



# NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF BETHLEHEM

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

### REGISTRATION/TRANSFER FORM

**To the parents of CURRENT Kindergarten -7<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Last year we had a few classes that had a waitlist. Please help us plan for the next school year by completing one of the forms below and return it to school with registration fee.

Registration is **\$150.00** per student if paid Mar 1st – May 31st

Registration is **\$200.00** per student if paid after June 1st

**Please note that you will not be eligible for any scholarship money or be actively enrolled until form and registration fee are returned.**

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*Please complete if your child/children will be returning and return with payment. (Registration is non-refundable)*

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Notre Dame School of Bethlehem and return to school office.

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***Please complete if your child will be transferring from Notre Dame next year.***

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Transferring to: \_\_\_\_\_

New School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# NOTRE DAME OF BETHLEHEM **SPRING UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

March 16th

4:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Notre Dame of Bethlehem  
Church Hall

Spring uniform begins on April 1st.





# Sick Day Guidelines

## Making the Right Call When Your Child is Sick:

### Should I keep my child home or send him/her to school?

School policy (based on CDC recommendations) requires that a child **stay home if he or she:**

A child should stay home if:

- Has a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
- Has been vomiting or has diarrhea (within 24 hours)
- Has drainage from an ear or eye (may indicate infection)
- Has a rash (until cleared by a physician)
- Is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others • Has symptoms that keep him/her from participating in school, such as:
  - Very tired or lack of appetite
  - Cough that he/she cannot control, sneezing often
  - Headache, body aches, earache
  - Sore throat – a little sore is OK, but a bad sore throat could be strep throat, even if there is no fever. Other signs of strep throat in children are headache and upset stomach or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these signs. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat.
- Other contagious diseases including pertussis, ringworm, impetigo, lice, or conjunctivitis

### COVID DIAGNOSIS:

- Students may return to school on Day 6 if symptoms have resolved. (The day symptoms appear is day 0)
- Students must wear a mask for days 6 -10.

### 24 Hour Rule:

- **Fever:** Keep your child home until his/her **FEVER has been gone without medicine for 24 hours**. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- **VOMITING or DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **LAST time he/she vomited or had diarrhea**.
- **Antibiotics:** Keep your child home until 24 hours after **the FIRST dose** of antibiotics for anything like an ear infections, strep throat, or pneumonia.

We often have many children and adults with colds who come to school, and they pass their sickness to others. Remember to wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes. Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home if he/she is sick.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the school office at 610-866-2231.

Thank You for Your Support!

# Notre Dame Tricky Tray – STUDENT PREVIEW Day

## FRIDAY, Friday March 22, 2024

Registration Information (\*required information; One sheet per person)

\*\*\*\*PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!\*\*\*\*

\*Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(Getting your prize will depend on this number - write clearly!)

Winners will be notified by your choice below

(Circle one: **CALL ME**    **TEXT ME** )

\* Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Complete the form below and **return to school no later than Friday, March 15th** and tickets will be available on Student Preview Day

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON PREVIEW DAY!**  
**You must purchase tickets in advance**

**CASH or Check PURCHASE OF TICKETS (checks to Notre Dame)**

**Basket Tickets:** \$5.00 donation for one sheet of 25

**\*BONUS:** For every \$20 donation: 5 sheets of 25 tickets (4 paid/1 FREE)

<b>Ticket Type</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>
<b>Basket</b>		

**PAYMENT MUST BE BY CASH OR CHECK**  
**ABSOLUTELY NO ORDERS CAN BE FILLED AFTER MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**NO ONLINE ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED FOR PREVIEW DAY!**





*Living Stations of the Cross*

*presented by*

*The 8th Grade Students of  
Notre Dame School of Bethlehem*

*will be held on*

*Wednesday, March 27th*

*at 10:15am & 1:30pm*

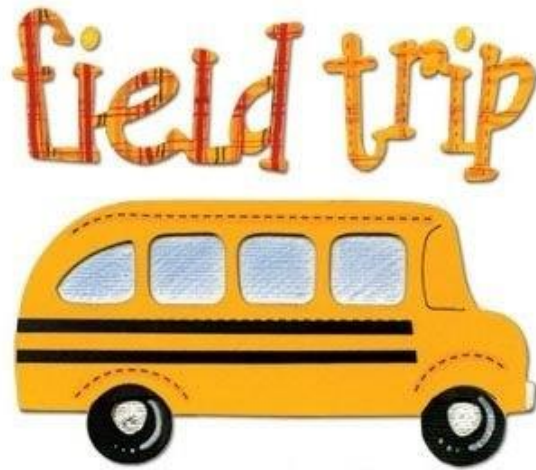
*for the students and families of Notre Dame*



The following day is an 11:45 dismissal  
Tuesday, March 12th

**Extended Care will be open  
from 11:45-3:00pm**

- Any questions or to register for half days please call main office at 610-866-2231.
- Please pack a brown bag lunch and snack for your child.
- Please pack sneakers to play in the gym.



