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Lent will begin in a few short days. During the 6 weeks of Lent, Catholic schools throughout the diocese will focus on the message of Jesus in Matthew 25 because Pope Francis has declared an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy. Students will be learning about both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to see how we all can purposefully incorporate these into our daily lives. Please look at the attached brochure from the Family Life Office and prayerfully consider incorporating these Works of Mercy into your family life.

NCCS students will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Students in Grades 5-8 will pray the Stations at 12:45 on Friday of Lent in St. Nicholas Church. You are most welcome to join them in this beautiful remembrance of Jesus' suffering for us.

Thank you for your recent generosity for the Basket Auction for Mrs. Barb Kotelnicki. It is wonderful to see so many families support Barb through prayer, kind words and donations for the auction. Please read about Barb's journey in the enclosed brochure "*Inflammatory Breast Cancer*" help spread awareness of this disease.



Thanks to all who helped make Catholic Schools Week 2016 such a success.

Those who take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer are very much appreciated !



There are classes for NCCS students on February 12 and 15. Since we missed classes on January 18 due to the poor weather, we are making that up on February 15. We are working through these days in order to be able to enjoy a longer summer vacation beginning in May. NCCS students are to pack lunches on these 2 days and follow the special bus schedule that was issued at the beginning of the school year.

NCCS has 4 dedicated businesses who participate in the EITC which helps to offset tuition costs for NCCS families through Second Century. If you own a business, know someone that owns a business or you think that your employer may take part in the EITC program please contact the school for more information.



Elizabeth Wallen, a member of one of our NCCS families makes rosaries. She will be creating rosaries with students to be used as Mission Rosaries, another example of service that we do at NCCS. She can make you a special rosary for any occasion such as First Communion, Confirmation or a Wedding. You can give her a call at 931-7822.

Parents For Students is working on planning the **Awards Banquet**. The date is set for May 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church Hall. **Please come to the meeting** on February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center **to give your input** as there are some changes being discussed.



Spring Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, March 10. Because there is no Pre-School that day, parents of Pre-School students are invited to bring their children to be photographed. Photo Packets are sent home for you to examine and then decide if you wish to purchase, if you don't purchase, just return the package.



Do you go to Sheetz without first purchasing a Sheetz card from NCCS? Do you do your grocery shopping at Walmart, Giant Eagle or Bi Lo without first purchasing a gift card from NCCS for those purchases? If you do, ask yourself why? **SCRIP** is one of the **mandatory** fundraisers that we do at NCCS, and it is the **easiest** fundraiser to participate in. There is nothing to sell and **we are not asking you to purchase anything that you wouldn't normally buy**; items such as gas and food. We only ask that you **change the way** that you buy these items by purchasing gift cards from NCCS first and then use those gift cards to make your purchases. **It costs you nothing extra**; if you plan to purchase \$25 Sheetz card from NCCS. We receive a percentage of the purchase of your card and you still get \$25 in gas. It is a winning situation for everyone. SCRIP helps keep the cost of tuition down. We have many dedicated SCRIP buyers, but some make little or no effort. Everyone uses gas and food daily. Please consider using SCRIP from NCCS if you don't, and certainly continue to use SCRIP if you met your goal.

Honor Roll

Grade 8

High Honors

Joey Bernard
Maggie Kwisnek
Valarie Nealen
Scotty Semelsberger

Honors

Sarah Clawson
Hunter Dumm
Jaclynn Dumm
Martin Kirsch
Max Kline
Casey Mervine
Lauren Sichko
Jake Zazvrskey

Grade 6

High Honors

Evan Amigh
Nathan Dumm
Allison Moriconi
Savannah Smorto

Honors

Shyana Burger
Ethan Miller
John Weiland

Grade 7

High Honors

Nathan Farabaugh
Molly Krumenacker
Nicholas Weber

Honors

Andrew Amsdell
Colton Dumm
Emma Farabaugh
Gracie Kirkpatrick
Simon Kirsch
Dominic Lessard
Olivia Mason

Grade 5

High Honors

Ashton Courvina
Kaitlyn Ludwig
David Farabaugh
Hannah Farabaugh
Zachary Onkst
Blake Weber

Honors

Thomas Bernard
Austin Kirsch
Brandon McCombie
Ayden Smorto
Jadyn Strittmatter