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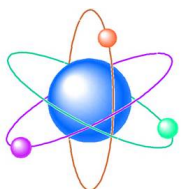


The Journey of Lent is a pilgrimage toward the profound and joyful mystery of the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. How are we doing this Lent? Even if we find ourselves in the middle of Lent with the idea that 'not much is going on', there is still time to "rescue" our Lent. God welcomes us when we are ready to listen to him. Give Lent a new start in the remaining days – God offers more than we can ask or imagine.

In the "Spirit of Mercy" students in Kindergarten and Third Grade sang and shared crafts made by all NCCS students during Catholic Schools Week with those at St. Benedict Manor, Rebekah Manor, Meadowview and the Northern Cambria Senior Center. Students in Sixth grade will read the famous Dr. Seuss stories to residents at Rebekah Manor to celebrate Read Across America.



March is an exciting time at NCCS. Many of our students who have been diligently working on various projects will have a chance to compete in competitions.



On Saturday, **March 5**, our Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science students will compete in the Regional PJAS meet. Under the direction of Miss Nancy Dumm and Mrs. Michelle Amigh the following students will compete:

- Andrew Amsdell – "Bang! Bang!" - His experiment studied which ammunition goes deepest into the target.
- Colton Dumm – "Bull's -Eye" – His experiment studied which bow sends the arrow deepest into the target.
- Molly Krumenacker – "Melt Down" – Her experiment studied which type of salt melts ice the fastest.
- Maggie Kwisnek – "Auditory vs. Visual Memory" – Her experiment studied if people memorize things better when they see them or hear them.

On Monday, **March 14**, our Forensics team under the direction of Mrs. Kimberly Zedack and Mrs. Deb Machutta will compete in the Prince Gallitzin Quadrant meet. The following students will compete:

- Poetry – Scotty Semelsberger, Savannah Smorto, Kody Krug, Evan Amigh and Kylie Kirsch
- Prose – Shyana Burger, Johnny Weiland, Anthony Lessard, Cara Franceschini, Nathan Dumm and Ethan Miller
- Informative – Nathan Farabaugh, Gracie Kirkpatrick and Dominic Lessard
- Persuasive – Molly Krumenacker, Sarah Clawson and Max Kline
- Drama – Allison Moriconi
- Impromptu – Colton Dumm
- Duo Drama – Maggie Kwisnek and Olivia Mason, Jackie Dumm and Lauren Sichko, and Nicholas Weber and Simon Kirsch



All Basketball teams at NCCS have been hard at work and learned some great sportsmanship as well as sharpened skills. Our 8th grade boys' team will be competing in the Parochial League Playoffs. The first game will be against Our Mother of Sorrows from Johnstown at 7:00 p.m. at YPCC in Ebensburg on Saturday, **March 12**. Come to cheer the following boys on to victory:

- Coaches: Mr. Scott Semelsberger and Mr. Rob Bernard
- Giuseppe Bernard
- Hunter Dumm
- Marty Kirsch
- Max Kline
- Scotty Semelsberger
- Jake Zazvrskey

GOOD LUCK TO ALL ADVISORS, COACHES and STUDENTS!!!!

Math Madness is coming to NCCS from **March 7 – April 16** for grades five through 8. It is a time for students to show off their mad math skills while also having fun. Students can win prizes and most importantly they learn and gain mastery with math skills. This online math program provides your child with opportunities for additional math practice. Please encourage your child's participation in this fun program. See the enclosed flyer in this packet for information for each individual student's information.



Students at NCCS will be having a Spring Concert this year on **Friday, April 29, 2016**. Please **keep that date open for your child's participation in this school activity**. We will have the pleasure of having a Dan & Galla return this year to instruct our students during the week at school and perform at the musical. Students are asked to dress as they did in the 50's 60s time period; Boys – jeans, slicked back hair, t-shirts and sneakers Girls – skirts (poodle skirts encouraged), or capris, button down sweaters, scarves and ponytails. This event will be open to the public and will be a great time for everyone!





Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Hoops for Hearts event at NCCS this year, especially to Miss Lydia Farabaugh for her coordination of this event. The event's activities included basketball stations, shooting competitions, wacky relays, and face painting. The students in grades K-8 spent the past month learning about the importance of heart health. They also each came up with ways that they could improve their health by practicing healthy eating habits and participating in regular physical activity. Using the heart facts that they learned in school, they asked for donations to help fund research for the American Heart Association. The students of NCCS successfully raised over \$3,179.00.

The Second Century Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to students enrolled in Catholic pre-school programs, elementary schools and high schools in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton and Somerset Counties - all within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

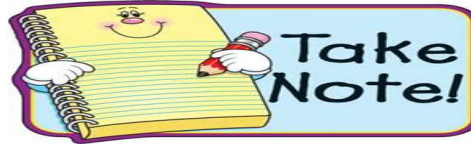


Norther Cambria Catholic School provides strong academic & community values that are grounded in faith, and challenge students to achieve their God-given potential. Our schools educate the mind, heart, body and soul of each student as they journey through their formative years.

We extend a warm welcome to our business friends who believe in the value of a Catholic education by choosing to earn [tax credits](#).

As a non-profit 501(c)(3), the Second Century Fund also welcomes charitable gifts from individuals and families who are interested in supporting their favorite school(s) within the diocese.

Many of you receive tuition help through a Second Century Scholarship. Enclosed in this packet is an explanation of how this works with businesses and how they can earn tax credits to help families at NCCS with tuition. To spread the word about our scholarship fund, share the [flyer](#) enclosed in this packet with your employer and area businesses. To learn more about our fund, please visit <http://secondcenturyfund.org/>



- March 2 – Read Across America Day – In the “Spirit of Dr. Seuss”, students may wear red and white or Dr. Seuss shirts with uniform pants or skirts, Seuss hats or socks.
- March 4 – Special Bus Schedule and Pack lunches
- March 8 – Free Jean Day for those who participated in the December Box Top Promotion. Coupons turned in will be distributed to the students on Monday, March 7. Students must have coupon to wear jeans this day.
- March 10 – Spring Pictures - Dress as you wish to have your spring picture taken from Lifetouch. Please keep in mind **school appropriateness** for length of dresses, tightness of pants, and low cut shirts. Please keep in mind safety for shoes, school appropriate shoes must be worn, no sandals or backless shoes for students. Purchase of these is optional after you receive the packages.
- March 15 – Deadline to file FACTS for Second Century Tuition Aid – Easter Candy, Hoagie and Pizza Delivery, more information to follow.
- March 17 – St Patrick’s Day – Students may wear green shirts and socks with uniform skirts or pants. End of third marking period.
- March 18 – No School for NCCS students. This is a Diocesan wide teacher in-service day.
- March 23 – Report Cards distributed
- March 24 – Early Dismissal for Easter – Busing provided
- March 28 – No school unless we have another snow day.
- April 1 – Save the date for crafting purchases - NCCS will hold an *AC Moore* fundraiser night from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. where a percentage of purchases will come back to NCCS. More information will be coming later this month.
- April 3 – Save the date to go to Hoss’s – NCCS will hold a Hoss’s fundraiser. A percentage of all dinners served with the NCCS flyer will be returned to NCCS. Details coming later this month.
- April 29 – NCCS Spring Concert
- Graduation Dates to be announced mid-end of March

