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## November News

### *All Souls' Day*

November 2

*J*esus, dear Savior,  
on this day we prayerfully remember  
all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope  
and may they be at peace,  
knowing that they will  
rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank You for our memories of them  
and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, please,  
through their intercession,  
to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope  
and increase our love  
that we, too, may someday  
stand before You,  
ready to enter Your  
Holy Kingdom.

*Amen.*



*All Souls' Day*  
*Greetings*

*Please remember to pray for the souls of the faithful departed in your families and our school family during the entire month of November.*



I would hope that the weather could stay as nice as it has been but we all know that that is impossible, especially in Western Pennsylvania. Please take the time NOW to log into your PowerSchool account to check your phone numbers. If you need a number changed, please send a note into the office. It is too late to check when you didn't receive the phone call about a cancellation or early dismissal. You may also check to see how you receive messages. I will run a test message on Tuesday, November 3. If you don't receive this message, please notify the school immediately. If you tune into any of the local TV or radio stations, please remember that for weather emergencies, we follow the Northern Cambria School District Schedule.

In the event that school is cancelled due to weather or other type of emergency, the lunch menu may change. These are circumstances beyond our control since the meals are catered to NCCS. Upon the students return, the meal served that day may be the meal previously scheduled. If your child does not purchase a meal each day, be prepared for the change.

REMINDER: If your child is going to be absent, it is imperative that you call the office before 9:00 a.m. so that we know exactly where your child is and that an accurate lunch count can be made. This request is made for the safety of your children.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to the many people who donated paper, participated in or volunteered their help with the hoagie fundraiser, and continue to support our school in so many ways either through your prayers, work at Bingo, or through our scrip program or other contributions. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated.

Parents For Students is a group in our school that we absolutely could not do without. PFS was founded to **support NCCS by providing wholesome activities that encourage school pride** and community interaction while **promoting positive family values**. They aim to make every volunteer's experience with the school and the group a **positive** one. PFS can always use an extra hand with projects. Please consider volunteering your time to help our students even if you can't attend extra meetings.



Students in grades 5-8 have been working very hard to develop their writing skills under the direction of Mrs. Kim Zedack. I am happy to share some of their work to let them tell you their experiences and to show how busy we have been at NCCS. **Please continue to spread the GOOD NEWS about our school.**

### Trip to Barr Ridge Farm



*This year was our class's first year going to the corn maze in middle school. It was a huge difference from our experience in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we had to walk and that was pretty cool! We walked around Nicktown, and even saw some people standing outside their homes waving as we walked by. When we got there, the owner was really nice to us. She welcomed us to Barr Ridge Farm and gave us our schedule. My grade was first to go into the corn maze. I was in a group with Connor, Ayden, Blake, Zach and our chaperone was Mrs. Zedack. Our group found all of the characters. It was awesome! After that we played in the hay pile for a little. Then it was time for the hay ride. We took a fun tour of Barr Ridge Farm. After the hay ride my friends and I played in the ball pit, bowled and played Pictionary. We did skits. We did one skit about people who were lost. I am really looking forward to going back next year!*

By: Ashton Courvina

*The corn maze was very fun at Barr Ridge Farm. First of all, we took a hike from the school all the way to the corn maze. All of us got to learn more about cows and how they ship the milk starting from the cows all the way to the stores. We all played Pictionary. All of us had to grab a card and whatever was on the card we would draw it on the board and someone would have to guess what it is. The best part of the whole thing was going through the maze. For me personally, this year was the first year that I got all of the characters. This truly was a fun trip!* By: John Weiland

## **Nicktown Fire Department Visits NCCS**



*The firemen came to NCCS in October. When it was our turn to visit the firemen, the first thing they talked to us about was smoke alarms. The firemen told us to check our smoke alarms every time the time changes. Then we watched 2 firemen play “firemen jenga” with the Jaws of Life. Finally we asked if we could sit in the fire truck. They said “yes”. I sat in the front with 2 of my friends: David and Blake. That day was the best!*

*By: Thomas Bernard*

*Every year firemen come to our school to talk about fire prevention. This year the topic for fire prevention week was “Hear the Beep When You Sleep.” It is about hearing the smoke detector when you are sleeping. The firemen at our school stressed this lot. Then the firemen showed us the fire truck. There’s a lot of equipment on it. My favorite piece of equipment was called the Jaws of Life. Last, one of the firemen tried to pick up his phone with the rams. That did not end well; he put a dent in his phone! I knew everyone had fun that day.*

*By: Nathan Farabaugh*

## **Fr. Matt Reese Celebrates a Mass for Vocations at NCCS**

*The vocation mass was a great experience. Fr. Matthew Reese came in and talked to us about how to find the path to God. He gave great detail about how you can become a priest, deacon and sister. I was very interested in the story he told us about how he became a priest. Next Fr. Reese talked about how we have to listen for God’s voice. Also he said if we find God’s voice, he will lead you on the path of light. Finally he asked us if we had any questions about his job. There were a lot of questions but he could not get to them all. In all Father Matthew was a great person to meet and I cannot wait to see him next year.*



*By: Savannah Smorto*

*During the vocation mass Fr. Matthew Reese came to our school and talked to us about becoming a priest, deacon or sister. He also talked about being a servant of God. We asked him some interesting questions like how many churches there are. He asked us if we knew how many popes there have been. I took an educated guess and answered 266. I thought Fr. Matthew’s vocation mass was very informative and I hope to look more into vocations in the future.*

*By: Kody Krug*

## **NCCS Prays a Living Rosary**



*Last week we prayed a living rosary. Every grade lined up in the shape of a rosary at the shrine. We prayed the Luminous Mysteries. We honor May our Queen of Heaven. The students in grades K-6 led the prayers of the rosary while students in grades 7 and 8 announced the mysteries and what happened at each one. It is a memory I will never forget.*

