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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I would like to notify parents of the Awards Program scheduled here at ND-BG.

This year the High School Awards Program will take place on Thursday, June 3rd at 8:15 am. All students in grades 9-12 will be called to the gymnasium for this ceremony. Parents of students receiving an award will be notified by mail (postcard) and invited to attend.

The Middle School Awards Program for students in grades 6-8 will be the same day, June 3rd with the ceremony beginning at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium. Parents of Middle School students who will be receiving an award will be extended an invitation by mail (postcard) in advance of the program.

In addition, parents of seniors will be receiving a detailed letter from me regarding important information and activities scheduled during the week leading up to and including graduation.

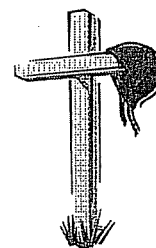
Sincerely,

Michael Sandore



- 1 Triple Crown Evening - 5:30 pm - Gymnasium
- 3 **ALL STUDENTS IN SPRING UNIFORM**
- 4 Chaplain's Corner w. Fr. Leo - 11:00 am-12:30 pm
After Prom Meeting - Room 1 - 6:30 pm
- 5 NYS Math 6-8 Testing
Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer Service & May
Crowning - Gymnasium - 2:00 pm
National Junior Honor Society Induction - 7:00 pm
- 6 Arts Festival - 6:00 pm
- 7 NYS Math 6-8 Testing
- 8 50th Anniversary Celebration - See flyer insert
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 Chaplain's Corner w. Fr. Leo - 10:00-11:30 am
- 11 Faculty Meeting - 3:00 pm
ND-BG Board of Trustees Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 12 Booster Club Meeting - 6:30 pm
Middle School Parent and Teacher Forum - 7:00 pm
- 13 Ascension Thursday Liturgy @ St. Paul's 1:15 pm

- 14 Progress Reports for 4th Quarter Mailed Out
- 17 Ineligibility Takes Effect
- 19 Chaplain's Corner w. Fr. Leo - 9:30-11:00 am
- 20 Culture Day Field Trips for Grades 6-10
- 21 **NO SCHOOL**—Jr./Sr. Prom @ Glen Sanders
- 22 After Prom @ Clifton Park YMCA
- 24 Grade 8 Science Performance Testing
- 26 Juniors to Broadway Show
- 27 Chaplain's Corner w. Fr. Leo - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**
- 31 **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day Observed



REMINDERS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

•Please check with the Business Office to receive the balance needed to complete your fundraising commitment of \$200.

•Graduation fees (Grade 12-\$175 and Grade 8-\$75) are due to the Business Office ASAP.

All tuition and fees must be paid in full before students can take final exams, attend prom and graduation ceremonies. The next report card will be held for any student who is not current with tuition. Please remember, prom tickets CANNOT be purchased unless tuition and graduation fees are paid in full!

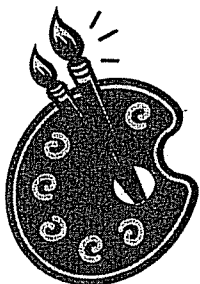


ARTS FESTIVAL ON MAY 6

The annual ND-BG Arts Festival will take place on Thursday evening, May 6, starting at 6 p.m. Visitors to the school will be able to see two and three dimensional works of art created by students under the direction of Ms. Jackett, art teacher. Items that were in the recent *Olympics of the Visual Arts* will also be on display. Our Middle School creations won First Place and Most Creative in Illustration and First Place in Fashion bringing honor to ND-BG.

Instrumental students, under the direction of Ms. Fusco (Paul Effman Music Service) will start the music part of the program with a variety of traditional and popular tunes. The concert begins at 7:00 pm. The ND-BG High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Heilman, will sing several choral arrangements. Some of the songs the students will sing are "Oh Happy Day", "My Girl", "Temporary Home" and "I Hope You Dance".

This Arts Night is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to see all of the efforts of our students in their artistic and musical endeavors. Come join us for a memorable evening to acknowledge our students' hard work.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Wednesday evening April 21st, the Lorica Chapter of the National Honor Society, moderated by Ms. Licata and Mr. Ille, held its annual Induction Ceremony at in the ND-BG Gymnasium. At our traditional candle-lighting ceremony 13 applicants were inducted into National Honor Society.

They are:

Ryan Asselin	Taylor Cuomo
Michael Delia	Richard Homenick
Sungwon Kang	David Knapick
Emily Lange	Brittany Lawton
Colleen McLaughlin	Amanda Methe
John Paul Ryan	Joseph Scorzella
Aileen Shaughnessy	Madeline St. Amour

Our Guest Speakers this year were Mr. Matthew Cotugno and Mr. Jason Cotugno, both of the Class of 2002. The Invocation was give by Father Leo and concluding remarks were made by Principal Michael Sandore.



OLYMPICS OF THE VISUAL ARTS

On April 15th, Ms. Jackett and three teams of students boarded the ND-BG van and ventured up to Saratoga Springs to attend the annual Olympics of the Visual Arts. Mr. Sage and Mrs. Cerutti followed with cars packed with projects. The new York State Art Teachers Association sponsors this event. It attracts projects from around New York State for competition. Students enter projects in eight categories from a list of problems proposed each year by a committee of art teachers and professionals. There are three components to enter. First is the project itself, second is a journal that includes brainstorming and research materials and third is either an on-site spontaneous problem or a fashion show. The judges grade each component of the entry separately. Our teams took home three winning plaques. Jennifer Cerutti and Emily Costa placed first in the Middle School Fashion category. Steven Baldwin, Phillip Riccobono and Dhruv Bhavsar took first place in the Middle School Illustration category with their interpretation of a poem by Robert Frost about fireflies. They were also awarded The Most Creative prize for all entries in their category. Our High School team of Jeff Ra, Alexandra Gosh and Taylor Cuomo did not win any prizes, however, they were featured in a first page picture and article in the Times Union on the following day. We are very proud of our ND-BG art students. This now brings our grand total to nine plaques over the past six year. Not bad for being the only Catholic School in all of New York State to participate!

