



Homework hour gives students the opportunity to work on their written homework and/or study for tests under the supervision of a teacher from the Notre Dame faculty. A teacher is available to help answer student questions and guide them in organization, time management, and study skills. Volunteer peer tutors are also often available. Our goal is to help lighten the load for students and their families when they go home. Students attending and volunteering may bring a light snack and water in case they get hungry.

WHO: Grades 2-8

WHEN: Homework help is offered on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:00** throughout the year. See below for the days offered this week.

COST: The fee for Homework Hour is \$10 per day. Cash only, please. ***Students must be pre-paid to attend.***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ★ Students are responsible for bringing the materials they need to Homework Hour.
- ★ Students will be dismissed near the St. Joseph's Room door and are to be picked up at 4:00 p.m. in the upper parking lot. If their normal dismissal is to Extended Care, they will be taken there at that time.
- ★ No student will be allowed to leave unless picked up by an authorized adult.
- ★ Any remaining students will be taken to Extended Care at 4:05 p.m.

To register for Homework Hour, please detach the bottom portion of this form and return it with your payment to the attention of Mrs. Boyle 1A by Thursday.

Homework Hour

Week of October 2, 2023

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

My child will be attending Homework Hour on:

(No Homework Hour on Monday.) _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday

Payment amount enclosed: _____ (cash only, please)

Dismissal after Homework Hour:

_____ My child will be dismissed to Extended Care.

_____ My child will be picked up by _____

Please complete and return this portion to Mrs. Boyle 1A with your payment by Thursday.



MARATHON 2023 SCHEDULE

Here's a quick look at what we have planned for Friday, October 6, 2023:

- Drop off as usual – Kids will head to their classes for morning prayers and announcements. If you have time between drop off and mass – we'll be setting up in the parking lot and welcome anyone who wants to help us draw lines in the parking lot for the pep rally, set up tables or organize water and snacks for the kids.
- Mass at 8:45 – All are encouraged to join. Afterwards the kids will return to their classes after mass for a pretzel snack from the HSA and a bathroom break.
- Parents are invited to meet in courtyard after Mass for coffee and breakfast pastries.
- CYO Talent Show at 10:15 – Head over to the parish center / gym to catch their acts!
- Lunch at 11:45 – Join us for our lunch outside (weather permitting) please pack a lunch, it will not be provided and there's no hot lunch option that day. You may also want to bring a towel or blanket to sit on – we'll have desserts ready! If weather is not permitting, the kids will eat in their classroom and the parents can eat in the church hall – fingers crossed for good weather!
- Pep Rally at 12:40 – Get ready for some prizes, music, and dancing!
- Walking at 1:15 – Since the oldest kids have the farthest to walk, they'll start first – once they start returning, we'll be ready with ice pops and water for them so they can get the dance party rolling as the classes return
- Dismissal at 2:20 If you are leaving with your child – this is so we can get cleared out for regular dismissal at 2:45 – the google form should be completed online asking how your kids will be dismissing so the teachers are aware.

One other note is that parents – regardless of clearance status – will not be allowed in the classrooms on Friday. This helps to keep the busy day moving smoothly. Bathrooms in the church hall and the parish center are available for use if needed, thanks in advance for your understanding.

It's going to be an awesome day thanks for all your continued support with Reading is FUNdamental!

Notre Dame Monthly

Please fill out this form & return it along with payment by Tuesday, October 10th to Parish Office/School/Collection Basket. Make checks payable to Notre Dame. Orders will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, October 24th. Questions: Email Patti Hudock at p_hudock@hotmail.com

