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*On December 8, 2015, The Holy Father, Pope Francis, will open the Jubilee Year of Mercy through the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. "I am convinced that the whole church will be able to find in this Jubilee the JOY of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time" Pope Francis*

*As we begin Advent, and throughout the Christmas season may we truly find the JOY that Pope Francis is speaking of by always remembering Jesus, Others and Yourselfs and being merciful to all and inviting Christ into your hearts and homes.*

***Congratulations to our Second Grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1<sup>st</sup> time during the month of December.***

***Darrien Croyle      Sadie Feighner      Oliver Fleming      Preston Gillen  
 Veronica Lessard      Alivia Lieb      Dakota Llewellyn      Isabella Ritchey  
 Angus Ryan      Jacob Stanick      Brady Weber      Sophie Williams***

An Advent Devotional **Room In The Inn** written by Amy Kanich, Director of Family Life, is available for purchase for \$4.00. If you are interested in this wonderful book of Advent Reflections, please send your money into the office.



Thank you to Fr. Mike who took over the role of Pastor of NCCS. Many thanks to Fr. Larry who has served in this role for many years.

Thank you so much for your generosity to NCCS fight for Cancer. Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$353.50.

During this month of December, as mentioned in the last newsletter, we will collect "Toys for Fulton County" with a jean day on **Wednesday, December 2**. Even though this is a mass day, we will wear jeans for a cause. Please bring a toy or money to contribute to these poor children to help them have a Merry Christmas.



Mass will be celebrated for the NCCS Family on Tuesday, **December 8** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 9:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church. The students will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**NCCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Wednesday, **December 9** - The students and teachers have been working very hard to present another excellent program to their

families and friends. Please have your children at St. Nicholas Church and in their seats no later than 6:45 p.m.



Students at NCCS will have a “Festive Dress Week” during the week of **December 14–23** Friday, **December 18** is designated as “Ugly Sweater Day” with prizes.. Students may wear Christmas shirts, socks, nail polish, earrings (no dangling), and hats with the uniform skirt, or pants each day for the cost of a daily donation. The proceeds will go to help local “angel tree” needs.

Parents For Students have a wonderful Christmas surprise planned for the students in K - 4 on December 17<sup>th</sup> and Pk on the 18th. Students in PK- 4 may wear PJs or “comfy” clothes. A Christmas Art Surprise will be done with students in grades 5-8. We truly appreciate all of you who work to make these activities possible for our students through the school year.

Santa will make his visit to NCCS on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday, December 23 is the last day of classes for 2015. There will be an early dismissal at 12:10 p.m. with busing provided. Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2015.



A test of School Messenger was sent out on Tuesday, November 3. This is the program used to alert you to weather and other emergencies, all of you should have received a test message. If you did not receive this message correctly, please let the school know immediately, or log on to your Power School account and make the necessary changes with your information. It is too late once we have a delay or snow day to let us know that you aren't getting the messages.



If Santa brings you new socks, please save your old ones for the corn maze. We are requesting especially adult size long crew type socks of any color. Yes, they can even have holes in them. Just send them to school in a bag and they will be put to good use next year during our corn maze trip. Thank you in advance.

**Congratulations** are in order for 2 groups of students at NCCS.

- Our Multimedia Team: Molly Krumenacker, Colton Dumm and Nathan Farabaugh placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Diocesan Multimedia Competition for their presentation “The History of Once Upon A Time”. A special “Thank You” to Miss Farabaugh who guided these students and Miss Dumm who volunteered to judge.
- Our Elementary Reading Team: The Purple Shoeshaws won a 1<sup>st</sup> placed ribbon at Bellwood-Antis in the Interscholastic Reading Competition. Students on the team are: Makayla Stephens, Allison Moriconi, Shyana Burger, Ethan Miller, Thomas Bernard, David Farabaugh, Hannah Farabaugh, Jady Strittmatter, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Blake Weber, Zachary Onkst, Lauren McCombie, Ella Miller and David Weinzierl.

Participants in the Junior High Reading Competition were: Joey Bernard, Hunter Dumm, Jackie Dumm, Maggie Kwisnek, Courtney Nave, Lauren Sichko, Jake Zazvrskey, Nathan Farabaugh and Olivia Mason. A special “Thank You” to our reading teams coaches: Mrs. Tanya Cramer and Mrs. Marian Farabaugh.



Mrs. Melanie Shiley will take over the instrumental music program at NCCS. She was just hired as the band director at Bishop Carroll and will provide lessons to our students as well. Look for more information this week.

Rada and Tupperware orders will be accepted through Tuesday, December 2 for arrival before Christmas.

