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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The Covenant to Educate Task Force has completed its work with the development of a Strategic Framework. The next step involved a small committee to begin the work on the Strategic Plan with the development of strategies. These strategies will be used to develop the Strategic Plan.

Before the plan is developed, Sister Jane Herb would like input from the school communities. Three regional meetings have been scheduled: April 14th at St. Clements, April 21st at St. Ambrose and April 27th at St. Mary's in Amsterdam.

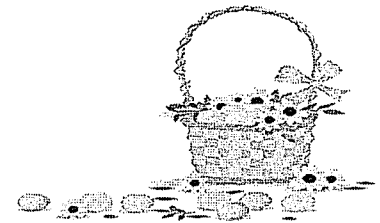
The pertinent documents are posted on the Diocese of Albany website. The document that will be discussed at the Regional Meetings is the Strategy document. Also posted, for background information, is the Covenant to Educate and the Strategic Framework. I hope parents have time in their schedules to attend one of these meetings.

It's hard to believe that when we return from Easter Recess/Spring Break there will only be 9 weeks before the end of the year testing and Regents begin and our seniors have even less. Parents please remember to turn the re-registration packets into the Main Office by April 15th. Also due on April 15th is the time to apply for Financial Aid and to turn the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Applications into Mrs. Audino. On April 21st, we will be hosting the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in the Gymnasium and on April 26th we will be holding the Mass of Remembrance in our Chapel to honor the lives of those in the ND-BG Family who have gone to be with the Lord. There are other exciting events going on this month that are listed below on the calendar and throughout the newsletter.

Have a safe and blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

Michael Sandore
Principal



APRIL



- 1-9 **EASTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL**
- 13 Faculty Meeting - 3:00 pm
- 14 After Prom Meeting - Room 1 - 6:30 pm
Booster Club Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 15 Re-registration Packets are due to the Main Office
Financial aid & Beacon of Hope applications are due
- 16 Third Quarter Ends
- 17 Lady Knights Dance - Gymnasium - 8:00-11:00 pm
- 20 Visitation Day for area schools - 1/2 Day for ND-BG Students
- 21 NHS Induction - Gymnasium - 6:00 pm
- 22 Spring Parent Information Evening - 5:00-7:00 pm
- 24 Spring Play - Gymnasium - 7:00 pm
- 25 Spring Play - Gymnasium - 2:00 pm
- 26 NYS ELA Grades 6-8 Testing
Mass of Remembrance - ND-BG Chapel - 7:00 pm
- 27 ELA Make-up Test Date

- 28 NYS ELA Grades 6-8 Testing
- 30 Freshman & Sophomore Semi-Formal at Mallozzi's Restaurant - 7:30-10:00 pm

Visitation Day

April 20th will be a half day (11:15 am dismissal) for ND-BG students. ND-BG will host a lunch and conduct a mini schedule of classes for students in grades 5th through 8th that will be visiting from area Catholic Elementary Schools.

Spring Information Evening

On Thursday, April 22nd from 5:00-7:00 pm, ND-BG will be hosting an Informational Evening for any family interested in sending their student here in the fall. If you know a family that would be interested in ND-BG, we urge you to invite them to come and see all the resources that our school has to offer. Tours will be given that night and teachers, students and administration will be available to answer questions or concerns parents and potential student may have about our school.

SPRING PLAY

The Spring Play this year will offer two performances. The first will take place on Saturday, April 24th at 7:00 pm and the second will take place on Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 pm. There will be two one-act plays, "Under Jekyll's Hyde" and "Seven Wives for Dracula." Both plays spoof well-known horror works. There will be refreshments at each performance and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will go on sale during the week of April 12th. Reserved seats will cost \$7 and general admission seats will be \$5. If you have any questions, please call Miss Quinn at 393-3131 ext. 205.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Wednesday, April 21st, the Lorica Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its Annual Induction Ceremony at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School. The Induction Ceremony and candle lighting will begin at 7:00 pm in the ND-BG gymnasium. All family members are invited to join us prior to the ceremony for a light sandwich budget to be held in the cafeteria. All current National Honor Society juniors and seniors are invited to attend. Please see moderators Ms. Licata or Mr. Ille if you have any questions.