<u>Family Name:</u>			<u>Deliver to:</u>			
<u>Tuition Credit For Name/Grade:</u>			<u>Phone:</u>			
Product	Amount	Qty	Total Cost	Discount	Tuition Credit	ND Church
Ace Hardware	\$25			4.00%		
Amazon.com	\$25			2.25%		
Amazon.com	\$100			2.25%		
AMC / Loew's Cinema	\$25			8.00%		
American Eagle/aerie	\$25			10.00%		
Applebee's	\$25			8.00%		
Arby's	\$10			8.00%		
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton	\$10			8.00%		
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton	\$25			8.00%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10			12.00%		
Bed Bath & Beyond/Christmas Tree Shop	\$25			7.00%		
Best Buy	\$25			4.00%		
Bonefish/Carrabbas/Outback	\$25			8.00%		
Boscov's	\$25			8.00%		
Buca di Beppo	\$25			8.00%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25			8.00%		
N/A	\$0			4.00%		
Burlington	\$25			8.00%		
Chili's/On the Border	\$25			11.00%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10			10.00%		
Claire's	\$10			9.00%		
Cold Stone Creamery	\$10			11.00%		
Cracker Barrel	\$10			8.00%		
CVS/pharmacy	\$25			6.00%		
Dave & Busters	\$25			13.00%		
Dick's Sporting Goods/Golf Galaxy	\$25			8.00%		
Domino's	\$10			8.00%		
DSW	\$25			8.00%		
Dunkin Donuts	\$10			3.00%		
Famous Footwear	\$25			8.00%		
Game Stop/EB Games	\$25			3.00%		
Gap / Banana / Old Navy	\$25			14.00%		
Groupon.com	\$25			7.00%		
GrubHub	\$5			4.00%		
Hallmark	\$25			4.00%		
Home Depot	\$25			4.00%		
iTunes	\$25			5.00%		
iTunes	\$15			5.00%		
JCPenney	\$25			5.00%		
Jiffy Lube	\$30			8.00%		
Kmart	\$25			4.00%		
Kohl's Dept. Store	\$100			4.00%		
Kohl's Dept. Store	\$25			4.00%		
Lands' End.com (online/phone)	\$25			15.00%		
Little Ceasars	\$20			8.00%		
LL Bean	\$25			16.00%		
Lowe's	\$25			4.00%		

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Lowe's	\$100			4.00%		
Macy's/Federated	\$25			10.00%		
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Michaels	\$25			14.00%		
Old Navy	\$25			14.00%		
Olive Garden	\$25			8.00%		
Panera Bread	\$10			8.00%		
Panera Bread	\$25			8.00%		
PetSmart	\$25			5.00%		
Pizza Hut	\$10			8.00%		
Red Robin	\$25			8.00%		
Red Lobster	\$25			8.00%		
Ross Dress for Less	\$25			8.00%		
Sephora	\$25			5.00%		
Sheetz	\$25			3.00%		
Sheetz	\$100			3.00%		
ShopRite	\$25			4.00%		
ShopRite	\$100			4.00%		
Staples	\$25			5.00%		
Starbucks	\$10			7.00%		
Starbucks	\$25			7.00%		
Subway	\$10			6.00%		
Talbots	\$25			13.00%		
Target	\$25			2.50%		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25			8.00%		
TGI Fridays	\$25			9.00%		
The Children's Place	\$25			12.00%		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's	\$25			7.00%		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's	\$100			7.00%		
Ulta Salon	\$25			4.00%		
Under Armour	\$25			11.00%		
Walmart/Sam's Club	\$100			2.50%		
Walgreens	\$25			5.00%		
WaWa	\$25			1.00%		
Williams Sonoma	\$25			8.00%		
Xbox	\$25			6.00%		
Zappos	\$25			8.00%		
<u>Total</u>			<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	



Get ready, Notre Dame! It's almost time for our **PARADE OF BOOKS!**

On October 26, students in preschool through 6th grade will dress as their favorite book character *or* a vocabulary word from a favorite book for a Parade of Books! They will carry their book (or a picture of their book) with them during the parade. 7th and 8th graders will walk with their buddies and assist them in carrying their books. Preschool will also have helpers for the parade!

