe given away.

Hello NDS Parents-

The store will be **closed this Friday and Monday of next week (10/16 & 10/19).**

Starting Wednesday (10/21) store hours are **Monday - Friday, 12pm - 6pm**

I apologize for the inconvenience. I hope the new hours will be more helpful for those of you with busy schedules.

Hope you all have a great and wonderful weekend!

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THANKS

A Big Thank You to the Decorations Team!

Lisa Forrest, Jessica Diep, Felicia Lucero, Teresa Enos, Devon Dorenzo, Monique Carrera, Courtney Hallin, Regina Lawson, Trudi Nunn, Suzi Bronner, Miranda McGovern & Sheila Murray.

This year was especially challenging due to the high winds! An extra thank you to anyone who helped at the last minute. When we all chip in, we can accomplish anything!!

- Northern Star Mills- bales of straw.
- Cindy McGowan- Cornstalks
- Country Pumpkins in Orland- Pumpkins
- Food Maxx & Lara Bramon- Pumpkins
- Lights, Straw and Table set-up- Steve Bouttote

Thanks so much,
Susie Carlos

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Opportunity is Knocking!



St. John's Parish is offering Adult Education twice a month on Sundays from 10:30 to 12:00! FREE!

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The topic will be:

Christian Men/Christian Women.

There will be some dynamic Catholic couples speaking and leading discussion.

Other dates and topics include:

- October. 25 – Prayer
- November 8 – Family Support (topic TBA*.)
- November 22 - Advent / Liturgical Calendar
- December 13 – Family Support (topic TBA*.)
- January 17 – Mass
- January 31 – Confirmation
- February 14 – Love and Marriage
- February 28 – Reconciliation
- March 14 – Family Support (topic TBA*.)
- March 28 – Eucharistic Adoration
- April 18 – Eucharist (Communion)
- May 2 - Family Support (topic TBA*)

* Have faith struggles in your family? You're not alone. Are there topics that would help you in leading your family in holiness? Let us know we may be able to work on it on a family support day.

Contact abaumgartner@ndschico.org

This counts as Sacrament preparation parent

Answer the Call.



CUBSCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER!

Pre-Order your beautiful Holiday Christmas Wreaths Now! The Cub Scouts from Pack-2 at Notre Dame School will be taking orders for Wreaths at the Fall Festival and after mass thru October. This is our main fundraiser to provide for pack activities and summer camp. You can also send a Holiday wreath or Gift to family and friends. To order or with questions contact Terry, Marie or Joseph Huitt at 343-0017 or Marieemissy@aol.com

Penny Harvest



Penny Harvest Total for 2009

Here is what we raised:

\$922.96

1st place Kindergarten - \$ 317.10

2nd Place 4th Grade 162.93

3rd Place 3rd Grade 155.15

Thank you everyone!!!

Prizes for the top three and Popsicles for everyone date to be announced next week!

Thank you

Miranda McGovern



Hello Art Enthusiasts,

I just wanted to let you know that I will be taking part in the Open Studios Tour this weekend and the last weekend of Oct. at my new art studio and gallery. I will be joined by the original Chico Plein Air Painters - Mary Amicarella, Velda Swaim, Ruelene Fillerup, and Kathie Bechard. I hope that you can come by and see all of the art and the new art school downtown. I am teaching adult and children classes in painting and drawing. Thank you for participating in the Artoberfest activities. Tickets for the Open Studios Tour can be purchased at the Chico Art Center or the Chico Chamber of Commerce. Children are free with a paid adult (\$10). The Art Center has a wonderful display showcasing the talent of the 100 artists on the tour!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Janet and the Chico Plein Air Painters

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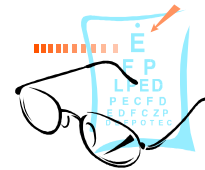
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SCRIP CONTEST UPDATE!!!

Tick, tock, tick, tock....the month of October is already half way over, which means that the Scrip "hot chocolate and doughnut" celebration is drawing nearer. So far, the class leading the way to the scrumptious celebration are the 3rd graders, with an average of \$227.11 per family. However, at a close second, at \$220.83 per family are the 1st graders. Which class will get in on the victory party and partake in the fun, yummy festivities?

Parents: needing ideas on just how to help your children's class get in on the contest running? Start thinking about the holidays! Christmas is just around the corner and why wait to fight the crowds when you can start your holidays shopping now? The Scrip chicks have a wide variety of gift certificates available to give away, or to pre-purchase and use when you go to buy those special items.

And, don't forget that about the monthly Round Table Pizza nights, including the one this coming Tuesday, October 20th. We have \$20 gift cards available for sale to use in addition to Round Table's already generous 20% Notre Dame donation that they offer to us for our school's special "pizza night". So, plan ahead and support your school in the process!



Vision and Hearing Screening

"It's that time of year again for the vision and hearing screenings on children in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 8. The screening will take place on Thursday, October 22. If you have any questions regarding the screening process or you wish for your child to NOT be tested, please let me know. Also, if your child is not in one of the grades that are tested, and you would like them to be tested, please let me know as well (even if you already have... I could use a reminder)."

Thanks,
Janet Beane

NEED A BABYSITTER FOR THE PTO MEETINGS???

Bring them along and join us for some fun with our Child Care program. We have over 20 kids attending each month but need parental support.

We have homework buddies, crafts, and activities in the gymnasium when available. The more parent support the more activities we can provide for the kids.

If you are interested in the wonderful program Jean Hensley, PTO president, has provided please give Cathleen Greenlee a call at 892-8606 or cathleengreenlee@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you and you won't regret working with and getting to know many of the kids at NDS. You and your own children will enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Greenlee



The African Children's Choir will be in Concert at the Evangelical Free Church of Chico. This takes place on Friday November 13th at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances, and contemporary tunes. You will see the hope, dignity and beauty of Africa!

A free-will offering will be taken to help provide education, care and emergency relief for over 7,000 children in Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria, Ghana, Southern Sudan, Kenya and Africa.

PTO SPONSORSHIPS

A HUGE thank you to all the generous and wonderful businesses who have sponsored our school for the 2009-2010 school year!!! We have 27 businesses who have sponsored Notre Dame School! Of those businesses 14 are returning sponsors and 13 are new. Their sponsorships totaled \$9500! Please, please, please support these businesses (who will be listed on the back of the roster) and be sure to thank them for their support of Notre Dame School.

There are so many people to thank for their help in this year's sponsorship drive. Thank you to **Round Table Pizza** for the printing of the brochures. Thank you to **Jean Hensley, Teri Ernandes, Pam Gersch, Heather Quilici, Donna Boyd, Kim Moore, and Dori Terrell** for their help putting the brochure together, soliciting businesses, making phone calls, and just going above and beyond in helping make this year's sponsorship program successful.

-Nica Digmon



Thanks for all of the wonderful scarecrows! The dinner/dance and festival looked very festive. Everyone who entered will get a Tootsie Pop.

1st Place goes to : 4th Grade- They get to have an ice cream cake party!
2nd Place goes to: 5th Grade- They will get Cupcakes.
3rd Place goes to: 2nd Grade- They will get cookies.
Congratulations everyone for a great Fall Festival!!!

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