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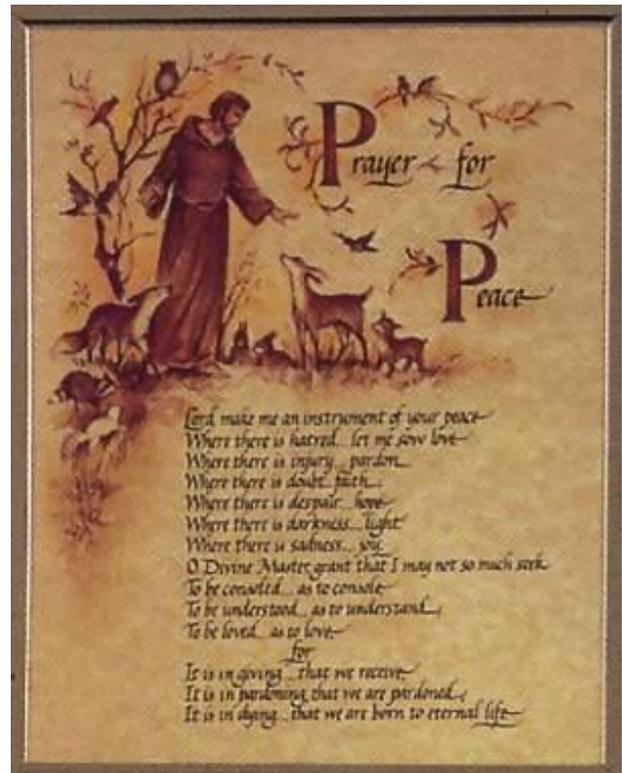
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As we celebrate the month of October we see the beauty of God's creation all around us. He continuously gives us signs to show us His love for us. God continually gives us helpers to enable us to be better people. As we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, let us remember to try to be true "instruments of God's peace" in the world today.



At NCCS we are off to another fantastic start to the school year. One of the new groups at NCCS is our School Council. The School Council at NCCS will develop and support service activities and school spirit throughout the school. Officers from 7th and 8th grade were elected by the student body and a representative from each class - Kindergarten – 8th grade were chosen. The 2017-2018 Student Council officers are: Allison Moriconi – President, John Weiland – Vice President, Katie Ludwig – Secretary and Tommy Bernard – Treasurer. The 1st project that the Student Council decided to work on was to help the hurricane victims. They voted to hold a “Bake Sale for Hurricane Relief”. The response from the school community was tremendous. A total of \$615.68 was raised through the bake sale and “Casual Friday” for the teachers. Another \$347.87 was raised through 2 jean days. The moneys will be send to the Diocese to distribute through NCEA and Catholic Charities to help all victims. Thank you so much for your support.



Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science,
Elementary Reading Competition – Grades 4-5-6
and Junior High Reading Competition – Grades 7-



8, Diversity, and Multimedia are a few of the academic activities that are in full swing. Pee Wee Basketball has also begun. Practices are being held, research is being conducted and projects are being developed. Stay tuned as competition days arrive in November for results.

We are in need of 3-4 volunteer judges for the multimedia competition. It is November 6, **Multimedia 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Holy Trinity Middle School in Altoona. If you are available to help, please send let Miss Farabaugh know as soon as possible.**

ALL Volunteer Clearances are necessary if you plan on volunteering in any capacity at NCCS. We welcome all parents to volunteer their time, the children enjoy seeing their parents and grandparents come in to help with their class or for lunch, but clearances are a necessity.



Don't wait, if you don't have all of the paperwork done, get it done now. For more information, please check out our website www.northerncambriacatholic.org under the parent link.



Included with this packet is an article with 10 ways to help your kids succeed in school. Please take time to read this as there are some very valuable ideas in this article. An important success to a good school day also is a good breakfast. Often students come to school without eating and within an hour they aren't feeling good, or they are tired. Kids need food to fuel their brains. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE EATING A GOOD BREAKFAST.

Students in grades PK – 8 attend Mass weekly as part of their religious education. At NCCS students fully participate in Mass by their singing, praying, reading, and serving. Students in grades 3-8 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the month of September.



Remember that attending Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis is the responsibility of all Catholics, but especially the duty of Catholic parents to see that their children attend and participate regularly, not just during the school year. If you are reading this newsletter and are the first to call the office that you saw this in the newsletter, you will win a \$10 Giant Eagle card. Thank you Fr. Dusza and Fr. Alfred for taking time to visit the school on a regular basis and celebrate the sacraments with us at NCCS.



Parents, grandparents and other family members can and do always help NCCS with saving Box Tops for Education, the Kelloggs receipt program and many other ways. Keep in mind that we are always in need of clean one-sided paper to use as well as new paper. If you are able to get paper when it is on sale for the "penny" sales, please do so. We can put it to good use.

Please note: School District Policy is that parents dropping children off after the school day has begun at 8:50 a.m. are required to come into the building to sign their children in. Thank you in advance for adhering to this policy.



- **October 3** – PK Extended Day and Grades K-4 will be going to the Corn Maze. This will be a jean day for these students only. Grades 5-8 are to dress in uniform for the regular school day.
- **October 5** – PK ½ Day and Grades 5-8 will be going to the Corn Maze. This is a jean day for these students only. Grades K-4 are to dress in uniform for the regular school day.
- **October 9** – NCCS will have classes. There will be a special bus schedule for Northern Cambria School District students sent home as soon as it is received from Tri-County. ALL OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT students will be transported as usual. If you are picking up your child, please send in a note. THERE WILL BE NO LATE BUS THIS DAY – ALL DISMISSALS WILL BE AT 3:10 p.m.

Please Pack a Lunch – no hot lunch today.

