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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

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October... What a wonderful month for Catholic examples for us to follow. We just witnessed history in the making with Pope Francis visiting the United States. Throughout his travels, he showed God's love and compassion to all people from kissing babies, meeting with the little immigrant girl on the streets of Washington D.C. , to visiting those in prison. He certainly shows God's LOVE to ALL people.

During the month of October, we celebrate the feasts of St. Terese of the Child Jesus, The Guardian Angels, St. Francis, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Paul of the Cross, St. John Paul II and Sts. Simon and Jude - all perfect examples to help us "love one another" as Jesus did. October 4 is designated as Respect Life Sunday. As adults, we can give perfect example to our children by loving all of God's people and teaching respect to those around us by modeling it. Think about what you say in front of your children. St. John Bosco who built schools for underprivileged youth used a teaching method based on love and encouragement. His advice for getting kids to cooperate was: "would you do me a favor? Could you do this for me?" He said "never use a tone of command, never say 'I want'". Something to think about from St. John Bosco.

We continually ask God to give us the wisdom to know how to defend life, how to move those who are opposed to life and how to enlighten those who live in darkness, and the courage to act when we must to prevent anyone from being treated as less than human. With joy and hope we move forward to honor all the lives the God has entrusted to us. Pope Francis tells us that the "JOY of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus". May we truly find JOY in valuing every moment of our own lives.



Prayer

Please keep Mrs. Barb Kotelnicki , our Guidance Counselor, in your prayers. She was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She has already started her treatments and is asking for your prayers for her and her family during this challenging time in her life.



As soon as the students come back together in school, germs begin to spread quickly. Students begin to get sick, and sometimes a visit to the doctor is necessary. If at all possible, when a medicine is to be administered 3 times a day, can you please give it to your child before school, after school and at bedtime? This will alleviate the responsibility of the office to administering medication to your child. Although NCCS received the service of the nurse from the Northern Cambria School District, that service is limited to $\frac{1}{2}$ day per week. The office staff can only give medication in an emergency situation with parent's written permission. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The members of the Nicktown Fire Department will be at NCCS on Monday, October 5. The theme of this year's presentation is "Hear the Beep When You Sleep".



Students will visit Barr Ridge Farm for their annual Corn Maze and Farm Tour on October 6 for PK - Grade 4 and October 9 for Grades 5-8. We look forward to another fantastic educational day. Students will wear jeans.

School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 13. Please dress your child as you choose for their picture, but remember that pictures are from the waist up. There is **NO** need for jeans - navy school pants are appropriate. Also, please remember that for safety reasons, no sandals, flip flops, or high heels are permitted.



Students from 7th grade at NCCS are participating in the "Celebrate Diversity" program this year under the direction of Ms. Erica Jackson. Students participate in 3 Saturday workshops and visit the Holocaust Museum. The participants are: Emma Farabaugh, Olivia Farabaugh, Cara Franceschini, Gracie Kirkpatrick, and Madison Shook.

We will celebrate Mix-It-Up at Lunch Day on October 27. Last year NCCS was named one of the "model schools". Students may dress with a shirt or jersey representing their favorite team, as we are all part of one team - God's Team. Jeans are permitted. This day is in conjunction with the theme of "RESPECT" and is meant to help students realize that there is a need for respect for all life. This program is sponsored by *Teaching Tolerance*.



October 16, and 30 will be designated as "Dress For a Cause" days. On these days, students may wear jeans, different shirts, socks, sneakers for \$.25 for each item. The money will be used to help those battling cancer and finding a cure.

On October 12, Northern Cambria School District does not have school but NCCS does. Bussing will be provided according to the schedule that we followed the first week of school.



PFS News:

- The October meeting has been changed to Tuesday, OCTOBER 13 at 6:30 in the Community Center Meeting Room - the 2nd Tuesday instead of the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



• Parents For Students is currently selling Boscov's coupon books for \$5.00 good for 25% off most items in store on Tuesday October 20th. On October 20th you can start your layaway at Boscov's. We also have the Bon Ton coupon books for \$5.00. Bon Ton coupons are good from November 11 through the 14th and purchases can be made online as well. Both of these are fundraisers that raised over \$1000 for our organization last year. PFS keeps the five dollars on each coupon book from Boscov's and Bon Ton that we sell. Please try to sell to family and friends and start your holiday shopping. The shopping passes are available through the school office.



- Don't forget about the annual Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Pumpkins are due on Wednesday, October 28.



NCCS is in need of paper that is clean on one side. If you, or your employer has access to any of this paper that can be used to copy workbook pages, etc. please send it in. Thanks.

LOOKING AHEAD

- NCCS Christmas Concert for ALL students in K-8 will held on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church. The concert theme is "We Wish You A Swingin' Holiday - In Every Language. The children are to dress in red, green, white and black. Please no spaghetti straps, tank tops, high heels, sneakers, t-shirts or jeans. Students will need a Santa hat and a battery operated candle for the night of the concert. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bailey at dzalisonock@northerncambriacatholic.org
- Computer fees for the 2015-16 school year will be collected in February/March of 2016.
- Reading Competition Dates: Jr. High - November 17 Elementary - November 19
- Multimedia Competition Date: November 12

Thank you all for your continued support of Northern Cambria Catholic School.

