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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

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*The month of November often has a special focus on thankfulness. Giving thanks is a very important part of prayer. This month spend a little time during each of the 30 days as a family thanking God for the blessings He has given.*

**Thank God for...**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>*The fact that he never changes</i></li><li><i>*His power over the nations</i></li><li><i>*Those who have served or are serving in the armed forces</i></li><li><i>*Your church and church family</i></li><li><i>*NCCS and the opportunity to attend a Catholic School</i></li><li><i>*The freedom we have to worship Him</i></li><li><i>*The opportunities we have to tell people about Jesus</i></li><li><i>*Your material blessings</i></li><li><i>*Life</i></li><li><i>*Forgiveness</i></li><li><i>*Each and every one of you - especially Thank God that he made you and has a plan for your life!</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>*His unfailing love</i></li><li><i>*Jesus</i></li><li><i>*Your family</i></li><li><i>*Your school family</i></li><li><i>*Your teachers</i></li><li><i>*Your home</i></li><li><i>*Your friends</i></li><li><i>*Grace</i></li><li><i>*This day</i></li><li><i>*Humor</i></li></ul> |
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### **Multimedia**

Two teams of students will be representing NCCS in the Diocesan Multimedia Competition on Monday, November 6 at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Altoona. The students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade worked hard during computer classes to develop Power Point presentations around the theme : Real vs Fake. Students presented these presentations and the teams chosen to go to the competition were:

- Allison Moriconi and Nathan Dumm - Real vs Fake Diamonds
- Shyana Burger and Savannah Smorto - Real vs Fake Smiles



Congratulations to both teams and Good Luck in the Diocesan Competition. Thank you Miss Farabaugh for preparing these students for competition.

## Reading Competition



Each Fall and Spring students are busy reading selected books on the IU08 Reading Competition list to compete against many other schools, both Catholic and public in the Interscholastic Reading Competition. The students read books and spend much time practicing answering questions about the books that they read. Good Luck to the following students who will compete this month:

### Junior High Reading Competition - November 13 @ Bellwood-Antis

- Allison Moriconi, Shyana Burger, Thomas Bernard, Hunter Buterbaugh, David Farabaugh, Hannah Farabaugh, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Zachary Onkst and Jady Strittmatter

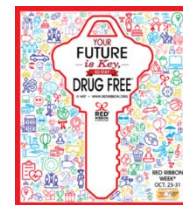
### Elementary Reading Competition - November 15@ Bellwood - Antis

- Austin Amsdell, Abigail Buterbaugh, Gary Farabaugh, Makayla Stephens, David Weinzierl, Daniel Farabaugh, Lilly Dill, Preston Gillin and Angus Ryan

Thank you Mrs. Tanya Cramer and Mrs. Marian Farabaugh for preparing these students for competition.

## Red Ribbon Week

Students at NCCS spent the week learning about ways to keep our bodies healthy and NOT use drugs. The students all signed the drug-free pledge, wore red ribbons to remind them to stay drug free, and participated in various activities throughout their classes to discuss this important topic.



## NCCS Christmas Concert



Students under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Ryan have been working extremely hard getting ready for our Christmas Concert. *It's A GLO - GLO - Glorius Christmas* will be presented on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Church. Students may wear Christmas attire - colors of red, green, gold, silver, white. Boys should wear dark pants. You don't have to go out to buy anything, school clothes are always appropriate.

Is there anyone who would be willing to make a Mary and Joseph costume for the concert? Mary could be white with a blue veil and Joseph could be brown. If so, please call the office as soon as possible to let me know. Thank you in advance!



## Service Project for Advent



Advent will soon be here with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent on December 3. During this season we will again work toward helping those in our community that are in need. We will be collecting aluminum pop can tabs beginning on Tuesday, November 28 through Friday, December 15. The money raised from these tabs will go to help the needy. It is your luck day if you are the first to call that you read the newsletter. Also, special "Christmas attire" days will be held to help raise money for those in need. Toys, hats, gloves, socks, pajamas, etc. will also be collected. Please keep this project in mind as you begin your holiday preparations.



## Mark Your Calendar

- November 1 - All Saints' Day - Holy Day of Obligation
- November 2 - Pizza and Hoagie Sale Pick-up - St. Nicholas Community Center - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- November 7 - NCCS School Council - 7:15 p.m.
- November 8 - Veteran's Day Mass - All area veterans and their families are invited. There will be a small reception held in the Community Center following the Mass.
- November 8 - 9 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Look for your appointment time in the parent envelope. No Classes for NCCS students on November 9 or 10.
- November 8-11 - Bon Ton Days - Purchase your coupon book in the office for some great deals!
- November 13 - **Due to the change in the Northern Cambria School Calendar, this day will be a day where NCCS will follow the Special Bus Schedule and it will be necessary for you to PACK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH.**
- November 14 - PFS Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Community Center Meeting Room
- November 22 - NCCS students will celebrate their Thanksgiving Liturgy. Please send a canned or non-perishable item to school with your child for the offertory procession. These items will go to the local food pantry. This day will be an early dismissal day at 12:10 with regular busing provided.
- November 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Penance for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students - 6:00 - St. Nicholas Parish

### Looking Ahead

- December 5 - Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m. - St. Nicholas Church
  - December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
  - December 15 - PFS Christmas Caroling - more details to come - rain date December 22.
  - December 19 - PFS Meeting - 6:30 p.m. -Community Center Meeting Room
- \*\*\*\*\* December 21 will be the last day of school for students before Christmas Break. There will be busing provided with dismissal @ 12:10 p.m. **This is a change from the school calendar - please note.**

### A PUMPKIN PRAYER

*Father in heaven, like a farmer, you have watched me grow  
And picked me out from all the rest to house your light and glow.*

*Open my mind to think of you. Open my mouth to sing.  
Open my eyes to see your world and share the joy you bring.*

*Open my heart to be your home - a warm and welcome shell,  
Washed clean of sin. A place where in your love and light may dwell.*