### **2023-2024 End of the Year Field Trips**

K	Thursday, May 23rd
1st	Thursday, May 23rd
2nd	Thursday, May 23rd
3rd	Friday, May 17th
4th	Tuesday, April 23rd
5th	Thursday, May 23rd
6th	Thursday, May 23rd
7th	Wednesday, May 29th
8th	Wednesday, May 29th

# New for 2024 CYO Presents ND TALENT SHOWCASE

**Saturday April 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

An evening performance to show us your God given abilities.

❖ Karate Demonstrations	❖ Choreographed Routines
❖ Funny Skits	❖ Basketball Tricks
❖ Magic Acts	❖ Speed Art
❖ Lip Sync Routines	❖ Musical Performances
❖ Cultural Dances	❖ And More!

***\*No Judges\* Just Good Vibes!***

***★ Free Dress Down Day ★***

**Start planning your performance now and ask your siblings or classmates to get on stage with you!**

**Open to students in Grades 3-8 and their families, ND faculty, & recent alumni**

*Students in younger grades are allowed with older siblings.*

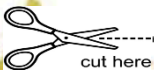
**\*The spring showcase is replacing the Marathon Day ND Talent Show going forward.\***

**\*Performers are eligible for CYO Participation Points\***

**ALL PERFORMANCES MUST BE PARISH AND FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Practice dates & times: April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00PM, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM, Dress Rehearsal April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30PM**

**Talent show coordinators will reach out during the month of March with more details.**



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**Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Faculty: \_\_\_\_ Alumni: \_\_\_\_**

**Parent/ Guardian's cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Type & length of performance: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please limit 3 minutes)**

**Song(s) if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Equipment needed, if any: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Forms due back to Main Office by Friday, March 1, 2024**

# The Knightly News

Vol. I, Edition IV

*All the news that makes the grade*

January/February 2024

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

by Mia Castellanos & Siobhan Crews

Have you ever thought about the thrill of staying up until midnight on New Year's Eve, and feeling the excitement of counting down the minutes to the New Year? New Year's is a clean slate- a time to start over and wipe your past away.

It started around 2000 years ago, in ancient Babylon when they celebrated the end of the time of darkness and the beginning of autumn, the Babylonians called it the New Year. These people also created pledges, more commonly known as resolutions, to become a better person. Sometimes, a king would order the people to make pledges to him at the advent of the New Year. A New Year's resolution is a time when people attempt to make a change in themselves for the greater good.

There are a variety of things that people will attempt for their New Year's resolutions. Some of them include eating healthier,

limiting screen time, or helping out around the house. The number one New Year's Resolution in the United States is improved fitness. This can involve weight loss, going to the gym, or working out.

However, some people do not approve of New Year's resolutions. They may feel that the beginning of the New Year is not an excuse to make a change. If people want to improve themselves, they shouldn't wait until the New Year to do it. Only thirty-four percent of the United States makes New Year's Resolutions, and only nine percent of them keep them all year long. Eighty percent of adults quit during mid-winter, and twenty-three percent give up during the first week!

So, are you up for the challenge? Have one of your choices or actions been nagging at you to change? It is not too late to make a resolution! It is a new year, the time for a new you.

The BECAHI choir sang with our children's choir, while other students assisted the second grade readers. Several of the students who came to help used to be students here at Notre Dame. The alumni included Ruby Romero, Peter Tocci, and Nicholas Bennett.

### **Bethlehem Catholic Students, Notre Dame Alumni, Join School Mass**

By Julia Barbier

On January 12, 2024, Bethlehem Catholic High School students and choir members came to our weekly Friday mass.



