



**NOTRE DAME – BISHOP GIBBONS SCHOOL**  
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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

2010-2011 Enrollment Information Due:

Packets of materials were mailed to all parents in early February. Thank you to all who have returned their completed information. As a reminder to those parents who are completing the packet, all materials are due by April 15, 2010. We appreciate the attention you have given to this important issue which helps us plan for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Uniform:

From time to time students will come into school and for various reasons, are not in proper uniform. As a reminder to students and parents - we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the standards of our great looking uniform. All information regarding the standards for the proper uniform are on the website under the Parent/Student Handbook. The web address is www.nd-bg.org.

March 11th, 12th, and 19th:

On Thursday, March 11th, we will conduct a faculty retreat and on Friday, March 12th we will celebrate the Bishop's holiday. On Friday, March 19th the teachers will have a Faith Formation Day with the area Diocesan Schools. All students will have those days off.

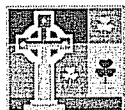
Please contact me if you have any questions regarding activities scheduled in March.

Sincerely,

Michael Sandore,  
Principal



# March



- 9 Public Policy Day
- Faculty Meeting - 3:00 pm
- 10 Middle School Parent/Teacher Forum - 7:00 pm
- Booster Club Meeting - 6:30 pm
- Winter Dance for grades 9-12 - 7:00-10:00 pm in Café
- 11 NO SCHOOL - Faculty Retreat
- 12 NO SCHOOL - Bishop's Holiday
- 17 NJHS Dress Down - "Wearin' of the Green"
- 18 Grade 9 to NYS Theater Institute
- 19 NO SCHOOL - Faith Formation Day for teachers
- 20 Placement Exam 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 24 After Prom Meeting - Room 1 - 6:30 pm
- 31 Living Stations of the Cross:
  - 9:00 am Middle School
  - 10:30 am High School

**PLACEMENT EXAM**

On Saturday, March 20, 2010, the Placement Exam for new students will be held at the school from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. To register, please contact Mrs. Agostara at 393-3131 ext. 116 or Agostara@nd-bg.org.

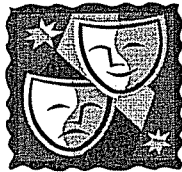


**NOTRE DAME-BISHOP GIBBONS SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS INFORMATIONAL EVENING**

On Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 pm we will be hosting an Informational Evening. We urge you to invite a family to come and see all the resources Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School has to offer. Families can meet with administration and teachers, tour our facility and review our curriculum. For more information about ND-BG, please visit our web site at www.nd-bg.org.

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.



SAT VOCABULARY PREP

Students in Grades 9 and 10 are learning even more vocabulary to supplement the words they learn from their literature text. At the beginning of each class, students use flash cards to picture five new words and their meanings which they copy in their binders. Each Friday, they have a test on the week's twenty words. By the end of April, they hope to master 200 new words to improve their communication skills and elevate their SAT scores. Parents can help by asking the students about that week's words and reminding them to study that day's words each night in preparation for Friday's test. Encourage them also to keep the words in a file for future reference.

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WINTER DANCE

The ND-BG Winter Dance has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 10th from 7:00-10:00 pm in the ND-BG Cafeteria. The dance is open to all Senior High Students. Tickets will be available beginning Tuesday, March 2nd during both lunch periods. Tickets are \$8 per person and \$14 per couple. Out of school date forms are available in the Main Office and must be submitted to the Main Office by Monday, March 8th.

The Dress Code is as follows: 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. Ille at 393-3131 ext. 113 or ille@nd-bg.org.



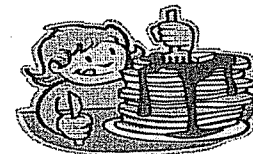
LOOKING FOR A COPY OF AN OLD YEARBOOK?

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.



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, March 21st, the Schenectady East Rotary will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Ancient Order of Hibernian on 1748 State Street, Schenectady. The Pancake Breakfast will benefit the ND-BG Booster Club. The breakfast will run from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5-12 and \$5.00 for students 12-18.



TRANSPORTATION 2010-2011

Parents and guardians are reminded that all requests for transportation for the 2010-2011 school year must be on the form provided by your home public school district and submitted to your home public school district by **APRIL 1, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact the **Transportation Office of your home public school district**. The Niskayuna School District will not be mailing request for transportation this year. If you live in this school district, the forms can be found at [www.niskyschools.org](http://www.niskyschools.org). The South Colonie School District will be mailing forms directly to parents.

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BISHOP'S HOLIDAY

At our Christmas Liturgy, Bishop Hubbard gave us a holiday to be used at our discretion. We have decided to use our Bishop's Holiday on Friday, March 12th. School will also be closed on March 11th and March 19th.



# *"In the Middle"*

Ninette Kondratowicz

## "Putting Faith in Middle School"

### Parent -Teacher Forum

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Come and find out what's going on in the middle school. Ask questions...express concerns...be heard.

### Middle School Activity Night To Be Rescheduled

Middle School Activity Night, which was scheduled for Friday, March 19th, will be rescheduled for some time in April due to the staff development day. (Students will not be in school on the 19<sup>th</sup>).

