

MCDONELL & NOTRE DAME

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In this season of Thanksgiving, I think of so many things that I am grateful for. One thing that stands out is the overwhelming parental support in our mission at MACS, specifically at Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell High School. We continue to encourage all of our students to recognize the presence of God's truth in all areas of their education. Our goal is that they feel the intentional connection between all disciplines that will hopefully continue to reinforce the Catholic faith.

With Advent beginning Sunday, November 30th, our focus will be to prepare each of our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is an exciting time for our students for many reasons, and we want to add to their experience by creating a mood of anticipation. Our students will notice that in some of our classrooms our teachers will attempt to accomplish this by displaying the colors purples and violets along with the traditional reds and greens. The purpose is to remind our students that this is a time of devout and joyful expectation for the celebration of Christ's birth but also for His second coming.

Looking ahead: Monday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Notre Dame and McDonell will have an all school mass on this holy day of obligation. We will not have our regular all school mass on Wednesday that week, which is also Holy Spirit Spirit Week. Look for themes for each day that week to come in a separate communication soon. Other reminders for some exciting and important events coming up: ND/McD Giving tree collections will be from December 3rd until December 19th. The community Bridge to Wonderland parade is December 6th, Notre Dame Christmas Concert will be on December 8th and McDonell Christmas Concert is December 15th.

Mr. Wedemeyer

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES:

College Visit Absence Requests:

High school students who meet the following criteria will be allowed to have two excused days of absence for a college visit during their junior year and two excused days of absence for a college visit during their senior year:

- The student must be on track to graduate on time.
- The student must be classified as a junior or senior based upon credits earned.
- The student must be passing all coursework.
- The student must meet the 85% attendance rule.
- The student cannot have any disciplinary issues.

Students must submit a "College Visit Absence Request Form" to the office at least two days before the day requested for a college visit.

Daily Announcements:

- Located on the MACS website under Academics, Notre Dame School News or McDonell HS School News

Lunch Menus:

- Located on the main calendar of the MACS website

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December:

- 5 - Giving Tree Sweats Day w/\$3 donation
- 6 - Breakfast with Santa @ McDonell
- 8 - All School Mass
- 8 - Notre Dame Christmas Concert
- 12 - Giving Tree Sweats Day w/\$3 donation
- 15 - McDonell Christmas Concert
- 19 - Giving Tree Sweats Day w/\$3 donation

Christmas Break:

December 22 - January 4