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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

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Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun

remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds

remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



During this month of November, let us never forget to give thanks to God for all that he has given to each of us.

Multimedia

Two teams of students will be representing NCCS in the Diocesan Multimedia Competition on Wednesday, November 7 at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Altoona. The students in 7th and 8th grade worked during computer classes to develop Power Point presentations around the theme : ***In the Year 2525***. Students presented these presentations and the teams chosen to go to the competition were:

- Machines in the Year 2525 - Brode Ryan and Mitch Dumm
- Hunting and Fishing in the Year 2525 - Jude Kline and David Weinzierl



Congratulations to both teams and Good Luck in the Diocesan Competition. Thank you, Mr. Hrubochak, 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 on November 15 at Bellwood Antis:

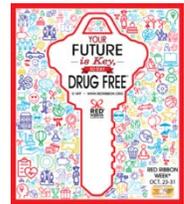
Elementary Reading Competition -

- Matthew Cramer, Daniel Farabaugh, Preston Gillin, Maddie Cramer, Jude Dumm, Megan Farabaugh, Anna Ludwig, Reed Miller, Hannah Strittmatter

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, 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 Mr. Bradley Scherden have been working extremely hard getting ready for our Christmas Concert. The concert will be presented on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Church. Students may wear Christmas attire - colors of red, green, gold, silver, white.

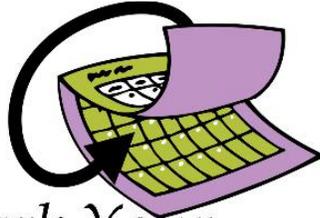
Boys should wear dark pants. You don't have to go out to buy anything, school clothes are always appropriate.

Service Project for Advent



Advent will soon be here with the **1st Sunday of Advent on December 2**. During this season we will again work toward helping those in our community that are in need. We will collect money or a new toy for the less fortunate in Fulton County. **Toys and money** must be in by **Friday, November 30** for that project. We will be collecting aluminum **pop can tabs** beginning on **Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 14**. The money raised from these tabs will go to help the needy. 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 6 - NCCS School Council - 7:15 p.m.
- November 7 - Veteran's Day Mass - 9:30 St. Nicholas Church- All area veterans and their families are invited. There will be a small reception held in the Social Room following the Mass.
- November 7 - Multimedia Competition - Holy Trinity School in Altoona
- November 8 - 9 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Look for your appointment time in the parent envelope. No Classes for NCCS students on November 9 or 12.
- November 11 - NCCS Hoss's Fundraiser - Hoss's Ebensburg
- November 15 - Elementary Reading Competition - Bellwood Antis
- November 16 - Grades 6-7-8 visit Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
- November 16 - **Due to a change in schedule, this will be a full day of school with regular bus schedule**
- November 16 - 1st Rada order deadline
- November 19 - Picture Retakes. Please turn in your entire packet prior to this date if you wish to have your child's picture retaken
- November 21 - 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 27 - PFS Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - St. Nicholas Community Center Meeting Room
- November 28 - Deadline for PFS Pizza and Hoagie Orders
- November 30 - Act 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day - **Students will be dismissed at 12:10 with busing provided.**
- November 30 - 2nd Rada order deadline to be in for Christmas.

Looking Ahead

- December 8 - St. Nicholas celebration of 1st Reconciliation
- December 10 - Grades 3-8 will have an Advent Penance Service with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- December 11 - Pick up for PFS Hoagies
- December 18 - Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Church

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.*