Students must wear their gym uniform to school and bring their costume/props and book to school. Students should be able to dress themselves over their gym uniform. They will not be changing in the bathrooms. Simple is best! All costumes, props, and books must be appropriate for school and follow the guidelines in the ND Handbook.

All students must get their ideas approved by their homeroom teacher. Please complete the form below and return it to your homeroom teacher by October 16. Teachers will approve or make suggestions to your ideas by October 18.

Families are invited to watch the parade! Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!

PARADE OF BOOKS Approval Form Due October 16

Student Name and Homeroom: _____
Book: _____

Check one and complete the information below:

☐ I will be dressing as the character _____ from my book.

☐ I will be dressing as the vocabulary word _____ from my book.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

For Teacher Use Only:

☐ Your project has been approved! Can't wait to see it!

☐ Please make the following changes to your ideas: _____

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All the news that makes the grade

September 2023

New Year, New People, New Faces

by Andrea Dias and Gianna Soares

Did you know the new school year not only brings in new students, but it also welcomes new staff? With this, a couple of the Knightly News reporters have interviewed some of Notre Dame's new staff members. Here's how the interviews went:

Mr. Berg

Q: Why did you choose to work at ND?

A: "I chose to work at ND because it is a Catholic school, and I am Catholic, so I wanted to pursue my faith. I also liked the staff. They were very nice, helpful, and welcoming."

Q: What is your favorite part of working at ND so far?

A: "My favorite part so far has to be the students. They are really supportive, and they have been really good. I think they understand that I'm still learning too. I also like hanging out with them

at recess. Throwing the football around with them is always fun."

Q: Where were you before ND?

A: Before ND I was at DeSales. I just graduated this year. I studied Bio and Education. Two years ago, I observed Mrs. Iobst's class (8B). I also observed at Emmaus and St. Thomas More. I was also a lab aid at Lansdale Catholic."

Q: How are you liking ND so far?

A: "It's really good so far. It's challenging, learning new routines but also really fun. The students are great. They are nice and always participate during class."

Mr. D

Q: Why did you choose to work at ND?

A: "I chose to work here because the people are really nice, and they needed

a new guy to fill Mr. Tita's spot."

Q: What is your favorite part of working at ND so far?

A: I like that I am my own boss. The people are also great. They are really nice."

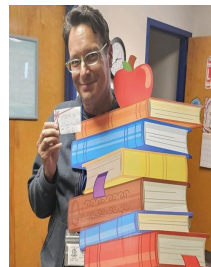
Q: Where were you before ND?

A: I was self-employed as a handyman and a freelance artist. That means I would help with billboards on the side of the road and logos and all that stuff."

Q: How are you liking ND so far?

A: "It's Great!"

Mr. Berg and Mr. D are just some of the new faces you might see around Notre Dame. There are a lot of new students as well. We are excited to have so many new "knights" in our school family. We hope all staff members and new students have felt welcomed and made new friends.



Connected with God

Virtues of the Month

by Gabriella Del Valle and Isabella Perez

The virtues of the month are a way to recognize students for their Christian values. Each month teachers will select an individual in their homeroom who truly exemplified the virtue during that month. Students will be recognized at the last 8:45 monthly school Mass.

The month of September's virtue is hospitality. Hospitality means to open one's heart or house to others or to make them feel welcome; to help others. There are various ways to express your faith and live out this virtue. For instance, children in Kindergarten through second grade can pick up trash around the classroom or help

those who have not yet acquired the skill of tying their shoes. These small acts of kindness go a long way.

Students in grades third through fifth can help their classmates with math or any other subject, or support and encourage others if they are struggling with their studies. Grades sixth through eighth can contribute to the virtues by being kind to classmates and teachers, and make sure everyone is included.

All of our students have amazing hearts and wonderful personalities. What better way to enhance your Christian spirit and let your faith soar than by living out a virtue?

A Peep into the Parish 🗨️

- Did you know that there is a kids' candle rack in the church? Just 25 cents per candle.
- Notre Dame students solicited for Marathon donations after mass on 9/22 and 9/23 while Cub Scouts sold popcorn.
- Bingo is back on October 15th. All are welcome.

