

HUSKY HOTLINE



A WEEKLY PUBLICATION FROM NOTRE DAME SCHOOL PTO

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Dates to Remember:

November 23-27- No School/Thanksgiving Break
December 2-Half Day/Free Dress
December 9- PTO Meeting/Upper Meeting Room 6:30

December 15-Round Table Pizza 6-9 Mangrove Ave
December 17-Christmas Program 7pm, St Johns Church

Connie's Corner:

On page 23 in the Student/Parent Handbook:

To keep clear and direct communication: **Contact your child's teacher first** if there is any problem concerning academic progress, behavior, problem with another student, teacher-pupil relationships, classroom or playground concerns.

If this communication with the teacher is unsatisfactory then contact the principal or If there is concern about the general administration of the school .

Thank you

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

In this Hotline I want to recognize a few great Notre Dame School achievements. First, I want to thank our Fifth Grade teacher Stephanie Beyers for coaching our team in the Diocesan Religion Contest. NDS entered a team of 11 fifth and sixth graders into the contest with 22 other Sacramento Diocese elementary schools. At the end of the day our students came away with the Second Place trophy! Congratulations!

Last night's PTO meeting was very educational. Our PTO President Jean Hensley brought in a great speaker who talked about communication. I think everyone present took away good insights, but for me it boiled down to realizing that not everyone thinks like I do, and I need to listen to others better. I think that if we all did that alone, our communication would be much more productive.

We received our ITBS standardized test results from the tests we took earlier this year. Remember that we use the test as a diagnostic tool to measure retention from the previous year, and these results will drive our instruction. For example, if we find that there is a common area that students are falling short in, we will modify either the curriculum or the instruction to bring the students up. This is what we call using the test as a formative assessment. Today one of my teachers attended a webinar that focused on ways to use the data from the ITBS as a formative tool, and she will be sharing with our staff at next week's inservice.

I went to a girl's basketball game on Tuesday night at the NDS gym and I have to say I was very impressed with the talent and drive of the girls. Our seventh grade team is made up of all sixth grade girls and they outplayed Palermo from start to finish. I saw our kids pushing the ball up the court, playing great defense, and a general court sense that I would not have expected from 6th graders. The 8th grade girls' team played with the same intensity, even to the point of executing a great full court press.

Lastly I want to wish you a very nice Thanksgiving. My prayer is that we all reflect on what God has blessed us with and ask Him to give us a heart of gratitude, because our response is what matters. Seeing God in both triumphs and trials is to Answer the Call.

God be with you all.

In Notre Dame,

Mike

"Notre Dame our Mother, *pray for us!*"

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.

December 1st

Kinders: Beef Sandwich or hotdog

Volunteers:

Marie Huitt
Teri Huitt

December 2nd

Half Day/no lunch

Volunteers:

December 3rd

Mr. Pickles: Sandwiches/Fruit

Volunteers

Angelina Mitchell
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 maybe given away.

*Hot Lunch Menus are open online for December and January!



SPORTS



Lady Husky Indoor Soccer Results 11/20

Notre Dame School is in a 1st-3rd grade indoor soccer league at Off The Wall Soccer, coached by Donna Boyd. The team has three girls from other schools (that could not form a team), and the rest are Notre Dame Girls! The roster includes: 1st graders: **Kiana Boyd** and **Sophie Ostendorf**, Second grader: **Makenna Joyce** and third graders: **Sophie Ostendorf**, **Janine Cox**, **Aimata Drollet** and **Lianne Schaffer**. In Wednesday's game (Nov 18th) against the Jr. Vikings, we won 5-1. **Makenna Joyce** scored two goals, **Hallie Ostendorf** scored two goals and **Bailey Barber** (from Emma Wilson), scored one goal! The next game (double header), will be Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:45 and 5:30. Come watch the Huskies in action!

Lady Husky Basketball Results 11/20

Notre Dame 8th grade girls pick up a win at Maywood with a final score of 56-10. Leading scorer for the game was **Remington Long** with 24 followed by **Cia Seibert** with 8. Top rebounder was **Krissie Mensching** with 13 rebounds.

NDS Lady Huskies take 3rd in the Durham Panthers Tournament.

NDS won their first game with a score of 56-6. **Mensching** scored 16, **Long** had 14 and **Emilie Duke** added 12. Leading in rebounds was **Sarah Seibert** with 11. Huskies lost the next game to Willows with a score of 31-27. **Long** lead scoring with 12 points **Mensching** added 7 and **Duke** had 6. NDS won the game for 3rd place against CK Price with a score of 42-14. **Long** scored 19 points, followed by **Mensching** with 8. **Sarah Seibert** lead rebounds with 7.

Please *email* completed articles to: hotline@nds chico.org The deadline is Wednesday 3pm.



Notre Dame School Christmas Program
Thursday, December 17 7:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SCRIP NEWS

Thanks again to everyone for using our scrip program. Every bit you purchase adds up! Speaking of adding up.....time to add up your Christmas gift lists and put in your Scrip order. We have certificates available for everyone in your family, from Toys R Us, iTunes, American Eagle and Aeropostle for the kids to Cabela's, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Men's Wearhouse for the men in your life. Women- don't forget we offer Pottery Barn/William's Sonoma, Macy's and Zappo's. And, when you are thoroughly exhausted after all of that shopping, we have many restaurants available: Franky's, Christian Michael's, Tres Hombres, T-Bar, Applebees, Red Lobster/Olive Garden and Marie Callendar's. And don't wait until the last minute to make your scrip purchases! Think ahead!! Shop. Shop. Shop!

NOTRE DAME- GRANT WRITING

Notre Dame School is looking for a grant writer to research, write and apply for educational grants for school programs. This is a volunteer position for the 2009-2010 school year. If you or someone you know has grant writing or related experience, please contact Chris Seibert, Director of Development at 342-2502.

A Fantastic Opportunity to Serve!

The school board (CSAC) is developing a new focus area to improve our school called "Community."
I, Karen Rose (mom of Kate (K) and Drew (4th), have been asked to ask to lead this new area and I look forward to your help.

Community is a broad concept so here is how I have begun to break it down:

1-Communication/relationship between NDS and surrounding parishes

Notifying of events, participating in worship, building relationship with each parish...
I am looking for people connected to different parishes to form this committee

2- Care for the families of NDS

Sunshine-provides meals to families in need
Traci Braccialini is heading up Sunshine.
Hospitality support for school functions, care for our teachers & school staff...

3- Students and families in Service to the greater Chico area

Let's be a presence in our community through donating time/efforts to places like the

Jesus Center www.jesuscenter.org, Love Chico www.lovechico.org, and others....

We at Notre Dame have a unique opportunity to come together to unite, to care, and to serve in our community.

Imagine the impact we can have! We can be the hands and feet of Jesus to our school and the city in which we live. I can hardly wait to see what we can do! I am looking for those of you that share a similar passion for community to join with me on one of the above three areas to form committees that can put these ideas into action!

Email me @ karenarose@sbcglobal.net or call 570-8357