# Catholic Schools Week

by Isabella Perez & Gianna Soares

Join the thousands of Catholic Schools in celebrating unity and faith during this Catholic Schools Week. 2024 is the 50th year for Catholic Schools Week. How time flies! This past month week is full of many fun activities for both the students and teachers. Bring your coins into school for the annual Knight's quest Money War! Pennies, Nickels, Dimes, OH MY! Each day brings a new fun activity!

On Monday 1/29, it was ND themed dress down day to exemplify our school spirit! Fun games were set up in the gym for all grades to play. Many classes started working on decorating their door as a book that they chose for the door decorating competition.

On Tuesday, 1/30, we represented our favorite sport's team or

wore our favorite color. We were entertained by a magician, Michael Reist (The Amazing Magi), who showed us some spectacular tricks using doves and a bunny.

On Wednesday 1/31, we showed our house spirit by wearing the color assigned to your house. It was also student appreciation day and we got snacks and lunch from the HSA for the day. In the afternoon, HSA Game Show took place presenting a fun trivia game for grades K-4 and then grades 5-8.

On Thursday,



2/1, we wore comfy and cozy clothes, and we felt

like we were about to fall asleep! Parents came in and talked about their careers with the students, and wow! We were blown away by the wonderful adults who came to share their stories. The entire school played bingo in the afternoon and won some amazing prizes. Older kids played with their buddies, and the expressions on the faces of the little kids made the day unforgettable.

On Friday 2/2, students had a half day starting with mass at 8:45, and then a fun -filled minute to win it with grades K-8.

If only school was that enjoyable every week! The other Catholic schools probably did not have as much of a blast as we did. The 2024 Catholic Schools Week was another phenomenal experience that we will forever remember.



# Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.

By JJ Merhottein



We all know Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his contributions to the American civil rights movement in the 1960s. But here are 5 facts about him.

- Martin Luther King was born Michael King, after his father, but after attending a Baptist retreat in Germany, he was inspired by the philosopher, Martin Luther. He then changed his and his son's name from Michael to Martin Luther.
- Martin Luther King had such a dedication and work ethic, that he turned his paper route into a promotion of a manager position for the Atlanta Journal, at the age of 13
- King was so smart that he was able to skip 9th and 12th grades. He actually started college at the age of 15 and graduated as valedictorian of Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.
- King is still the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to the civil rights movement.
- My favorite fact is that Stevie Wonder wrote his "Happy Birthday" song about honoring Martin Luther King on his own national holiday.

We all have heard of the infamous "I have a dream" speech from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. but the favorite quote I found is *"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

That quote really speaks to our Catholic Faith and dedication to serve. If you are looking for ways to serve our community, think about joining the Notre Dame Boy Scouts. Every year we collect food to donate to those in need, rake leaves for the church and donate toys to families in need at Christmas. You can also join the ND Service Corp. They do a lot to give back to the community. Plus, don't forget, my favorite event, the Annual Tricky Tray through Notre Dame Church. You can donate prizes, baskets, or your time. Keep an eye out on the Weekly Announcements for more information.

Thank you to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for your amazing contributions and modeling the way.

## Feel The Love

by Ariana Perez

Based on the Feast day of Saint Valentine on the 14th of February, this day is historically associated with love and the “lovebirds” of the early spring. This day is a time when love flourishes and is everywhere. The 8th-century Gelasian Sacramentary (a liturgical book) also recorded this day to be Saint Valentine’s Feast day.

### **Sweets and Treats for the Holiday**

This holiday is commonly associated with sweets of all kinds, but the one that takes the spotlight on this day is chocolate. This sweet treat is sold in tons for all the lovebirds celebrating the love this year. These chocolates are usually sold in red, pink, brown, or white boxes to make them a little more festive and colorful for the holiday. Even though chocolates are the most popular thing to buy, some other sweets like gummy candy or hard candies are purchased too!

### **Ways to Share the Love**

Some of the many things we use to depict this day is with roses and hearts in all sorts of reds, whites, and pinks. These colors are used to show affection and love for someone and can be seen as sweet gestures.

## Snow Much Fun

by Giada Sena

There are many things to do in the winter. Whether it's spending time with your family or friends, doing something outside, and even doing something inside. One fun thing you can do is go ice skating, a very common winter activity because you can do it inside or outside. A few places to go skating are Steel Ice Center and Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink.

If you're looking to go somewhere and do something outside then you might want to go snowboarding or skiing. There are many places to go snowboarding and skiing such as Blue Mountain, Bear Creek Mountain, Jack Frost, and Elk Mountain.