"In the Middle"

"Putting Faith in Middle School"

Parent -Teacher Forum/7th Grade Parents

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. This meeting will be for 7th grade parents to plan the 8th grade dance and moving up reception. I was unable to procure the state Trooper for this meeting. My hope is to begin the new school year with this presentation.

Testing Dates

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

May 5-6	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)

If at all possible please make every effort to have your child in school on those days. I will make up the tests for any absent student but the timeline for getting them to State Ed. is tight. Thank You.

Culture Day

Culture Day will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2010 for students in grades 6-8. It is the goal of the day that students go "into the field" to experience academics in real time; that they can take what they have learned and experience it.

Grade 6 will be traveling to Plymouth Plantation where they will experience the lives of the Pilgrims and Indians. They will view Plymouth Rock and board a replica of the Mayflower.

Grade 7 will tour the Bronx Zoo where they will visit the Congo Forest-a 6 1/2 acre African rainforest habitat for 200 animals and 55 species including one of the largest breeding populations of western lowland gorillas in North America.

Grade 8 will travel to the Boston Museum of Science where they will see a lightening show, an IMAX movie and visit many hands-on exhibits including the hatching of chicks. They will experience the Foucault pendulum, which shows the rotation of the earth as it turns each hour. The day will end with a visit to Quincy Market where students will dine and shop.

We will leave the ND-BG parking lot promptly at 7:00 am. Students in grades 6 and 8 will arrive home at approximately 10:00 pm and Grade 7 will arrive home at approximately 8:30 pm. Students will be instructed to call parents about 1 hour from school so parents can be in the parking lot at arrival.

Students are encouraged to bring I-Pods, cameras etc. for the bus ride but are responsible for them. They may bring snacks also. Students are not allowed to bring a Nintendo DS or other handheld video games.

Students do not need to wear uniforms. The dress is casual keeping in line with our guidelines. No short shorts or midriff tops and no sandals. All trips are walking trips so sneakers are the "shoes of the day".

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be mailed home on Friday May 14, 2010. Please take the time to go on PowerSchool to see your child's grades in real time. If you click on the grade (in blue) it will bring up a list of assignments. You will be able to see your child's missing work (it will have a zero by it).

National Junior Honor Society

We are in the selection process. Students will be notified by Monday, May 3rd, at the latest. The induction into the National Junior Honor Society will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

At Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School we are reminded of our baptismal call to service and our mutual call to love our neighbor through the role model of Blessed Edmund Rice, **the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers**. On his feast day, May 5th, we will gather together as a school community to reflect on our mission in light of God's grace and the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The charisms of a Christian Brothers' Education are an integral part of our faith-filled vision at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School. Those spiritual gifts include:

1. Evangelizing youth within the mission of the church
2. Proclaiming and witnessing to Catholic identity
3. Standing in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice
4. Fostering and invigorating a community of faith
5. Celebrating the value and dignity of each person and nurturing the development of the whole person.
6. Collaborating and sharing responsibility for the mission
7. Pursuing excellence in all endeavors

Although we cannot replace the Christian Brothers who once walked in our halls, we can carry their spirits and follow their lead—a way of love and compassion, a way of integrity and radical respect. We, and the Christian Brothers before us, are part of the same family—the **Edmund Rice Family**. Like any family, we are bound through the ages by our stories and by our historical roots.

The Christ of faith teaches us how to be a school that embraces both similarities and differences, based on equality found in the unity of one family. We are a community that values our time together to pray. Ascension Thursday, May 13th, is among the many times during the school year that we set time apart from our day to pray in communion with the universal church. This Catholic identity helps to tell our story.

May we continue to live our lives with Jesus in our hearts forever. And as Jesus taught before his ascension into heaven—may we continue to be a blessing for each other.

Spring is a time of mystery and revelation unfolding in our midst. May it be so for you.

Kathleen K. Duff,
Campus minister
393-3131 X214



LOOKING FOR A COPY OF AN OLD YEARBOOK?

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

The yearbook for the 2009-2010 School Year is complete and will be delivered in June. We have met our sales goal and we only have 25 yearbooks left to sell and are able to lower the cost of the yearbook to \$75.00. If you are still thinking about purchasing a yearbook, please do not wait until June. You can pick an order form up from Mrs. Tobin or order on-line at <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A05691500>.



REMINDER TO PARENTS

If you have not turned in your re-registration packets to the Main Office, please send them in ASAP. If you need another packet, please call Mrs. Scudder at 393-3131 or scudder@nd-bg.org and she can send one out to you.

Spring uniforms start Monday, May 3rd. Please check your students uniform to make sure it still fits and meets all the length requirements. Skirts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee and shorts should be knee length. See the insert for more details on the regulations for the spring uniform.

SPORTS BANQUET 2010

Please join us in honoring our student athletes on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at the Glen Sanders Mansion, as the ND-BG Sports Booster Club hosts the annual Sports Banquet. Social Hour will be held at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Student Athletes that participated on a ND-BG sports team in the 2009-2010 academic year are free of charge. The cost for the Sports Banquet is \$25. A reservation is required for everyone who is attending the event. Reservation forms are due to Mr. Ille before Friday, May 14. They were e-mailed to parents and can be found on the ND-BG website (www.nd-bg.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ille at ille@nd-bg.org or by phone at 393-3131 x 113.