



Dear ND-BG Families and Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. I enjoyed mine and I am thankful for the many things in my life. Not only for my amazing family I have at home but also for the Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons family I have here in this community. Through my one plus years at this school I have been able to see what this community is all about. It is not just a school where kids get an education. This place is much different. When you go to school here or you are part of this community you are part of something special. The support for this school is unlike any I have ever seen and everyone from students to teachers, parents and alumni are here to work to see the school continue to grow and prosper. I appreciate the support you have given me and the work that the people in this community put in to make Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons a special place.

On November 21st we participated in the Schenectady Thanksgiving Parade. I want to give a big thank you to the people who helped put together the float. We had a great turnout of students, parents and staff. I want to thank Mrs. Manatto and Mr. Ferrucci for leading the organization of this event and I want to also thank Sarah Lawton and Sarah Delvecchio for organizing the students for the parade. As always, our students did an amazing job representing our school!

On November 22nd we had our Legacy Gala. We welcomed six new members into the Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons Hall of Fame. I want to congratulate Charlie and Terri Bouchard, Brother Kevin Griffith, Frank Ciervo and Michele DiCervo Ciervo, and our Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Patrick Moran. These people mean a tremendous amount to this school. They are not only a part of the community but they live Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons. I am thankful for their contributions to the school and what they have done and continue to do for us. The night was a beautiful one and we could not have had it without the hard work of Christine Baseel. She worked for months to put this together and I want to thank Christine for the hard work put into this special event.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



1	Advent Prayer Service in gym at 8am
8	Mass at St. Paul's 1:15pm Feast of Immaculate Conception
22	Liturgy with the Bishop at St. Paul's 1:15pm/Christmas Spectacular 6:30 pm School Gym
23	Half Day Dismissal 11:15am
24-31	Christmas Recess NO SCHOOL



1	Christmas Recess—School Closed
4	Classes Resume
12	St. Marguerite Feast Day Prayer Service 8:15 am, School Gym
15	Second Quarter Ends
18	School Closed—Martin Luther King Day
31	Catholic Schools Week Begins

Yearbook



Greeting ND- BG Families! A message from the yearbook!

Our yearbooks are on SALE for \$45 now!!! Please go to JostensYearbooks.com OR the ND-BG website to order one! We are no longer accepting orders in school, so they must be purchased online! Also! From now until December 18, 2015, for an additional \$5 you can not only have the yearbook personalized with your child's name, but you may also pick out 4 additional icons for their front cover for FREE!

Do not forget about the REPLAYIT app for Jostens! You can upload any of your pictures directly to our yearbook site! The password for our school is yearbook13.

Senior Parents! You parent ads, payments and pictures are due February 02, 2016! Baby pictures are also due at this time.

Please send all of this information directly to Mrs. Oppelt, Oppeltl@nd-bg.org.

Thank you!!

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

At this point all tuition accounts should be current. Please note lack of communication concerning delinquent accounts will result in students' not attending classes.

Please contact Mrs. Audino for tuition information.

Business Office (518) 393-3131

Ext 103



ART FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, November 12th, 2015 a small group of Juniors and Seniors traveled to Albany for an Art field trip. The trip started with a tour of the Nelson D. Rockefeller Empire Art Collection at the Capital and Corning Tower, which is the largest publically

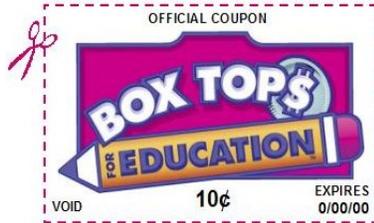
owned collection of Modern art in the world. The students heard stories of controversy surrounding the collection and were able to see pieces being restored. The students then went to the New York State Museum where they saw the 9/11 exhibit and the

various dioramas of New York's environment. The trip concluded with a Portfolio Day at the Sage College of Albany where students interested in pursuing the arts were able to meet with college representatives and have their portfolios critiqued.



Box Tops & Campbell's

We are also collecting Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education. When grocery shopping, look on your food labels and boxes for the *Box Tops* square and the *Labels for Education* UPC codes!



Price Chopper Tools for Schools

When shopping at Price Chopper for dinner, your card will automatically register points for ND-BG. Simply register your card at www.Pricechopper.com or return attached registration form to Miss Baseel. The ND-BG school code for Tools for Schools is 15998.



ND-BG Christmas Spectacular

Please join us on Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:30 pm for our 2nd Annual ND-BG Christmas Spectacular! This year's event will feature the school band and an ND-BG-centric parody of A Charlie Brown Christmas.

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.

To clarify, this year's Christmas Program is not part of an academic requirement for any class, but 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 at St. Paul's With Bishop Scharfenberger

On Tuesday, December 22nd our school community will be celebrating our Christmas Liturgy with Bishop Edward Bernard Scharfenberger at 1:15pm @ St. Paul the Apostle Church (2777 Albany St. – down and across the street from ND-BG). You are welcome to join us for this joyful celebration with our bishop.



2015 Schenectady Holiday Parade



Festival of Trees

ND-BG is participating in the 9th annual Festival of Trees put on by the Schenectady Historical Society and the YWCA. Juniors, Annonda Sanders, Anisha Diaram, and eighth graders Angelina Rodriguez and Ayianna Ford helped decorate and set up the tree this year. Please go see our school tree at the Schenectady Historical Society.



2015 Legacy Gala Inductees



Middle School

Activity Night

On Friday, December 11th we will be having our first Activity Night of the year from 7-9. We will have a DJ for dancing in the cafeteria and open gym! Admission is \$5.00. Signed permission slips and money will be due no later than THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10!! Money/forms will not be accepted at the door! Hope to see you there!



REGIONAL FOOD BANK HUNGER APPEAL

On Monday November 23rd, Sophomores Dylan Sawyer, Alex Cooper, Natasha Sookrah and Nicolina Borrelli accompanied Mrs. Agostara to Crossgates Mall to collect donations for the Regional Food Bank.





Bookstore News

Keep Christ in Christmas +

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

We have different school spirit apparel for Christmas gifts. Some items can be ordered with enough notice. Parents and Guardians are welcome to stop by to shop during school hours by just calling ahead at x114. Thank you +

ND-BG SPORTS WEAR	PRICE
Grey ¼ zipped Sweatshirt	\$28
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$25
Gray Sweatpants with pockets	\$20
Long Sleeve Tie Dye Shirt	\$18
Long Sleeve Maroon Shirt	\$15
Teacher's Student Scholarship Fund T-Shirt	\$12
ND-BG T-Shirts	\$10
NDBG Travel Cup	\$8
Aluminum Water Bottles	\$5
NDBG Stylus Pen	\$2
ND-BG Car Magnets	\$2

*Some items we have limited quantities.

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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. _____

Items (size/color) _____

Is this a surprise _____ send home with student _____

Student name/grade _____ Total enclosed _____



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 December 11th in the library from 8:30-2:30. 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.

College Financial Aid Night

ND-BG will be hosting a financial Aid Night on Thursday December 3rd at 6:00 PM. We encourage all junior and senior parents and their children to attend. Information detailing the night was sent home, please RSVP with Kathy Tobin at tobink@nd-bg.org or 518-393-3131 x114. Joe Gorman from HESC will be presenting on updated financial aid information and upcoming major changes to the financial aid process which junior parents will want to hear.

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.