Most kids on snow days go and play in the snow, they make snowmen, have snowball fights, and maybe even go sledding. After you're done playing outside you could make hot chocolate.

If you don't like being outside in the snow and you're looking for something to do you could go shopping at the Lehigh Valley Mall, Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley, or an outlet. Or maybe stay in and bake or watch a movie at your house with your family

## Learning In The Snow

by Niko Petrides

If you were sure it was going to be an awesome snow day on both January 16th and January 19th, you were probably very surprised to hear we had two Flexible Instruction Days (FID). Though there were many inches of snow, we still did work. Even though a snow day is awesome, there is actually a very good reason to do an FID instead. Mrs. Hopper explained to 7th grade that it is a very strategic job as a principal figuring out the schedule for the year. The reason being is that a school has to complete 180 days. She



explained that principals must choose their plan for the school year many months in advance. The way Mrs. Hopper chose our schedule was based upon this criteria. She planned our schedule to get off very early for Christmas so everyone could spend as much time with their families as possible. But because of this, this meant that we had less snow days to spend. Now about the FID themselves, the reason they are great is that they count as actual in-school days, meaning we don't have to worry about going extra days into the summer. Plus, we have much less work and still have plenty of time to play in the snow! In fact, one of our own Notre Dame Knights, Clinton Joyce in 3A, made the front cover of the Morning Call, while playing in the snow on his FID.

## Lunar New Year

By Ariana Perez

This year's Lunar New Year is the year of the dragon! It's celebrated on Saturday, February 10th and lasts for a whole sixteen days from the 10th to the 26th. Each Lunar New Year has a corresponding zodiac sign, and the New Year starts the transitioning of the zodiac. 2024 is the year of the wood dragon, the 5th animal in the rotation of the Chinese zodiac signs. During this

time, there are certain colors and zodiac signs that are considered lucky. For example, the lucky colors for this Lunar New year are: golden yellow, green, silver, and violet. This year's lucky zodiac sign is the rat. They are considered to represent wisdom, prosperity, and riches. The rat is the first of the zodiac signs. The New year marks a new start for everyone and is a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate.

### Year of the Dragon

The dragon zodiac sign is considered to be

infinitely energetic, full of liveliness, goal-oriented, romantic, ambitious, and inspires leaders. The people are also known to have the keenest of senses among all the twelve zodiac signs. To be considered a dragon you must be born along these dates: 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, and the newest being 2024. Each year there is a different "element" for every zodiac sign. The choices are earth, metal, water, wood, and fire in that order. The next Chinese New Year for the dragon will be in 2036.



## The Feusner Feature

by Mrs. Fesuner

As I have in the past, I will be introducing more of our Knightly News staff for 2023-2024. There are 3 young ladies who are 7th graders and one 8th grader.

Gabriella Del Valle joined the Knightly News team because she felt she would be an asset for her brainstorming skills and creating ideas for the monthly newsletter. Further, she felt her writing skills and imagination would benefit the team while she was working with her friends. Gabriella thinks participating in the newsletter may peak her interest to keep writing as a small part of her life goals. Lastly, one fun fact about her is that she has hypermobility! Don't know what that means? Then use a dictionary and look it up!!

Miss Isabella Perez was very excited that the newsletter was brought back to Notre Dame and feels that the reporters have been doing an amazing job this year! She's right!

She really likes writing the articles and using her imagination like Gabriella stated. Does she feel that this may peak her interest to be a writer? No, but she will keep her options open. A fun fact about Isabella is that she is a multisport athlete and competes in 3 CYO sports throughout the year.

Our last 7th grader is Ariana Perez. No relationship to Isabella. Ariana wanted to share her love of writing as well as improve her writing skills in joining the news team. Her favorite part about writing the articles is in using her paraphrasing skills. Also, she feels being a part of the club will help her in writing her own stories. Ms. Perez loves to read books and has been playing the clarinet for 4 years.

Finally, our 8th grader Gianna Soares joined the news team because it seemed fun and she always wanted a newspaper at Notre Dame. She enjoys meeting the new people she interviews and getting to know them. She doesn't see herself pursuing this as a career but is enjoying it currently. Gianna is not just a reporter, she has studied ballet for 8 years.

In the next issue, I will continue introducing you to more of our newest staff members to join the Knightly News team. At this time, I would like to remind you about our lenten promises. It would be easy and simple to be in the moment; to be in the moment to pray for others a simple prayer before you start your day or during your day. Our world needs more prayer and you can be a part of it during this lenten season. God bless you all.