All applicants for membership have been evaluated on scholarship, leadership, character and service. Academically, all sophomore, junior and senior candidates must maintain a cumulative average of 90% or better. Leadership and character are determined by input from faculty members, as selected by the students and active roles in academic, athletic, religious and service activities. Service is determined by examining the student's record of logged service hours. At the ceremony, each student meeting the above requirements will be "tapped" by one of our current NHS members and will receive a pin and certificate of membership. Our guest speakers this year are Matthew and Jason Cotugno, from the ND-BG Class of 2002. For more information, please contact Ms. Licata at 393-3131 ext. 207 or Licata@nd-bg.org or Mr. Ille at 393-3131 ext. 113 or ille@nd-bg.org.



JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

If your student is looking for a way to gain job training skills, please have them stop by the Guidance area or go to the ND-BG website for more information.

SCHENECTADY CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRIPLE CROWN AUCTION

This year the Triple Crown Auction is raffling \$3,000 in tuition to be used at any of the three schools: Notre Dame- Bishop Gibbons, St. Helen's, or St. John the Evangelist. Tickets are included in the newsletter. Raffles and money may be turned in to Miss Baseel in the Development & Alumni Office. If you have any questions you may call Miss Baseel at 518-393-3131 ext. 107 or email at baseel@nd-bg.org. Good Luck to all of you!!!

You need NOT be present at the auction in order to participate. Tuition cannot be exchanged for cash or any other prize. Upon winning, the \$3,000 must go toward tuition to one of the above stated schools.



LOOKING FOR A COPY OF AN OLD YEARBOOK?

We have yearbooks from the past for sale. For yearbooks from 1960 through 2005, the cost is \$30.00. For yearbooks from 2006-2009, please contact Mrs. Tobin (tobin@nd-bg.org) or Mrs. Agostara (Agostara@nd-bg.org) for a price. We have limited quantities for some years, please contact us to make sure we have what you are looking for.



NOTRE DAME CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!!!

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Notre Dame High School. Come celebrate with us as you remember those wonderful high school memories. The day will begin at 10 am with games, music, fun, and good food for the whole family. In the evening, a dinner dance will take place from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. with excellent food and a cash bar of beer, wine, and soda. There will be entertainment and raffles to support the Thomas J. Maguire Scholarship. A flyer is attached to the newsletter. For additional information please contact Christine Baseel '96, Director of Development and Alumni at baseel@nd-bg.org or at 518-393-3131 ext. 107.

"In the Middle"

"Putting Faith in Middle School"

Parent -Teacher Forum

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. The speaker will be a New York State Trooper who will address the legality of Facebook, texting, and sexting. My hope is that he will speak with the 7th and 8th graders the following day.

Middle School Activity Night Rescheduled

The middle school activity night will take place on Friday, April 16th from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Cost is \$5.00

Testing Dates

The following are the New York State Testing Dates for 2010.

April 26-28	Language Arts (Grades 6-8)
May 5-7	Math (Grades 6-8)
May 24	Science Performance Test (Grade 8)
June 7	Science Written Test (Grade 8)
June 14-15	Social Studies (Grade 8)
June 21	Spanish Proficiency (Grade 8)

Culture Day

The Middle School Culture Day will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2010 (no school on Friday). Students in Grade 6 will be traveling to Plymouth Plantation, in Plymouth, MA. Students in Grade 7 will travel to the Bronx Zoo in New York. Students in Grade 8 will travel to the Boston Museum of Science and Quincy Market. The cost of the trip is approximately \$50.

The letter and permission slips were sent home on Tuesday, March 30th.

End of Quarter/Report Cards

The third quarter ends on Friday, April 16th (one week after we return from break). It is important to check Powerschool to see the grades as well as what is missing. Students are allowed to make up work from progress reports from March 15th onward. Once your child's screen comes up click on the blue grade and the assignments that make up the grade will come up. Anything with a 0 after March 15th can be made up. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, April 23rd.