Saint of the Month



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Feast day: September 5th

"Be happy and at peace. Accept whatever he gives, and give whatever he takes

with a big smile." Saint Mother Theresa was a nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity in the mid-20th century and even in the midst of intense spiritual desolation, she joyfully spent her life serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. She did this until her death in 1997. St. Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4th, 2016. She is remembered by many as a selfless woman who wanted nothing more than to serve God and those in need.

The Knights Nook

Alumni Check In

by Julia Barbier and Addison Clee

Each month Knightly News reporters check in with alumni to see “Where are they now?” This month we spoke to alumna, Sister John Paul (Alyssa Thorley), and here is what she had to say:

Q - What year did you graduate from Notre Dame?

A - “I graduated from Notre Dame in 2005.”

Q - Where did you go to high school/college?

A - “I went to high school at Bethlehem Catholic, and for

college I went to the University of Scranton.”

Q - Who was your favorite teacher?

A- “This is a hard one. I definitely loved having my mom as a teacher. I think my favorite teacher was Mrs. Vankooten (I’m not sure I spelled that right.) She was my 4th grade teacher, and I just remember her kindness and felt like I learned a lot in her classroom.”

Q - How did Notre Dame have an impact on you?

A - “Notre Dame had a great impact on my life. I came to the school in the middle of first grade and knew that this would be a home. I often think back to lessons I learned both academic and

real life, and realize how truly blessed I was to receive such a solid and complete faith based education. As a teacher’s kid, Notre Dame really was a second home. Some days we were there more than anywhere else. The parish community has always been so supportive of my vocation to religious life. It was at Notre Dame that I first ever thought about being a sister. When I was in high school, the youth group meetings were the place to be on a Sunday evening. Through my experience in it, I learned to make my faith my own, to live as a young Catholic woman. I am so grateful for my family at Notre Dame.”

School Happenings

by Julia Barbier and Addison Clee

Marathon Pep Rally

The Marathon pep rally took place on August 31st, 2023. Everyone gathered at the grotto and waited for the fun to start. Once it started, we got up and danced to different songs like The Cupid Shuffle -

Cupid, The Cha-Cha-Slide - DJ Casper, Shake it off - Taylor Swift, and Better When I’m Dancing - Meghan Trainor. We also got to meet meLVin the mascot for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms who gave a clue to the grand prize. The grand prize for this year’s marathon is a \$500 gift certificate to the PPL Center!

School Dance

The first 8th dance of the year was on September 15th, 2023. Students in grades six through eight went to the Church Hall where the dance was held. Every student that came had to pay an entrance fee of five dollars. Once inside, the fun really began. The DJ played from seven o’clock until nine thirty. The songs varied from Taylor Swift to Cotton Eye Joe to

Backstreet Boys. At the snack stand there was an array of candy and soda for sale along with glow sticks. It's safe to say that everyone made sure to wear their dancing shoes!

Bechi Hawk

On September 15th, 2023 the Bechi Hawk mascot came to Notre Dame to visit students in grades Kindergarten through eighth. Along with the hawk were members of the Bechi varsity football team. It was a great way to get students

excited about the upcoming Bechi vs. Liberty football game.

Bechi Youth night

On Saturday, September 16th, 2023 Bethlehem Catholic High School football team played Liberty High School. All Notre Dame School of Bethlehem students were given a free ticket to attend the game. Those who attended had the chance to meet the Bechi Hawk and spend time with other local feeder schools.

Buddies

The school has a tradition every year when 6th, 7th, and 8th grader students are paired up with having a younger student as their buddy. Throughout the year, the older students meet with their buddies and do activities with them. On September 12th, 2023 the seventh and eighth grade students met their buddies and helped them with the Marathon Mailers. It was a fun way to kick off the year!

The Staff That Makes You Laugh 😂

Can you guess the teacher?(answers are hidden in this issue)

Teacher #1

When were you born?