## *Connected with God*

# Virtues of the Month

by Julia Barbier

The virtues of the month is a special way to commemorate specific students for their Christian like values. Teachers select a student in their homeroom who truly lived out that virtue in that past month. At the end of the month, certificates are given to each student who accomplished that virtue.

The January virtue of the month is courage which means the ability to do something that frightens one. There are multiple ways to show courage, like standing up to bullies, asking for help, pushing themselves to be a better student, and taking responsibility and doing the right thing.

Throughout February, students were encouraged to embody the virtue of compassion. The definition of

compassion is sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others. Compassion can be shown in many ways. Some examples are comforting a friend after a really hard project they didn't do well on, including others in a game because they always spend recess alone, or assisting a friend in studying for a big test coming up.

After Communion Mrs. Clee called the students who demonstrated the virtue the best who were chosen by their teachers. The students go to the front of the Church and receive their certificates. As a group the students take a picture after mass in front of the grotto. Parents are also invited to join us at the mass after being previously told that their child was receiving the award.

## History of Lent and Almsgiving

by Gabriella DelValle

What do you think about when you think of Lent? Do you think about the fasting or the joyous preparation for Easter and the Lord's Resurrection? The three primary points of the forty-day season are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In Western countries, the Lent season begins on Ash

Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. In Eastern countries, Lent starts on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday nine days before Easter. Moreover, since apostolic times, it is recognized that the

period of preparation and fasting has likely been observed before the Easter celebration.

The First Council of Nicaea (a council made up of bishops) acknowledged the practice in 325 CE. Furthermore, the history of sacrificing or giving something backtracks

many years. Christians or Catholics often decide to give up specific pleasures or habits during the season of Lent. This is a sign of sacrifice and to test a Christian or Catholic's self-discipline. While Jesus was fasting in the wilderness, Satan appeared to Him and tempted Him to turn away from God and worship him instead, but Jesus refused. When we

are giving something up, that story is our prime example to look to. Modern examples of sacrifice can include sweets, technology, or social media.

Further, in the words of Pope Francis, "Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled

with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

## *Saint of The Month*

### ***St John Bosco***

*Feast Day: January 31st*

*"Without confidence and love there can be no true education"*

St. John Bosco dedicated his life to educating poor children, In 1859 he founded the order of the Salesians, known formally as the Society of St. Frances Desales. Their mission is to carry on the work and legacy of John Bosco by helping poor and suffering children live better lives through education.



## *The Knights Nook*

Alumni

Check  In

by Gabriella DelValle

Each month Knightly News reporters check in with alumni to see "Where are they now?" This month we spoke to alumni, Hunter

Cantwell and here is what he had to say:

Q. What year did you graduate from Notre Dame?

A. "I graduated from Notre Dame in 2017."

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

A. "For high school, I attended Bethlehem

studying Administration."

Q. Who was your favorite teacher?

A. "My favorite is Mrs. Lobst

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and out of the organization."

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

A. "My years at Notre Dame



# Sports



## Boys JV Blue, Boys Varsity 8th Grade Are Basketball District Champions

by Niko Petrides

Over the long President's Day Weekend, our boys basketball teams were out competing for district and diocesan titles. After winning the district championship, our 8th grade varsity boys team competed in the diocesan tournament on Saturday, February 17th, where they unfortunately fell to St. Thomas Moore.

On Sunday February 18th, our 5th-6th grade boys JV blue team defeated OLPH, by an extremely close score of 29-28, winning the district championship. Congratulations to all of the players and coaches on both teams!

# Super Bowl LVIII

by Hunter Manda

The biggest event in football which dates back to 1967 was in Las Vegas, it was Super Bowl LVIII. It was the Kansas City Chiefs vs the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl LIV rematch! Let's see how they got to the Super Bowl. First let's talk about the winners of the AFC, the Kansas City Chiefs. They have a regular season record of 11-6, and took down the Dolphins, Bills, and Ravens to get here. Now let's talk about the winners of the NFC, the San Francisco 49ers. They have a regular season record of 12-5, and took down the Packers and Lions to get here. If you missed the game here's what happened. There was no score in

the first quarter because each team had some great defensive plays. In the second quarter the 49ers scored first with a 55 yard field goal. At the time it was the longest field goal in Super Bowl History! Then the 49ers scored again with a great trick play. In the second half the Chiefs came back in a big way. This included a 57 yard field goal which broke the record set earlier in the game. Then the game went to OT, which resulted in the Chiefs scoring a touchdown to win back to back Super Bowl. Whether you are a 49ers fan, a Chiefs, or a football fan in general this was a great game.