National Junior Honor Society News

The National Junior Honor Society sponsored a "Wearin of the Green" day on March 17th for the benefit of the SICM food pantry. Over \$250.00 was collected. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

AFTER PROM

The next meeting to discuss the After-Prom will be on Wednesday, April 14th. We need parents/guardian's to help participate and plan this event. We only had 5 people the last meeting. This is a great event for our juniors and seniors, but if you do not receive more support we may have to downsize or cancel the After Prom for this year.



The After Prom Committee needs your donations to make this evening memorable for the students. We need prizes to be raffled. Please help us to procure items that students would be interested in winning, such as gift certificates iPods, iTunes gift cards, movie passes, etc. are a great idea. If you own a business, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rudinski at 393-3131 ext. 108 or r u d i n - ski@nd-bg.org.



SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

The Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal Dance will be held on Friday, April 30th at Mallozzi's Restaurant from 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from Mr. Mahoney. Tickets are \$18 per person and \$30 per couple. Out of school date forms are available in the Main Office and must be submitted to the Main Office by Thursday, April 22nd.

Semi-formal attire is required: Gentlemen should be in shirts and ties and Ladies should be in appropriate semi-formal attire. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mahoney at 393-3131 ext. 127 or mahoney@nd-bg.org.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

The community of Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Monday, April 26th at 7:00pm in the school chapel. All are welcome and are invited to participate in this liturgy as we remember our deceased alumni, faculty, family and friends.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

Let us gather together and remember all the times our loved ones blessed us by being a part of our lives. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

With Easter hope,
Kathleen Duff,
Campus minister
393-3131 X214

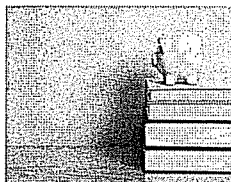


TUITION AND FEES

Please note that all tuition and fees must be current for students to attend all of the upcoming events such as field trips, Prom, After Prom, all 8th grade and senior activities.

Graduation fee letters were mailed in March for the senior class. In order for seniors to receive graduation invitations or attend any of the senior activities including Prom, the fee of \$175.00 must be paid and all tuition must be current. The Moving Up fee for the 8th grade is \$75.00. Letters will be mailed in April. Re-registration packets, Financial aid application and Beach of Hope application are due on April 15, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Audino at 393-3131 ext. 103



SPRING UNIFORM

On May 3, 2010, all ND-BG students will be in their spring uniforms. Below are the guidelines for the uniforms. Parents, please make sure that everything fits and that skirt lengths are at the appropriate length. The contact information for Image Experts is also listed below. Any student not dressed appropriately and according to the below listed guidelines may be sent home from school.

BOYS

- A white polo shirt (tucked in) with the school insignia from the uniform company. A white T-shirt may be worn under the polo shirt. No other color T-shirt may be worn.
- Khaki walking shorts or khaki pants from the uniform company
- White sneakers with white socks or crew socks that are visible (one of two narrow-not wide-colored stripes on the sneakers is ok)
No mixing or matching the spring uniform with the winter uniform.

GIRLS

- Blue spring skirt from the uniform company. Skirts cannot be more than 2 inches above the kneecap
- White polo shirt (tucked in) with the school insignia from the uniform company
- White sneakers with white socks or crew socks that are visible (one of two narrow-not wide-colored stripes on the sneakers is ok)
No mixing or matching the spring uniform with the winter uniform.

Image Experts, 1623 Eastern Parkway, Schenectady NY 12309 Phone: 518-377-4523 Fax: 518-374-1236
Email: www.imageexperts.com



SUMMER WORK STUDY

Our summer Work-Study Program will once again be broken into two months, July and August. The July session will run from June 28th-July 30th. The August session will run from August 2nd-31st. Students will work from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday under the supervision of Mr. Collins. Students will earn tuition credit if they work the full schedule.

Parents interested in having their child/children participate in the summer Work-Study Program should contact Mr. Sandore at 393-3131 or sandore@nd-bg.org.