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Families gather around to celebrate Veteran's Day and learn more about our Campus with our Open House!

VETERANS DAY

By The Titan Times Team

It is always important for us to take the time to honor and remember our veterans, even better when we can do it as a community. Notre Dame hosted its first Veterans Day Chili Cook-Off last year and has been able to host another one this year! Not only the Notre Dame community, but areas all around Riverside were invited to come out, support, and have a good time!

Veteran's Day!

By Elyza Lansang (11)

On November 11th, families and friends gather to show respect and gratitude for all those who served in the American military to fight for the safety of our country. We are all called on this day to pray for all Veterans, especially those souls who died protecting our homeland. It is a day to honor our loved ones who fought so bravely, and we show honor for their decisions to put the safety of the citizens of America as a top priority. We thank the Lord for all Veterans and pray for their souls.



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Mr. Johnson's Famous Chili!

By Frances Cramer (12)

F: Good afternoon Mr. Johnson, I'm here to ask a couple of questions about your famous chili at the cook-off and also shown at the Cor Unum. Why did you decide to participate in this year's Chili Cook-Off?

Mr. J: To motivate students to come and support and it was also on my bucket list to attend a chili cook-off.

F: What was your favorite part of the whole experience?

Mr. J: Getting to talk to parents was probably the best aspect and just socializing in general.

F: Ok last question, do you have a secret ingredient in the chili and if so, what is it?

Mr. J: Yes I do, tri-tip!

Car Show

By Lubianca Gaitan (11)

This year's Veteran's Day event pulsated with excitement as the classic car show unfolded on the sun-drenched campus grounds. The air was filled with the throaty purr of engines and the gleam of meticulously polished chrome. Rows of vintage beauties stood proudly, but my eyes were immediately drawn to the sleek lines of the Ford GT, a timeless icon that exuded power and elegance, and I couldn't help running my fingers over its smooth curves. As I meandered through the display, the Pontiac Solstice, a charming roadster with a sporty demeanor. Both the Ford GT and the Pontiac Solstice became my top picks, encapsulating the essence of automotive artistry that made the event a memorable experience.



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"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods." -Psalm 95:2-3

Nelson Returns!

By Lauren Petty (12)

Mr. Nelson's return is not only the best thing to happen to the senior class this year but the school as a whole. For the younger class that never got to experience Mr. Nelson as a teacher, here's a short summary on him (because there's not enough words to describe him or the effect of his presence). What sets Mr. Nelson apart from other teachers is his vulnerability, the first day of meeting him we all got the sense that he was going to be a lock box; this is what he wanted us to think. The very next class he spent the entire hour and thirty minutes talking about his struggles, highlighting the fact that he knows the struggle of being a teenager. That's not the only captivating thing about him. The fact that he is able to make the funniest jokes without cracking a smile or the fact that he knew the perfect way to answer everyone's questions in a way that they would understand. Over the course of the year that Mr. Nelson



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

taught, there's not one senior whose heart he didn't touch and mind he didn't open. To prove I'm not the only senior who feels like this, I asked a good friend of mine, Grace Alosi "words can't describe the impact Mr. Nelson has made on me and so many other students' lives. He finds ways to connect with each and every student in a special way. Mr. Nelson continues to inspire everyone he comes in contact which is something not many people can do."



Photo by Grace Alosi

WHAT'S NEW

What Just Happened?

These past month has been full of fun activities such as a Cor unum, Veterans Day chili cook-off and a classic car show, and teen challenge assembly. Although not all were fun, not all weeks are expected to be 100% interesting and that's totally okay.

Coming Up!

11/30/23: November Cor Unum Assembly.



Photo by Lauren Petty

I am forever grateful that I got to experience having him as teacher and I know he will continue to shine light and inspire others his whole life."



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Our ND Veterans

By Ana Sofia Ramirez (10)

As you may or may not know, this past November 11th, we celebrated Veteran's Day. Veteran's day is such an important day because we honor all those amazing men and women who have served our country. It is especially a great time to honor all of the veterans in our community! The first veteran we would like to honor is Jose Elizondo, who served in the Navy for 4 years as an aviation and electronics technician. He is the father of Jaslene Elizondo (9), and she says, "He's super special to me because he's my dad and is the best person you'll ever meet." The next veteran we would like to honor is Theodore Roosevelt Johnson, who served in the Army during World War II.



Jose Elizondo



Theodore Roosevelt Johnson



Chad Devonshire

He is the grandfather of our very own Mr. Chris Johnson! The next veteran we would like to honor is Mr. Chad Devonshire who served in the Marine Corps for 20 years. He is the Father of Lubianca Gaitan, and she shares, "He's an amazing person who really shaped who I am today as a person, and I love him wholeheartedly."