# Girl Power : Women in Sports

by Siobhan Crews & Isabella Perez

Watch out! Women are prevailing on the sports field faster than the speed of light. According to *Your Dream Blog*, the month of February is dedicated to women and girls in the sports league.

Over thirty million people anticipate the day where rising stars show their talents on the beam, floor, vault, and bars. According to *The Olympics*, Simone Biles is the 2023 female athlete of the year. Five gymnastics moves are named after the phenomenal young

woman. With four gold Olympic medals and unexplainable talent on the floor event, she continues to inspire young gymnasts to reach for the stars and go for the gold.

The most popular sport for young women is the active sport of basketball. When on the court, all of the tension lies between you and the basket. Caitlin Clark, who plays for Iowa Hawkeyes Women's Basketball, has recently taken over the NCAA women's basketball league. According to *Hawkeye Sports*, the senior in college has won National Player of the Year, and has scored over three thousand points in her career. Her scoring average is 32 points per game, the highest current game average. As Troy Bolton once said, "*Keep your head in the game.*"

Women are becoming more taken towards the complicated, strategic game of volleyball. This action filled game can result in a single player vaulting into the air over 300 times! The longest volley ever recorded in history is over 100 passes between the two stupendous teams competing in Raleigh, North Carolina. The world record for the longest game was eighty hours long, and over 14,500 points were scored. This perseverant game is certainly not for the faint of heart!

Are sports right up your alley? Are you determined to go the extra mile? Do you want to break a world record? Sports can help you live up to your full potential and make your mark whether or not you are on the court, field, or gymnastics arena. Sports encourage young female athletes to develop character, sportsmanship, and new friendships that will last a lifetime.

## Did You Know??

by Cullen Warfel

### **Groundhog Day Fun Facts – February 2**

**The Germans started the whole Groundhog Day thing.**

Yes, the see-his-shadow-or-not concept stems from Germany and the holiday, Candlemas. Early European Christians believed that if the sun came out on Candlemas (also February 2), winter would last for another six weeks.

**Punxsutawney Phil is just a nickname.**





Punxsutawney Phil has a ridiculously long official name. His full moniker is "Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary." Yikes!

**The groundhog really can predict the end of winter.**

Just not with his shadow. Because groundhogs hibernate every winter, the fact that he'd bother to leave his hideaway is a natural sign of spring to come! The furry critter is also easy to find — groundhogs live in the majority of central and eastern U.S., plaguing gardeners everywhere.

**The original Groundhog Day involved eating groundhogs.**

After sightseers celebrated Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction in 1886, they all headed over to Gobbler's Knob to dine on a feast made up of various groundhog dishes and the equally-delicious-sounding groundhog punch. Gross.

***Valentine's Day Facts – February 14***

**Valentine's Day is the second largest card-giving holiday of the year.**

Over one billion valentines are sent each year.

**The people who receive the most valentines each year are teachers!**

Wives, partners, and school children are close behind. About 9 million pet owners will buy Valentine's Day presents for their pets each year.

**People really wore a name on their sleeve.**

In the Middle Ages, the young adults in the community drew names from a hat. The name they drew would be their valentine. They would wear the name of their valentine on their arm for the whole week of Valentine's Day, which is where the term "wearing your heart on your sleeve" originates!

***President's Day – February 19***

**Presidents Day was originally a day to celebrate George Washington.**

It was later expanded to honor Abraham Lincoln. Eventually, the holiday grew to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

***Leap Year Facts – February 29***

**Leap year babies are called "leapers" or "leaplings."**

Can you imagine if you had to wait four years to celebrate your birthday?! You'd deserve a special name, too.

**February 29th is not a legal day.**

Many companies don't recognize Leap Day as a "valid day." They make leapers choose Feb. 28 or March 1 as their birthday instead.

**Julius Caesar introduced the first calendar leap year in 46 B.C.**



The Earth takes exactly 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to circle the sun. The occasional Feb. 29 ensures we don't lose six hours every year.



Why are math books so sad?  
Because they are full of problems!

What does an English Teacher like to eat for breakfast?  
Synonym Rolls!

