



Dear ND-BG Families and Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving break! The holiday season can be a great time of year but can also be a very difficult time for many of us. For many it is a time for family and friends, giving and joy. For others it is a time of despair as we miss those no longer with us and struggle to put food on the table and gifts in the stockings at Christmas time. Please keep those less fortunate in mind and pray for those in need and help those around us in any way you can.

We have added an additional source of student assistance after school for our middle school students. We have a learning academy that meets every day after school. Students sign up with guidance and each day students get academic assistance from their teachers in one consolidated location. Our guidance department is running this program and it is a great way for our students to get the extra help they need to ensure academic growth.

Our Christmas Spectacular will on December 20th this year. Mr. Biggs and our students will be putting in many hours and hard work to prepare an awesome show. Please come out and see our students amazing talents.

Speaking of amazing shows, our students once again put on a great musical! Each of their four performances and I want to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Anchukaitis and Mrs. Neidl for all of their hard work and dedication to the musical was incredible each year.

If anyone is looking to have some fun and maybe win some money, please come support our school by playing bingo. Every Sunday from 6:30-9:30 at 1866 State Street in Schenectady come and play and have a chance to win up to \$6000!

Please do not forget that we are doing a mid year tuition raffle and a full year tuition raffle this year. Raffle tickets for the mid year tuition raffle are on sale in the main office and we will pull a winner at the end of January! Don't miss this opportunity to pay down your fundraising fee and win free tuition!

Please contact the school for more information.

Sincerely,

Peter Fusco



- 8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception @ St. Paul's 1:30pm
- 14. Winter sports pictures
- 19. Christmas Liturgy ND-BG GYM 8:30am
- 20. Christmas Spectacular 6:30pm
- 22. Half Day of School—Students dismissed at 11:15am
- 25—29th – SCHOOL CLOSED



- 1-2. NO SCHOOL
- 3. Classes resume
- 12. St. Marguerite Prayer Service
- 15. MLK Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
- 19. March for life
- 22-25 Regents
- 28. Second Quarter ends; Catholic Schools Liturgy/Art show and Reception
- 29. Homeroom door competition begins; High School Board
- 28-Feb 2—CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

ND-BG PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

*This is an easy and ongoing opportunity to offset your \$300 fundraising commitment. It's easy because everything is done online with an e-blast (you can also use social media and even create your own **PERSONALIZED STOREFRONT.**) And the best part is that you will earn a 50% profit on every sale that comes in on your behalf.*

NEW THIS YEAR: ENTERTAINMENT Digital Savings Membership, AUDIOBOOKS, and BITSBOX are all available to your customers.

Here's how it all works:

Everybody is interested in something, and we have hundreds of offers from which people can choose – all done online. Your customers are free to place a new magazine subscription or RENEW MAGAZINES THEY ARE ALREADY RECEIVING, regardless of when the current subscription expires. If they are going to renew it anyway, they can purchase through you, save money - all prices are discounted!!! We also offer DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS and GIFT CARDS (these make thoughtful holiday gifts – the person receiving the card can use it for a new subscription or to renew a current one.)

Here is a good example of the savings: "People Magazine" is very popular. If you go to www.People.com, a 1-year subscription costs \$1.77 per issue, which is a great savings from the \$5.99 newsstand price. But in subscribing online through our program, your customer pays ONLY \$1.00 an issue for the identical magazine (and you earn \$25.00 for your PERSONAL ACCOUNT from this one sale!) With savings like this to your customers, the 50% you earn on every sale will add up quickly to cover your \$300 commitment, all done from your computer or personal device.

This project will remain open until the spring, but hurry before people you know buy from someone else! We expect that some families will pay for their entire fundraising commitment this way.

Our code is: **NDBGKNIGHTS** (no space)

To get started, go to www.apmags.com/register to set up your storefront

Or, here's all your customers need to do:

Go to: apmags.com and click "I'd like to shop and support..."

Enter our code – NDBGKNIGHTS and then your name so you get credit for their purchase – it's that easy! But, remember – you can set up your own storefront and have everybody come to you instead!

(Need assistance with your storefront? Call Customer Service at 1-800-284-9711)

BLOOD DRIVE TO SAVE LIVES

What can you accomplish in an hour? Well, in just one hour of your time you could help to save as many as three lives by donating blood. You have a chance to do just that because Notre Dame - Bishop Gibbons is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday December 8th in the library from 8:30-1:30. Odds are you know someone who has needed blood. It might have been you. Yet blood supplies in our area have reached dangerously low levels several times this year and the Red Cross is asking for your help. Your donation would make the lifesaving difference for a hospital patient in need...a mother, a father, a brother, a sister, a friend.

