



## Notre Dame Academy

Pre K-3 to 8

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Mark Valvano, Ed.S., Principal

November 9, 2020

Dear Notre Dame Families:

I hope everyone was able to have a safe and fun Halloween this year. I wanted to provide you with some updates and reminders as we head towards the holidays.

- A reminder about proper protocol for reporting any covid related issues. Emails should be sent **directly to my email at [mvalvano@notredameint.org](mailto:mvalvano@notredameint.org)**. If you are calling the office, please ask to be transferred to my line to speak with me directly. As the principal I hold the responsibility to report to and work with the local Board of Health. We ask that everyone make choices that limit risk of exposure in order to help keep our school safe.
- It is very important that parents & students are not gathering in the back parking lot after school. I am finding students running and playing in mixed grade level groups without masks. This is not safe and goes against all of the hard work we do each day to keep our school safe. Please do not remove student masks until you leave school property and do not linger after dismissal.
- With temperatures dropping, we are going to start seeing children exhibiting a lot more cold and flu like symptoms. This is not anything new but has to be taken even more seriously given the current pandemic. Children who exhibit any cold or flu-like symptoms should be kept home. Remote learning is always available.
- Please be aware that we are seriously considering doing a full week of remote for all students the week after Thanksgiving in order to make sure that we keep our school environment safe for all. With cases on the rise in NJ and people reporting travel plans we just need to be cautious. Please note this does not replace a 14 day quarantine for anyone who travels outside of NJ.
- Within the next few weeks will be sending out another Google Form to gauge overall interest in families wishing to opt back in to in-person instruction for January. The official form for opting in will be sent over Thanksgiving weekend. Please be aware that any requests to return to in-person instruction are just that. Requests. We will do our best based on the current guidelines from the State, Department of Education, and CDC to accommodate everyone. This may mean that the current model looks different in January than it does now.

### Thanksgiving Pie Sale

This year we have partnered with Simply Gourmet for a Thanksgiving Baked Goods Sale & Fundraiser. All pies, breads, and cookies are home baked by Simply Gourmet in their nut free facility and will be available for you to pick up from school on November 24th in time for Thanksgiving! They have a variety of pies for \$15.00, breads for \$14.00, and cookies for \$12 per dozen.



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Please fill out the google form & pay for your order on the parent portal. All orders/payments are due by Wednesday, November 18th. Please feel free to share with family & friends!

Google Order Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5YKWO-17nWT1QfNGuovC\\_bX89Jhqw2hSw5JvvpDdaMbN9w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5YKWO-17nWT1QfNGuovC_bX89Jhqw2hSw5JvvpDdaMbN9w/viewform)

Payment Link:

<https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=43buxa320qy#/home/>

### **Basket Bonanza**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support of our school!

### **Food Drive**

- Today was the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Blue cohort. If you forgot and still want to donate, we are allowing students to bring items for the food pantry tomorrow as well and take the dress down day.
- Gold Cohort will participate next Monday 11/16 and dress down with donation.
- White cohort may drop off donations any time before next Tuesday 11/17.

In the Peace of Christ,

Mr. Valvano