"I was born in February."

What is your favorite food?

"My favorite food is a

Nepenthe burrito from Cali Burrito."

What is your favorite color?

"I love the color green."

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?"

"Peanut butter ripple -

especially if it's in a pretzel cone!"

Do you have any pets?

"I have two crazy dogs."

Picture hint:



Teacher #2

When were you born?

"I was born on November 29th, a very long time ago in Virginia."

What is your favorite food?

"My favorite food is Cajun Salmon from Feasta Italiano."

What is your favorite color?

"My favorite color is blue."

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

"My favorite ice cream is orange sherbert and soft serve vanilla twist."

Do you have any pets?

"We have no pets."

Teacher #3

When were you born?

"I was born in 1978."

What is your favorite food?

"I love salad."

What is your favorite color?

"Blue is my favorite color."

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

I really like chocolate ice cream."

Do you have any pets?

"We have one dog, Augie."

Picture Hint:



Sports



How's Cross Country?

by Mia Castellanos

The ND Cross Country team is doing an outstanding job on the track! They have been running on the field and through the most severe weather conditions, and they are still winning. With at least 45 cross country runners, they have 15 medals so far. Coach Gurgick said, "What I am most proud of is that almost all ND runners have improved their times in each distance event



since day one, and this shows their determination, resiliency, and discipline throughout the season." Looking for something to do? Go and cheer for Cross Country at their upcoming meets! October meets are Sundays at 2pm at various parishes, and the Diocesan Championship will be held on 10/15 at St. Janes.

Volleyball

by Gianna Soares and Isabella Perez

All of the volleyballs will be worn out by the end of this season. This year's volleyball CYO program has grown so much since last year. There are 2 Varsity teams and 2 Junior Varsity teams (gold and blue). Practice began in August, and their games started in September.

Ever since the first practice, all teams have been working hard and making their

coaches proud. Improving their skills and growing their passion in the sport they love, is what makes them a great athletes. The players enjoy participating and always talk about their fun and interesting experiences both on and off the court. Make sure to "double hit" your calendar and come support our CYO volleyball team!

The comic strip consists of 12 panels arranged in a 4x3 grid. The characters are drawn in a simple, cartoonish style. The panels show a sequence of events where a character named Ann is being teased by another character named Ann. The panels are as follows:

- Panel 1: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 2: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 3: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 4: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 5: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 6: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 7: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 8: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 9: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 10: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 11: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.
- Panel 12: A character with a large head and a small body is looking at a character with a large head and a small body.

Got Jokes?

Have a joke you would like included in next month's issue?
Email it to knightlynews@ndbethlehemschool.org.

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Interested in being a Knightly News Reporter? We are always looking for new journalists in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. See Mrs. Clee or Mrs. Wilner for more information.

(#1 Mrs. Boyle, #2 Mrs. Thorley, #3 Mrs. Romero)



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Dear Parents,

The Diocese of Allentown is committed to increasing student achievement, monitoring student growth. We do this by providing strong differentiated instruction to ALL students in the areas of early literacy, reading, and math. These efforts support the Diocese's mission to "unlock students' full potential."

To ensure that all teachers have effective tools to meet the needs of all the learners in their classrooms, the Diocese piloted the implementation of Renaissance Star 360 assessments last school year in several schools. Star 360 Assessments are a tool to collect a snapshot of a student's current performance in math and reading, as well as to monitor progress and growth. The pilot was very successful, with positive feedback from all participants. The teachers and principals involved in the pilot found value in using this data to make instructional decisions for their students. As a result, all elementary school students in the Diocese of Allentown will participate in and benefit from this assessment.

Kindergarten students will begin with the Early Literacy Renaissance 360 screener. Students in grades 1-8 students complete the Math and Reading Renaissance 360 screeners three times a year (September, January, and May). Teachers may also utilize brief progress monitoring measures to check for growth at anytime between the benchmark assessments.