So make an appointment to donate blood at our upcoming school-drive and find out what it feels like to help save a life. Donors must be 16 or older in order to be eligible to donate. Students who are 16 years old can donate with parental consent and students who are 17 are eligible without parental consent forms. Parental consent forms (for 16 year old students) can be obtained from the guidance office. To make an appointment, contact Mrs. Tobin at (518) 393-3131 ext. 114.

We particularly need parent donations as well. It is the parent donations that help us meet/exceed our goals. If you have time to spare, please make an appointment and we will bring you to the head of the line. Thank you for your continued support of the Red Cross Blood Drive.

ND-BG Christmas Spectacular

Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 pm for our 4th Annual ND-BG Christmas Spectacular! This year's event will feature the school band, stations of the Nativity and an ND-BG-centric parody of Frosty the Snowman.

The program will start at 6:30 pm with the ND-BG school band. The Christmas Spectacular will begin immediately afterward. In total the evening should run for approximately 90 minutes and will include an intermission where ND-BG family and friends are welcome to purchase baked goods to benefit our Adopt a Family campaign for the Christmas Season.

We do hope that you will all come and join us for a fun-filled celebration of the Christmas Season.

As always, we thank you for **your support**.

Have a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas!



Christmas Liturgy

ND-BG GYM

On Tuesday, December 19th our school community will be celebrating our Christmas Liturgy at 1:15pm in our School GYM. You are welcome to join us for this joyful celebration.

FAFSA

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Reminder to senior parents that you are currently eligible to submit your FAFSA forms to receive financial aid for college – you no longer have to wait until January 1st. Visit fafsa.gov for more information.

College Acceptances

Please have your son or daughter bring in their acceptance letters and scholarship letters to guidance. We will make a copy and return the original. We want to make sure that the students are recognized for their accomplishments. This includes ALL acceptances, not just acceptance letters to the college he or she will be attending.

PSAT Results

The PSAT results will be arriving soon. Juniors will receive copies of their individual scores and Mr. Honsinger will go over those results with them. Please use this information to help assess areas of strength and weakness, which will aid in preparation for the SAT. Visit www.collegeboard.com for more information.



ND-BG SCHOOL SPIRIT STORE



Keep Christ in Christmas +

The school bookstore is open 7:45am most every school day and after school when needed.

We have different school spirit appeal for Christmas gifts. Some items can be ordered with enough notice.

Parents and Guardians are welcome to stop by to shop during school hour by just calling ahead at x114. Thank you +

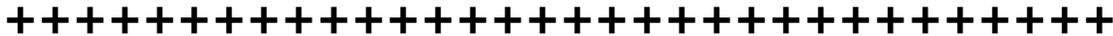
ND-BG SPORTS WEAR

PRICE

Hooded Sweatshirt	\$26
Gray or Maroon Sweatpants with pockets	\$20
Long Sleeve Maroon Shirt	\$15
*Teacher's Student Scholarship Fund T-Shirt	\$12
ND-BG T-Shirts	\$10
*new-NDBG Coffee Cup	\$8
*new-Christmas Ornament w/ logo	\$5
Aluminum Water Bottles	\$5
Drawstring Bag w/ Logo	\$4
Tote Bag w/ Logo	\$4
Lanyard w/ Logo	\$4
ND-BG Car Magnets	\$2

*all proceeds for this item go to the NDBG Teachers Scholarship Fund which helps students with tuition.

Some items we have limited quantities but may be ordered.



Want to place an order?

For your convenience, please return this form with a check payable to ND-BG in an envelope marked Mrs. Tobin and we will fill the order. Please allow a couple of days for us to complete.

Name _____ Phone No. _____



BINGO!



**Win from our huge jackpot,
\$3,000-\$6,000!**

WHEN: Every Sunday Night

Join us, every Sunday night for Bingo at Bingo Palace in Schenectady. Win cash prizes and bring friends! All proceeds benefit ND-BG.

WHERE: Bingo Palace, 1866 State Street,
Schenectady NY 12304

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Thank you to everyone who donated diapers, wipes, and diaper cream to the No Bottom Left Behind Diaper Drive. It was a huge success and greatly appreciated!