We thank all of the men and women in our community who have served in the armed forces. We especially remember all those veterans who have passed away, and we hold them close in our prayers. To all of those Veterans in the ND community, on behalf of everyone here at the Titan Times, we thank you for your service!

Dish Diaries

By Chris Campbell (12)



Photo by Chris Campbell

Welcome back to dish diaries! This week's issue takes us again to the snack bar, this time with a somewhat under-appreciated item: the beef taquitos. These little things go for six dollars at the snack bar and usually come in portions of around six sticks. They are also paired with a small container of green sauce for your dipping pleasure, but I find that the taquitos fare well on their own even without sauce. Speaking of, the taquitos usually come hot and crispy, and the beef filling on the inside tastes pretty good! Its taste doesn't overpower that of the crunchy outer shell, nor is it underwhelming either, so there is a nice harmony between the crunchy outside and soft but delectable inside portion.

Overall, I give the beef taquitos a solid 8/10, they're nice and crunchy with a tasty filling; just what'd you expect from some quality taquitos. However, I'd also like to suggest an unusual combo that I think brings up the rating a bit. If you are willing to spend the money, I'd suggest ordering a chicken Alfredo with your beef taquitos. The creamy and cheesy flavor of the Alfredo contrasts the crunchy and meaty taste of the taquitos in a way that elevates the flavors of both dishes. The combo is also great for those who are looking to bulk up this winter as you get two dishes loaded with carbohydrates and some protein! Take my combo with a grain of salt, but I swear these two lunch items are a match made in heaven!

Food Poisoning

By Sara Sanchez(11)

It's that time of year where we can stuff our faces with as much food as we want. Where we gather around a table covered in all the dishes and plates one can imagine. But it's also the time where many people get food poisoning due to poorly cooked and stored food, especially turkey. 1 in 6 Americans obtain a food-borne disease during Thanksgiving. Germs such as salmonella can cause diarrhea, vomiting, and nausea. To prevent this, the first step you should take is making sure the turkey is stored and thawed properly. Once the turkey is cooked, it must have an internal temperature of 165° F.



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While doing this, make sure to handle the meat properly by using gloves and washing your hands regularly. After finishing your Thanksgiving meal, what else can you do besides take home some leftovers? Even those need to be handled properly. Store your leftovers after 2 hours of being cooked. If you wish to store big pieces, make sure to cut them into smaller bits so can cool quickly. Eat your leftovers within 3 to 4 days and freeze them to store for longer. Thanksgiving is a great time to enjoy but remember to stay safe Titans!

Scholar Spotlight!

By Elizabeth Tran (12)

These past weeks many students have put in their hard work before the upcoming Thanksgiving break. Many students have excelled in their academics finishing up final projects, tests and even quizzes. However, we would like to shout out and recognize these freshmen for excelling through the first semester!!



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan



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Starting off with the spotlight, excelling in English is Madison Mendoza (bottom left) chosen by Ms. Brianna, good job and keep up the good work! "She's always going above and beyond and is always asking questions when something needs to be clarified, always organized, and submits her work on time!" Next off, in the creative field of iCreate are Heidi Hutter (above, left) and

Emma Senn (above, right) chosen by Mr. Chochrek, "These two students have excelled not only in academics, but in work ethics. These two students are very creative, have a professional work ethic, and are pretty immaculate in their creative field!" Congrats Lady Titans!! Good job and keep up the good work, you are the future of Notre Dame!

Teacher Feature: Mr. Nolte

By Jude Cramer (10)

In the latest edition of the Titan Times Teacher Feature, we are delighted to shine the spotlight on none other than Mr. Nolte, a theology teacher here at Notre Dame! He teaches our sophomore class and part of the senior class as well. Mr. Nolte came out of retirement and joined our faculty in early September after hearing about the opportunity during a parish meeting. Mr. Nolte holds an impressive academic background boasting not one, but two degrees from Boston College in Theology and Philosophy. With these areas of expertise, he provides a unique perspective which allows him to stimulate his students' minds.

His passion and enthusiasm for theology is contagious and his class is very interesting. In his class he leads engaging discussions on moral and religious quandaries, and his teaching style encourages students to actively seek understanding and meaning in their own lives. He draws from his own life experiences to create a deep connection with his students. He has a wicked sense of humor and a quick wit, that he effortlessly infuses his lessons with, creating an atmosphere where learning is enjoyable. A cool fact about Mr. Nolte is that he actually has met two popes: St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and even Mother Theresa.



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"People are given a lot of different messages in this world, some of them good and some of them not so good. I think God has been very generous to me and given me a message to deliver, which is: "God is love and there is an alternative to all the hatred and anger in the world, and that, is God."