### Kudos

The following Middle School Students were named to the Principal's List for the second quarter:

Elizabeth Asmus	Daniel Asselin
Christopher Baldwin	Steven Baldwin
Caroline Bouchard	Allison Caron
Ryan Kanai	Colin Kennedy
Alison Lemme	Lia McKenna
Eleanor Meschino	Katherine Meschino
Montana Morrison	Rebecca Nichols
Phillip Riccobono	Kerry Shaughnessy
Francisco Stec	

The following Middle School Students were named to the Honor Roll for the second quarter:

Taylor Adams	Victoria Alteri
Paul Bacchi	Kylah Berger
Lydia Brosnan	Elizabeth Chico
Matthew Chico	Emily Costa
Bryanna Farrell	Christopher Homenick
Ryan Kordziel	Victoria Maddalone
Nicola Maggi	Max Percent
Gennlie Pizarro	Ashley Potter
Laura Reilly	Hannah Rose
Victoria Schickedanz	Sophie Scott
Benjamin Sinkora	Javier Stec
Andrew Tatlock	Mark Tatlock
Daniela Uribe-Cano	Alexandra Vendetti
Elias Wixted	

### Testing Dates

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

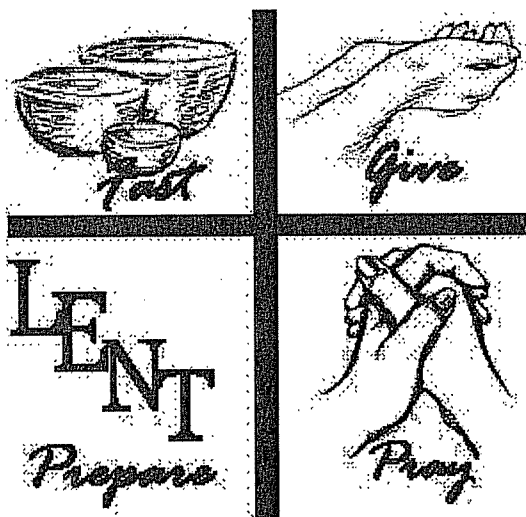
April 26-28	Language Arts (Grades 6-8)
May 5-7	Math (Grades 6-8)
May 24	Science Performance Test (Grade 8)
June 7	Science Written Test (Grade 8)
June 14-15	Social Studies (Grade 8)
June 21	Spanish Proficiency (Grade 8)

### 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. Look for a letter and permission in early March.

### Snack Attack

Many thanks to those families who contributed snacks to the National Junior Society's "Snack Attack" to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

I love Lent. Although waiting is not one of my strong points, I willingly embrace this season of slow purple transformation. There is something about Lenten patience and anticipation building to the death and resurrection of Jesus that I welcome. Perhaps my fortitude is nourished because I already know the ending of this divine story. Perhaps I love Lent because it teaches me a language of hope when I most need to be hopeful.

At Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School we join with our brothers and sisters throughout the world as we pray, fast and offer compassionate charity during Lent. That triad of actions, with the grace of God, slowly renews us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. So, what does that look like at ND-BG?

Our students have many opportunities to pray each day. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, our last day together as a school community before our April break, we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, following him to Calvary during the Living Stations of the Cross. This powerful prayer transforms lives beyond measure.

At ND-BG the sacrament of Reconciliation is offered throughout the weeks preceding Easter. Students are encouraged to share the sacrament with Fr. Leo, and/or meet with him in the chapel to talk.

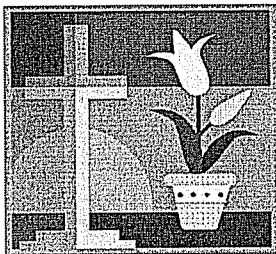
During Lent and each day during the school year ND-BG students are encouraged to fast from the many forms of greed, selfishness and violence that are insidious in our society.

Our Rice Bowl collection to support Catholic Relief Services both locally and internationally is ongoing during the forty days of Lent.

At Notre Dame - Bishop Gibbons School we change hearts and minds during every liturgical season, not only during Lent.

From darkness to the glory of the cross - peace,

Kathleen Duff,  
Campus Minister  
393-3131 X214



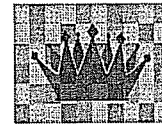
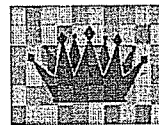
## BEACON OF HOPE BALL

Back To The Prom, *An Enchanted Evening in New York*, is being held this year on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 pm at Bishop Maginn High School. For more information please visit [www.beaconofhopefund.org](http://www.beaconofhopefund.org) or call the Catholic Schools Office at 518-453-6676. RSVP date is March 8, 2010.



## SCHENECTADY CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRIPLE CROWN AUCTION

The third annual fundraiser to benefit all three Schenectady Catholic School, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons, St. Helen's and St. John the Evangelist, will be held at ND-BG on the evening of Saturday, May 1st. The event is still in need of volunteers, as well as auction donations and program ads. Please consider helping in any way that you can, either through volunteering, providing an ad or donation and by attending. Please also consider your employers, family members and friends who could provide ads and donations. For more information, please contact the ND-BG Advancement Office at 393-3131 ext. 107.



## 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. For more information please contact Christine Baseel '96, Director of Development and Alumni at [baseel@nd-bg.org](mailto:baseel@nd-bg.org) or at 518-393-3131 ext. 107.