Why did the kids eat their homework?  
Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Why do calculators make great friends?  
Because you can always COUNT on them!

Have a joke you would like included in next month's issue?  
Email it to [knightlynews@ndbethlehemschool.org](mailto:knightlynews@ndbethlehemschool.org).

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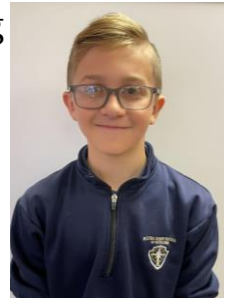
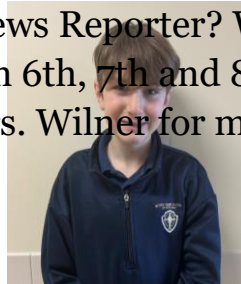
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# GOOD NEWS AT NOTRE DAME OF BETHLEHEM

  
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## Upcoming Dates:

- Pinewood Derby-February 24th.
  - Bayou Pierogi Sale- February 19th-March 1st.
  - Adult Parish Retreat- March 8th, 9th, and 10th.
- Additional Information can be found at church entrances and on our website.
- Confirmation **March 12th at 4:30 PM.**
  - Knights of Columbus Breakfast **following 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 AM Masses on March 17th.**
  - Parish Penance Service **Monday, March 18th at 7:00 PM.**
  - Tricky Tray **March 23rd and 24th**



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Tricky Tray mailing assembly!!!

Tricky Tray will take place on March 23rd from 10:00-6:30 PM and 24th from 8:00-1:30 PM.

There will be over 400 baskets.

You do not want to miss this!!!

To learn more visit:

<https://www.ndbethlehemchurch.org/Tricky-Tray>



Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual CYO Trivia Night!! It was a fun night complete with laughs, brainpower, and creatively decorated themed tables.



Congratulations to our second grade students who received their First Penance February 8th. We will continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on April 27th.



# Catholic Schools Week

Thank you, thank you, thank you to EVERYONE who made this week so special, especially Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Cantwell, Mrs. Piccini, Mrs. Clee, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flurer, Mrs. Peters, and Ms. Fenton for organizing, planning, and making every moment so memorable for the students and teachers. A special thank you as well to Mrs. Rivera and every single one of our parent volunteers for taking the time to help set up and run events, donate money for our money wars and bus driver treats, and send in prizes for Bingo; it was much appreciated as always!! We opened the week with a Mass and an Open House for new families.

We had a number of fun activities during the week including: Career Day, school-wide bingo, minute to win it games, a magician, Knights Quest challenges, a door decorating contest, trivia, pizza lunch and special snacks for student appreciation day, and a delicious Team meal provided by Fiamma Italian Grille. WOW! We had a wonderful Catholic School's Week in 2024.

This was truly a week that will not be forgotten! Notre Dame would not be the school it is without the endless support we receive from our parents, students, staff, and teachers every single day, and for that, we thank you. Go, NOTRE DAME KNIGHTS!!!



## Bayou Pierogies Sale

This year we are thrilled to be bringing back our pierogies and gift card sale through the Bayou. The sale will run February 19th- March 1st. Orders will be available for pickup on March 19th at the Wiz Kids. To order your pierogies visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/240244238290148>.

Orders can also be placed via paper order forms found at the back of the church.

**Potato and Cheese Pierogies**  
Mashed Potato & Cheese

**Bacon & Cheese Pierogies**  
Mashed potato, Cheese, Bacon, Sour Cream & Cheese

**Buffalo Chicken Pierogies**  
Mashed Potato, Buffalo Chicken, & Cheese

**Jalepeño Popper Pierogies**  
Mashed Potato, Cheese, Roasted Jalapeños, Cream Cheese

Orders will be available for pickup at the Wiz Kids on Freemansburg Ave March 19th.

**BAYOU Gift Cards**  
Bayou (North Locations)  
Wiz Kids (South Locations)

**\$50, 100**

Congratulations to our 8th grade boys basketball team who defeated St Jane's in the CYO District Finals!