Behind The Scenes! By the Titan Times Team



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People Featured:

Nicholas Kendall (11), Katarina Vestel (11), Josephine Schmidt (11), Carter Worthington (12), Jude Cramer (10), Sydney Cramer (9), Ryan - Emily Kimble (9), Luke Webster (9), Adrian Bin (11), Matthew Baculo (11), Joseph Sonsoma (10),

The Arts [text]

By Elyza Lansang (11)



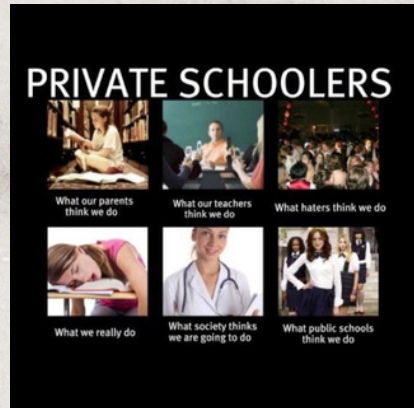
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This week's art showcase is Textiles simply one piece of students' Appliqué felt sewed and Projects! Students layered on top of had 3 weeks to come up with a design and bring it to life through felt, embroidery floss, embellishments, and creativity!

The projects look stunning and each stands on its own as a unique piece of art! Great work Titans!

Laughology

By Anthony Elias (9)



Music

By Jude Cramer (11)



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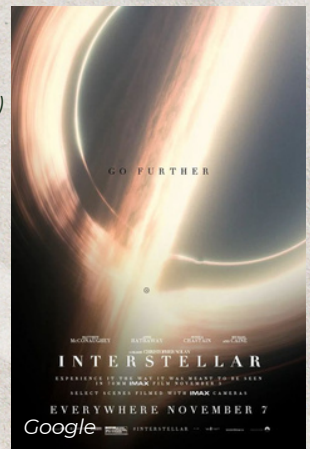
SZA's album "Ctrl" is a honestly just a breath of fresh air. With her soulful voice and relatable lyrics, she effortlessly takes us on a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. The album is a beautiful blend of R&B and neo-soul with catchy melodies and beats. SZA's vulnerability shines through in every track, paying attention to even the smallest details that make her stories feel personal and genuinely relatable.

"Ctrl" perfectly captures the range of emotions experienced in relationships and life in general, from heartache to self-doubt, and ultimately to self-acceptance. Her honest exploration of love, lust, and self-worth is refreshing and uplifting, making it easy to connect with her music on a deeper level. SZA's "Ctrl" is truly a modern classic and leaves a lasting impact and makes you appreciate the beauty of self-discovery just a bit more. Don't forget to check out our [playlist on Spotify](#) and add your own recommendations.

Film

By Thomas Huelskamp (12)

Interstellar is a beautifully crafted film written and directed by one of the greatest in film, Christopher Nolan. You may be already familiar with his work, especially with his new film, Oppenheimer, which released earlier this year. Interstellar is a Sci-Fi film which stars Matthew McConaughey as the main character, Cooper, an Ex NASA-pilot who is forced to become a farmer due to mass famine caused by international ecocide. Cooper discovers anomalies and wants to find a scientific explanation.



This occurrence then leads Cooper to a hidden NASA base, and he is recruited on a mission to discover a solution to save humanity from extinction. I highly recommend this movie as the cinematography is absolutely amazing, nothing less expected from Christopher Nolan. If you like space and science, or movies in general, take the 3 hours, sit down and enjoy a masterpiece.

Advice Archives

Q: I'm in love with my best friend's sister. I've known her for the longest time, but I'm afraid she will want to keep things where they are. What should I do?

A: I think you need to first evaluate how much this friendship means to you, next think about how your best friend might take the news, and lastly does your friend's sister even show a hint that she likes you back. Once you do that, you should be able to determine what to do.

Q: I have a crush on Carter Worthington, and I've flirted with him before and all I want is a kiss

A: To be honest, who hasn't thought this at one point in their life? I think the real question everyone asks is do I want to BE Carter or be WITH Carter. Besides that, if you really got a cutesy wootsie crush on him, just tell him. I'm sure he'll think it's cute and you will be blessed with his angelic deep voice. Good luck and if you want that kiss, just pray. Don't get your hopes up though, a kiss from Carter is rare....

Q: I have had a crush forever on Grace Mankin the first time I've ever seen her. I expressed how I feel to her but she doesn't feel the same way. What should I do? Should I give up or try to rizz her up another way?

A: I say you play the long game. Get to know her, become her friend, start texting and calling her occasionally. Do you guys share an extra curricular together? Start to talk to her there. Over time it'll help her see the true you and who knows maybe she'll fall for you or you could realize after all, it was just a silly willy crush.

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