### Student Authors

#### Mix It Up Day

*Mix It Up Day is a day where things get mixed up at NCCS. For example, instead of wearing our everyday uniforms, we got to wear our jerseys. I wore my Joe Flacco jersey. I love to show my Baltimore Raven's pride. We also sit at random lunch tables. We do this so we can talk to different people and make new friends. Sometimes you get lucky and sit next to your friends, but sometimes you sit next to other people. You can talk to those people and you might discover that you have a lot in common with them. I think that Mix It Up Day is great because it is great to change your routine every once in a while.* By: Sarah Clawson

*Mix It Up Day is one of my favorite events at NCCS. When we had it, the whole school got to dress down and wear crazy socks and hats. At lunch this year, Mrs. Burba had little plastic teddy bears of all colors. Each person got a teddy bear and what ever color they got is where they sat in the lunchroom. We do this so kids can meet new people and make friends. This year, I got a red teddy bear and my table was at the back of the lunch room. We had one 8<sup>th</sup> grader, one 7<sup>th</sup> grader, a fellow 6<sup>th</sup> grader, myself and a handful of fifth graders. In all Mix It Up Day is a crazy day. It is very fun, and I can't wait for next year.* By: Savannah Smorto

#### Veterans Day Mass

*The Veterans Day Mass was celebrated at NCCS on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We got to sit with our veterans. My grandpa came to the Veterans Day Mass. I was proud he was there. During the homily, we play "Who wants to be a millionaire?" A person from every single grade gets called up to answer a question about our religion. After communion we sang a song to thank our veterans. It was called, "God Bless Our Veterans". After mass, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls handed out red, white and blue flowers to the veterans. Coffee and doughnuts were served in the social room. It was a great day to honor those who served.* By: Brandon McCombie

*The Veterans Day Mass was held on Monday, November 9. At the mass we sang patriotic songs. As a school we sang a song to the veterans. We stood up and we turned around and sang "God Bless Our Veterans" to the tune of "God Bless America". Then after mass, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls gave each veteran a red, white or blue flower. After that the veterans went to the social room for coffee and doughnuts. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade sang songs or read poems for them. We celebrate this day each year because we should honor the veterans because they fought for our country.* By: Kaitlyn Ludwig

### Pumpkin Contest

*Our annual pumpkin contest was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> during our Halloween celebration. Anyone that wanted to decorate a pumpkin could bring one in. This year I made a gumball machine out of real gumballs. There were a lot of different pumpkins this year. Some of my favorite pumpkins were the solar system, popcorn bucket, tractor, gumball machine and a hedgehog. Students and teachers voted for their favorite pumpkin by donating canned goods to help people in need. Parents could vote by donating money. This pumpkin contest was so much fun, and I am looking forward to next year.* By: Zachary Onkst

### Saint Project

*For the saint project, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students had to pick a saint. I picked Saint Dennis. After we picked our saint, we had to write a report on the saint that we picked and get a costume. Then on October 30 we went to the gym during the Halloween celebration. First 6<sup>th</sup> grade took turns reading about their saints. When my grade got in line to read about our saints, I was really nervous. When I got up to read mine it wasn't that bad. After everyone was done, we got our pictures taken. It was a fun day.* By: Austin Kirsch

### Guess Who

*Every year for Halloween, the students at NCCS do "Guess Who". This is an activity when the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders pick a person from a TV show or a famous person that they know. We dress up as that person and we write 10 facts about our person. The 10 facts give the clues about who we are. For example I was Chewbacca. For K-4 I used my easier facts and I used by harder facts for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and the adults. I can't wait to see what everyone is going to be next Halloween.* By: Courtney Nave

### Multimedia Competition

*The seventh and eighth grade students made PowerPoint presentations for the multimedia competition. The PowerPoints had to be on a topic dealing with "Once Upon a Time". Some groups made their PowerPoints on fairy tales; others did theirs on a historical event. An example is, "Once Upon a Time a Nation Divided." After we were done with our PowerPoints, we presented them to Miss Farabaugh and Mrs. Burba. They chose three groups to compete at Bishop Carroll. One of the three groups made it in the top four and moved on in the competition to Bishop McCort for the diocesan competition. The students in that group were Nathan Farabaugh, Colton Dumm and myself. We received a third place for our presentation on "Once Upon a Time's History".* By: Molly Krumenacker

*This year, Colton, Molly and I were in a group for multimedia. The topic we had was "The History of Once Upon a Time". We went to Bishop Carroll to compete. In the first round, we presented last in our group; all of us got nervous and messed up a couple of times. We did not get our best scores. I was not happy with our scores! The next round we presented first and did really well. After that round I felt good. When the competition was over, we all got certificates. This was when we found out who was moving on. I was really excited that our group was the only one in our school to move on. Then we went to Bishop McCort and received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. I was really happy with our group and I hope to do it again next year.*

By: Nathan Farabaugh