*By: Brandon McCombie*

*The Living Rosary is a special thing that we do at school. We all go out to the shrine to pray the rosary. Kindergarten through sixth grade leads the prayers and seventh and eighth say a reading that goes with the mystery. The Living Rosary is a good thing to take part in because it is praising God and his mother, Mary.*

*By: Dominic Lessard*

## **Multimedia Competition**

*Multimedia is a PowerPoint competition. Everyone in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participates in it. This year’s topic was Once Upon A Time. My group - Valarie, Courtney and I - did our presentation on Cinderella: Grimm’s vs. Disney. We compared the Grimm Fairy Tales and the Disney movie.*



*By: Sarah Clawson*

The winners at the school level will compete at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School to compete with students from other schools in the Prince Gallitzin Quadrant on Thursday, November 12. Good Luck!

## **NCCS Students Participate in Celebrate Diversity**



*Diversity is a great activity to be in. We learn so much. For our trip we went to Washington D.C. Some of the things we talked about in the Holocaust Museum were Anne Frank. Ann Frank is a famous person because she kept a diary that she wrote in during the Holocaust and it was so cool to see her actual diary at the museum. We talked about how they were tricked into getting a shower but it was just a way to kill the Jewish people. The Holocaust is such a sad and depressing thing, but things like that should not be going on, even today. We also got to see some of the monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. All of the monuments were amazing to see. I am so happy that I participated in this activity. It was an experience that I will never forget.*

*By: Olivia Farabaugh*

*Diversity is a program that teaches people to accept anyone no matter what. In diversity there are 3 sessions and a trip to Washington D.C. In each of the 3 times that you go to diversity, they teach you to accept people of other races, if they have disabilities, and people of other religions. After the first session we traveled to Washington D.C to visit the Holocaust Museum and some monuments.*

*By: Gracie Kirkpatrick*

Members of the Diversity Team from NCCS are: Cara Franceschini, Gracie Kirkpatrick, Emma Farabaugh, Olivia Farabaugh and Madison Shook.

## **Reading Competition**

*Why do I like reading competition? I like reading competition because I get to read good books. Some of the books are sad, happy or just touching. The books are always good. It is fun when the team and I choose our team name. This year we are the Purple Shoeshaws. The competition is the best part of all! For the bus, we bring candy – at least 2 boxes per person. During the competition we have three rounds with three captains. I am one of the captains. Hopefully we win a ribbon. At the end of the competition we run through the dark field back to the bus. Truly reading competition is a lot more than just reading books.*

*By: Allison Moriconi*



*To get on the reading competition team we must read at least 5 books. If you read 5 books, you don't want to stop reading because you have a chance to become a captain the more you read. When we go to the competition we go to a school to compete against students from other schools. We have 3 rounds. Reading Competition is very fun. A student can join in the spring or fall.*

*By: Hannah Farabaugh*

This fall's elementary team will compete on Thursday, November 19 at Bellwood- Antis High School. The team consists of: David Weinzierl, David Farabaugh, Lauren McCombie, Ella Miller, Jadyn Strittmatter, Hannah Farabaugh, Shyana Burger, Allison Moriconi, Ethan Miler, Tommy Bernard, Blake Weber, Makayla Stephens, Zachary Onkst and Katie Ludwig. Good Luck!

*Reading competition is when students read certain books, then go to a competition and be questioned on those books. I enjoy participating in it because it is fun. This year we have been taking the time to prepare for the competition which takes place on November 17<sup>th</sup>. To prepare, we have been reading more, having practice every Wednesday afternoon and taking home questions to study and read through am very excited to get to go to the fall competition this year with some of my classmates.*

*By: Maggie Kwisnek*

This fall's junior high team will compete on Tuesday, November 17 at Bellwood – Antis High School. The team consists of : Maggie Kwisnek, Lauren Sichko, Jackie Dumm, Olivia Mason, Olivia Farabaugh, Jake Zazvrskey, Joey Bernard, Nathan Farabaugh, Courtney Nave and Hunter Dumm. Good Luck!

## Current Events Winners



Students in Miss Szekeresh's Social Studies Classes participate in Current Events. This is a classroom contest in which the students can earn bonus points at the end of the marking period. The winners for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period are:

### Grade 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daniel Nealen - 471 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jake Zazvrskey – 466 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hunter Dumm – 463 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Joey Bernard – 461 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Scotty Semelsberger - 451 points

### Grade 6

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Evan Amigh – 376 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Allison Moriconi – 357 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nathan Dumm – 356 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – John Weiland – 352 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Savannah Smorto – 346 points

### Grade 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kody Krug – 380 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Molly Krumenacker – 373 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Simon Kirsch – 357 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Colton Dumm – 344 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Dominic Lessard – 339 points

### Grade 5

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashton Courvina – 407 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – David Farabaugh – 389 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Blake Weber – 385 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – James Dumm – 350 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Connor Carson – 338 points

## Dates to Remember

- November 9 – Veteran's Day Mass – 9:30 a.m. St. Nicholas Church
- November 10 - Parent Teacher Conferences – Individual appointment times will be sent early next week; please ask your child for it.
- November 11 – Veteran's Day – Bon Ton Days begin.
- November 13 – Faith and Family Night at the Johnstown Tomahawks
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Liturgy – Please bring a canned good for the food pantry
- November 26 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Give thanks to God for all of your blessings!
- November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
- We will be collecting for the Toys for Fulton County - more information to follow
- December 9 – Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m. - St. Nicholas Church
- December 11 – Parents for Students Christmas Caroling