The use of Renaissance Star 360 assessments allows your child's teacher to determine exactly what "he/she already knows" to prepare targeted instruction or intervention as needed. Our teachers are committed to getting to know each of their students personally and academically to fully nurture their development, and this is another means of accomplishing that goal. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your children learn in an environment that nurtures their brain, as well as their spirit and souls.

Here are some key points to know:

1. Your child/children cannot study for this type of assessment.
2. The data from your child's early literacy, reading and/or math assessment supports his/her classroom teacher in differentiating instruction to meet your child's specific learning needs.
3. The math and reading assessments assess your child's competency in the required knowledge and skills for his/her grade level aligned to the Diocese's curriculum standards.
4. The assessments are computer-adaptive, which means that the assessment adapts in difficulty to your child's skill ability during the test.
5. On average, Renaissance Star 360 assessments take no more than 25 minutes to complete.



Welcome! We're so excited to have you visit our mountain this year with your group.

Please use your group specific link and password to sign up to log into our store so you see the discounted group rates and are enrolled in your specific group program. Your group leader will have your specific group link and password.

If you do not already have an account on our online store you will need to create one. You must create the account AS SOMEONE 18+ and ADD your child to the account. Creating the account as a child will create issues with the waiver AND the store will not allow you to create an account as someone younger than 18.

If you made an account last year, it would be the same this year if it was created AS THE PARENT. If not, you will need to make a new account. *Please use our chat function on www.skibluemt.com if you have any difficulties in creating or logging into your account.*

- After you have registered and/or logged in, select 'View Group Products' - this will take you to the homepage for your group.
- ****SCROLL DOWN**** You will see the products available to you to choose from. Click 'Add to Cart' on the first product you would like to add.

For any of the season pass products, use the following:

1. To add a name, select the name from the drop down or add them by clicking "Add New Party Member."

>If you add a new party member, it will ask for a Passcode. Passcode refers to if you have a card from the mountain. If not, click on "I don't have a pass" to enter the person's name, date of birth, email, and relationship.

2. Choose your school from the "Group Name" drop-down.

>If you do not see this drop-down, you are not in your portal. Close the window and reopen using the link and password provided.



3. This year, rentals, lessons, seasonal lockers (adults only), and Carver Cash (food gift cards) will be offered as add-ons. Please make sure to select everything you would like before entering it into your cart.

>If you purchase a 5-pack or a 1-time Lesson, Group Sales will be booking the lessons according to when your Group Leader designates the dates and times for your school's visit. Please send all inquiries to your Group Leader if you have any questions.

4. Once you have added all the items to your cart, you can review your cart by clicking on the cart icon in the upper right-hand side.

5. Review the product(s) you have selected – if correct - Agree to Terms of Purchase by clicking the box.

6. Click "Checkout" to proceed

7. Add your billing information, then click Next.

8. Read & Sign 'Blue Mountain Parental Release of Liability'

> Please review the liability text.

> Please follow the directions - type your name in the first box and then "I AGREE" under your name in the box provided. Your name must be typed exactly as it is listed on your account.

> If the member is under 18 years of age the parent/guardian is required to complete this portion. Therefore – the name will be the parents' name.

> Click 'Confirm' to continue.

9. Proceed to payment – fill out all required fields.



Woohoo! Your purchase has been made within our group portal for your school.

Through your account, please upload a new and clear headshot so it can be attached to your Season Pass. To upload a photo on your account, please click My Account at the top of the online store. Under Customer Info, you can submit a photo for yourself. For any child or dependent, click on Associates. The option to add a photo will be available if the relationship is submitted as “Child” or “Dependent.” You can also submit your season pass photo by emailing groupsales@skibluemt.com

Check with your group leader if there are any other additional forms that they may require of you.

- We recommend writing down your ‘Transaction Code’ to present to your Group Leader or printing them a copy of your confirmation e-mail.
- Any questions regarding additional group information or payments may be directed to your group leader.