Notre Dame Elementary School/Bethlehem, PA

Thank you for using ND\$s

Orders due Tuesday, March 12th, Cards available for pickup Tuesday, March 26th

Name	Email (required)	Deliver to:
Tuition Credit - Name/Grade:		Phone

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
aerie \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$100.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.7%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	7%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$	The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$	Topgolf \$50.00	8%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	Total Wine & More \$100.00	7%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$100.00	10%		\$	Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Marshalls \$100.00	7%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Wawa \$100.00	1%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	On The Border \$25.00	11%		\$	Wawa \$25.00	1%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	6%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$	Wendy's \$25.00	6%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$				
Delta Air Lines \$250.00	4%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$				
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Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$				
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# Bethlehem Catholic H.S. Spring 2024 Little Hawks Middle School CoEd Soccer Program



In collaboration with Becahi Boys and Girls High School Soccer Programs  
Bethlehem Catholic HS, 2133 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA

## Join the Little Hawks Middle School CoEd Varsity Soccer Team 2024

**Eligible players are BOYS and GIRLS student-athletes attending 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at any Catholic Middle School**

Cost is **\$40-** for 10 to 14 games to be played against Lehigh Valley public middle schools

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN. HURRY, DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 11TH**

THANKS TO THOSE WHO REGISTERED IN PERSON DURING THE BECAHI OPEN HOUSE

To register, email Fulvia Alderiso at **falderiso@gmail.com** or text/call her at **610-554-9280**

**For more details, please see separate Registration Form**

All checks are made out to Bethlehem Catholic HS. You can register via email or by mail

Practice sessions and pick-up games with Coaches and high school soccer players will be held on Sundays afternoons at the Becahi Turf field or in the GYM—date/time TBD

**COACH BRAD KRATZER WILL EMAIL REGISTERED PLAYERS SOON**

(Bring your water bottle, soccer cleats and shin guards. Turf is located behind the grass soccer field)



**COME AND HAVE FUN PLAYING SOCCER WHILE MEETING YOUR FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES!**



The Little Hawks soccer season starts around the last week of March and ends in mid-May. Games are played twice a week, weekdays only, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Home games are played at the Becahi grass soccer field.

Pizza Party after the last game.

For more information about the Bethlehem Catholic Soccer Programs, please contact the Becahi Soccer Head Coaches at **bsoccer@becahi.org** (boys), or **gsoccer@becahi.org** (girls) or the Little Hawks CoEd Soccer Program Coordinator at **falderiso@gmail.com**



*Join our Team! Go Hawks!*



# Bethlehem Catholic Middle School Soccer Program (PIAA)

## LITTLE HAWKS COED MS SOCCER REGISTRATION FORM

Boys & Girls in 7th and 8th Grade, attending any Catholic Middle School

Please complete Registration Form, scan it and email it to Fulvia Alderiso at [fulderiso@gmail.com](mailto:fulderiso@gmail.com) | To mail your registration along with a **\$40-** check, see address info below. Once registered, you will be included in the Little Hawks CoEd Soccer practices and will receive further instructions from the Coaches.



**DEADLINE**  
**March 11th**

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### PLAYER INFORMATION:

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Catholic Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade attending (7/8) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(# Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Tax School District \_\_\_\_\_ Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Other Soccer Club/Programs \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Players can play for their **soccer club teams** and Little Hawks at the same time -- different leagues/PIAA)

### UNIFORM TOP (property of Bethlehem Catholic, uniforms need to be returned at end of season):

T-Shirt size – **YOUTH: L** \_\_\_\_ **or ADULT: S** \_\_\_\_ **M** \_\_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_\_ **or XL** \_\_\_\_

Preferred Shirt numbers (not guaranteed, subject to availability, limited low #s ): **1.** \_\_\_\_ **2.** \_\_\_\_ **3.** \_\_\_\_

### Player/Parents/Legal Guardian:

Player's email \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's email \_\_\_\_\_

List any siblings attending Becahi (name and grade) \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information (in case parents cannot be reached):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions about the soccer program? Please contact Bethlehem Catholic High School Boys Soccer Head Coach at [bsoccer@becahi.org](mailto:bsoccer@becahi.org) or Girls Soccer Head Coach Brad Kratzer at [gsoccer@becahi.org](mailto:gsoccer@becahi.org) or contact the Little Hawks CoEd Soccer Coordinator, **Fulvia Alderiso** at email: [fulderiso@gmail.com](mailto:fulderiso@gmail.com) or 610-554-9280.

**To mail your registration and payment of \$40- please make checks payable to Bethlehem Catholic and use the following address:**

**Becahi Little Hawks CoEd Soccer Program  
c/o Fulvia Alderiso @ Bethlehem Catholic H.S.  
2133 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017**