- **October 13** – We will have a living rosary outside at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima celebrating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparition to the 3 children. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please come to pray with us.
- **October 17** – Boscovs - “Friends Helping Friends”
- **October 18** - Picture retake day.
- **October 19** - Our 3rd Annual Scholastic Stroll. Students may wear Jeans and comfortable shoes for this walk. Thank you to all of you for sending in labels for our mailing. I will keep you posted as to the outcome.
- **October 24** – Parents For Students Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Community Center Meeting Room
- **October 26** – Jean Day - “Pink Day” - Money will be collected to benefit those suffering from Cancer during this month of October.
- **October 27** - Teacher In-Service Day – NO CLASSES FOR NCCS STUDENTS.
- **October 31** – Halloween – more details in PFS newsletter about pumpkin contest and parade.

Looking Ahead

- **November 1** – Holy Day of Obligation – All Saints Day
- **November 2** - Hoagies and Pizza’s delivered
- **November 6** – Multimedia Competition
- **November 13** – Jr. High Reading Competition
- **November 15** – Elementary Reading Competition

The teachers at NCCS are very busy planning and teaching creative activities to help our students succeed. Please check out our Facebook page to see all that we do in our classes.

Our Spanish students under the direction of Mrs. Maggie Kibler are learning about the upcoming holiday Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is celebrated from October 31 – November 2. It is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico but acknowledged internationally in many cultures. The focus is on gathering of family and friends for prayer and remembrance of those who have died. NCCS will have an altar in the building to celebrate this holiday.



Fifth grade students under the direction of Mrs. Shaina Sanderson are learning about Totem Poles in Social Studies class. The totem is like a book and a was a way of passing stories from one generation to another for the Northwest Coastal Native Americans. The totems represented a tribe, clan or family. The students made their own family totem and wrote a description about them.

- I chose the elk, dolphin, cow and sea turtle for my totem pole.

The elk represents my dad because the meaning of the elk is strength, agility, speed and freedom. I chose the dolphin for myself because dolphin means kindness, playful and happiness. I chose the cow because cows have been in my family for 156 years, even before Nicktown was founded. I also chose a cow because the meaning of cow is selfless, just like my family. Finally, I chose the sea turtle for my mom because it stands for Mother Earth. I feel that the animals I chose for my totem pole represent my family and I very well.

Madelyn Lieb

- I chose the alligator for my mom. The alligator means that someone is maternal and has survival instincts. My dad is patient and determined and always puts us first. I chose the and symbol for him. I chose the crane for my sister because she is intelligent and focused. I think I am like the coyote. I am intelligent and innocent, but I can also be tricky and sneaky.

Matthew Cramer

- The beaver on my totem pole means determined and builder. Our family is determined. My dad is good at building and fixing things. The falcon is on my totem pole because it means adventurous and guardian. Our family is adventurous. My mom and dad are our guardians. The yeti means curious and my family likes to explore and learn new things. Finally the rancor is on it because it means obedience and hostility. We are obedient and my little brother can be hostile.

William Thompson

- My mom is a bear because she is powerful, motherhood and a watcher. I am a horse because I am free, have stamina, mobility, power and grace. My dad is a porcupine because he is innocence, companionship, trust, curious and good natured. That is my totem pole.

Lilly Anna Uhler

- For Social Studies we had to make totem poles. For my totem pole I used the eagle, bear, horse and alligator. I chose the eagle for its intelligence and courage. Everyone in my family so far have achieved high honor roll. I also chose the bear for its strength and healing. Once my mother fixed Andrew's broken head. Next I chose the horse for power and stamina. My family never runs out of stamina. Lastly I chose the alligator for quickness and stealth. All of my family has always been quick and fast reacting. Those are the reasons that I chose those animals.

Daniel Farabaugh

- The goat on my totem pole means stubborn which I think is my brother. The sea turtle stands for outdoors and I think that is my mom. The camel on it stands from survival and I think that is my dad. The alligator stands for stealth and I think that is me because I always sneak up on my

brother and scare him.
Gage Shook

- The first animal I picked was a bear. A bear symbol a teacher with strength and confidence. My sister is represented by the bear. The second animal I picked is the alligator. It means patient yet fierce. This animal represents myself. The third animal I picked was the killer whale. It means strong and brave. This represents my dad. The last animal I picked is the sea turtle. It means Mother Earth and wisdom. This represents my mom.

Cory Franceschini

- I used a thunderbird for my dad because when I looked it up it said it was brave and a good hunter. I used a bear for my mom because a bear means teacher and my mom is an art teacher. I used a cat for me because a gat means good at climbing and chasing. And, I love to climb and chase my brother. Last but not least I have a goat for my brother. Goat means annoying, not patient, irresponsible but loving. And there is my totem pole.

Lydia Kirsch

- First on my totem pole I have a badger. The badger stands for courage and determination. My family is very determined when it comes to many things. Second on my totem pole is a sea turtle. The sea turtle stands for mother earth. When it comes to my family we really love nature a lot. Third on my totem pole is the eagle. The eagle stands for a symbol of power. My family always sticks together. Fourth on my totem is a bee. The bee stands for organization. If my family is rushing we are sometimes unorganized but we always get things accomplished.

Kylee Yoder

- My totem pole has a symbol for each member in my family. My first one which is the wolf resembles my dad who is a nurse. Its meaning is powerful and one that can help people who are sick or in need. My second totem is the goose. It is for my mom. It means self-demanding, parenthood and productive. My third is a salmon. It symbolizes instinct, persistence and determination. This symbol is for my sister. My last totem is a dragonfly. This totem symbolizes carefree, strong imagination, lightness and joy. This totem, I think best resembles me. We were only allowed to use 4 so I don't have one for my brother Sam.

Greta Krumenacker

