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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

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As the Vicar of Christ here on Earth, Pope Francis has publicly expressed the Wisdom, Love and Joy of the Gospel throughout his papacy. While Lent is a time to walk more closely with the Lord and meditate upon his suffering, we are also called to a greater appreciation of the Joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis tells us that to experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history.

Heavenly Father, be with us at the beginning of this Lenten journey. You breathed into us the breath of life, the Spirit that formed us in your image. Throughout the whole history of sinful and broken humanity, you have never left us, for you are the life that flows in us and through us in all of our relationships. Help us to feel that breath of life on this journey. Amen

Catholic Schools Week was a very busy week but a successful week. There were many activities that taught the students how we learn, lead, serve and succeed at NCCS. The students learned about teamwork and cooperation. Everyone worked together. Thank you! Be sure to check out our Facebook page to look at all of the happy faces and see all of the fun that we had.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's Office of Youth Ministry offers the children of this diocese opportunities to grow in faith.



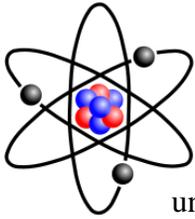
- **Junior High Youth Day** is an opportunity for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to grow in faith and spend a wonderful day with other youth from all across the diocese. Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli from APeX Ministries will be the guest speakers with their "Christian Vaudeville".

Their style has a wonderful ability to reach our young people and help them learn more about themselves and their faith while having fun! **Don't let your children talk you out of sending them to this wonderful fun-filled day that ends with Mass with Bishop Mark.**

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. – Bishop Carroll High School - \$15 which includes lunch and t-shirt – **Registration requires. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE BACK TO NCCS WITH YOUR CASH OR CHECK BY MONDAY, MARCH 5.**

We will also need an adult chaperone, so if you are interested, please let the office know.

- **Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Z** has been one of the most enriching faith programs offered as a summer opportunity for the youth. Many kids return year after year and have even returned as counselors later on due to this wonderful experience. A brochure is included in this envelope, please don't pass this opportunity by. Camp Z is open to students entering grades 4-9.



Included in this newsletter is information about the ATOMS program. ATOMS stands for the Advanced Training for Outstanding Mathematics and Science. This Scholars Program will occur this summer through IU08 and provide hands-on high level, intensive STEM experiences for students who will be completing grades 2-8 this year. The online Application deadline is March 21. Don't wait until the last minute to apply.

NCCS is now registering students for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know anyone that is interested in sending their child to our school, please have them call the office for details. We certainly have a dedicated faculty and staff and wonderful families in our NCCS family. Many of you will be applying for the Second Century Scholarship through FACTS. All applications must be done online by March 15th. This Second Century Scholarship is funded through many dedicated businesses:



- Businesses of all sizes - from large corporations to family-owned companies and partnerships – may be eligible to earn tax credits against six Pennsylvania business taxes including Capital Stock and Corporate Net Income. Pass-through entities may pass the tax credits onto the personal income taxes of shareholders or partners.
- The EITC legislation allows a business to re-direct a portion of its tax dollars to support families in the local community instead of paying taxes to Harrisburg.
- If you know of someone who may be interested or for complete program details, including official DCED guidelines and applications, please visit the web site of the [Second Century Scholarship Fund](#).
- **Thank you to the following business who dedicate their EITC funding for NCCS: Klimes Tree Farm, Moricioni Funeral Home, Robindale Energy Services, Inco Beverage Inc, Seward Operating LLC. and Ludwig Electric, and Marion Center Bank.**



Students in Miss Farabaugh's Computer Classes in grades 1-8 have been hard at work on Coding and Programming lessons. These courses are designed for each level of learning that begin with a grade appropriate entry point that allows students in each grade to start to program. The students are learning about algorithms and finding patterns as they problem solve their way through the lessons.

Along with the computer-based lessons, students also perform unplugged activities which are hands on learning done away from the computer. This introduces students to new vocabulary and concepts. Through unplugged lessons the students gain knowledge for the next set of lessons. This also creates time for discussion on how the concepts relate to everyday life both in and out of school.

As the lessons progress, the students will create computer programs that will help them learn to collaborate with others, develop problem-solving skills, and persist through difficult tasks. They are studying programming concepts, computational thinking, digital citizenship and develop interactive games and stories that they can share.

Mrs. Zedack's English classes are always busy classes. Our students in grades 6,7 and 8 are busy preparing for the regional Forensics competition. Recently students received letters from Appelley Publishing Company to let them know that their poems that were entered into the Appelley Publishing National Student Poetry Contest were in the running for the top ten. The students' poems will be published in the *Appelley Publishing 2017 Rising Stars Collection*. The following students received recognition for their poetry submission:



- Allison Moriconi, Savannah Smorto, Shyana Burger, John Weiland, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Jady Strittmatter, David Farabaugh, Thomas Bernard, Hunter Buterbaugh, Austin Kirsch, Ayden Smorto, Ella Miller, David Weinzierl, Makayla Stephens, Isabella Thompson, Abigail Buterbaugh, Mitchell Dumm.



- February 6 – NCCS School Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- February 10 – NCCS Mardi Grad/Horserace Cash Bonanza – Tickets available
- February 16 – **Special Bus Schedule – Pack Lunch Day – Spring Picture Day – Dress to have your picture taken – please only safe shoes for school**
- February 18 – Family Basketball – 6:30 - St. Nicholas Community Center
- February 19 – No Classes for Students – Teacher In-Service
- February 20 – PFS Meeting
- March 1-3 – Bon Ton Community Days
- March 5 – Junior High Youth Day Applications Due
- March 10 – NCCS Book Sale
- March 21 – ATOMS Applications Due
- April 27 – Spring Concert with Dan & Galla

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday's during Lent at 12:45 at St. Nicholas Church. Please join us.