



The Leprechaun Post is the Notre Dame Parish School student newspaper produced monthly and published in the parish bulletins. The paper is written by the 7th and 8th graders.

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October was the month of
The Holy Rosary.

Mary Queen of Peace,
Pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts,
Forever!

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All Saints Day and the Day of the Dead

By: Eliana Trujillo and Staff

El Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican celebration, similar to All Souls Day, when families come together to celebrate their ancestors. They make altars, *ofrendas*, and decorate them beautifully. It is believed at midnight on October 31, the gates of Heaven are opened and their loved ones come to visit. Often times, they make a feast and celebrate in cemeteries with vivid colored flowers and lots of music. Here at Notre Dame, students learn about *El Dia de los Muertos* in World Language classes. The 5th grade spends extra time on the topic and will hosted a feast on October 31. Students made masks in art class to remember and represent their loved ones as well as brochures and colored skeletons.

All Saints Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. On All Saints Day, the 8th graders lead an All-School Liturgy with Father Ed.

He reminded everyone that we are all called to holiness, encouraging students and adults to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 5:48 to "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."



5th Graders with their masks

Notre Dame Halloween Celebrations

By: Cavica Wilkerson and Peyton Carson

On October 29th, Notre Dame will hosted the annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the Sheridan parking lot. Parents decorated the trunks of their cars and kids dressed up in costume to go around to the cars Trunk-or-Treating. As always, it was a great time!

Every year Notre Dame school celebrates Halloween with a costume parade so students can see each other's costumes. This year, some of the most popular costumes were from Star Wars, Pokemon, sports players, and the upcoming election. The 7th and 8th graders had a Halloween Dance in the afternoon with decorations, a food table, and music.

The End of the First Quarter

By Skyler Legg, Madelyn Tran and Ben Jackson

The first quarter of the school year ended on October 28. Everyone has worked hard and done their best. Dominic, Cate, Eric, and Griffith from Mrs. Lamont's 4th grade class say the work is fun and they are enjoying 4th grade so far. Francesca, Connor, and Joel from Mrs. Schaefer's 2nd grade class said it is amazing how much they have learned and they love Mrs. Schaefer. Daylyn, Julian, Brandon, and Marco from Mrs. Daly's 1st grade all said sometimes their work is fun, and sometimes it is difficult. Many 1st graders have older siblings to help out with the work!

Junior high science fair projects began the first week of school and will end with the fair in January. The projects are a lot of work! Every student has to do an experiment and write a report. Here are some thoughts from students working on science fair:

"It is difficult to be on top of everything. There are many due dates and I have to work fast. It is still a little confusing, but I am starting to understand my project better." - 7th grader

"This year it is definitely easier because I know what to expect! It is still stressful, though. I want to do well on my project this year and possibly win in my category." - 8th grader

The Notre Dame student council is already working to make this a great school year. This month, the student council used the money from casual dress days to support Sacred Heart Church in Denver which was recently vandalized. This year, the student council officers are junior high students, Eliana, Thomas, Benjamin, and Alicia. The faculty moderators are Mrs. Zamudio, Ms. Montoya, and Sister Loretta.

2016 Leprechaun Stampede Winners

By: Taryn Prichard and Becky Busche

On October 7, we had the annual fundraising event, the Leprechaun Stampede. Students of all ages participated by getting pledges, racing in either the ELC Box Car Races or the Leprechaun Stampede, having a pizza lunch, and attending a carnival after school. Because of the generous donations collected, all of the students at Notre Dame will be winners! For the Stampede race at Harvey Park Lake, there were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each class. Seventh grader, Tommy McCarthy, had the fastest time for the whole school.

Race winners got ribbons, and students who brought in pledges were entered into drawings for prizes such as gift cards, headphones, and a laptop computer! The classes with the highest participation were the 1st and 5th grade classes. The 6th grade class brought in the most money for our school. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the students, and to all the people who volunteered at the race and carnival. This year a competition rose between 7th and 8th grades to bring in the most money for the school. The 8th graders won, so on October 11, they had a mini Field Day. They played flag football and kickball and enjoyed pizza and soda after the games.

Focus 11 6th Grade Retreat

By: Helen Le

On October 13, the Notre Dame 6th grade class joined other 6th graders from Denver Catholic schools for a retreat called Focus 11. The purpose of this retreat is for students to learn about vocations and what the calling of God means in their lives. The day began with a special Mass at Holy Trinity. Later there were many events such as panel discussions, singing, and an opportunity to meet nuns, brothers, and priests.

New Lego Robotics Club Needs your help!

Notre Dame is starting up a Lego Robotics club! If you have any Legos you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office or to Mr. Higgins' classroom. Thanks!



First Quarter Birthdays

By: Ian Zhang

Happy birthday wishes to all students with birthdays during Fall Quarter!

Katrina, Elizabeth, Lola, Alana, Andres, Blaise, Christopher, Thomas, Andrew, Anthony, Elijah, Carlos, Roman, Kristen, Ayden, Eric, Ivan, Maximus, Gabriella, Lydia, Mialena, Bria, Viviana, Lucy, Luciano, Romeo, Dominic, Haley, Kevin, Laila, Eliana, Noah, John, Daviah, Mary, Kai, Joaquin, Quintin, Isabel, Veronika, Peyton, Kali, Hunter, Giovanni, Judah, Francesca, Karla, Emmanuel, Aeryn, Naomi, Veronica, Camille, Taryn, Aubree, Thomas, Dylan, Helena, Daniel, Haley, Ethan, Jake, Rodrigo, Anaya, Dennis, Therese, Emilia, Jaydah, Claire, Ashlyn, and Eydan!



NJHS Movie Night

By: Luciano Henriquez

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) movie night featuring Disney's *Aristocats* was Friday October 21. Admission was free, but the NJHS accepted donations and sold concessions to raise money for their service projects for the year. Kids sat in chairs and laid on the gym floor with pillows and blankets. There will be more movie nights, so you can come next time!

Scholastic Book Fair Open

By: Sara Zouiten

What aarrggghhh you reading? The Scholastic Book Fair this year has a pirate theme and is going to be on November 3rd-11th in the school library. It will be open during school, during parent/teacher conferences and after all masses on November 5th and 6th. At the Book Fair you can get books, toys, posters, and more. Everyone is welcome to come shop the fair. All profits benefit the school library media center, for the purchase of supplies and library books. Mrs. Matteo, the school media specialist, is looking for volunteers. If you can help, email her at ematteo@notredamedenver.org.



November Food Drive and Thanksgiving Mass

The students at Notre Dame are holding a food drive this Thanksgiving. The 3rd grade with their teachers Mrs. Gates and Ms. Mann are working hard to collect food and encourage everyone in the school to share with the less fortunate this holiday season. The 3rd graders have made posters and hung them around the school. They are making afternoon announcements. They are also going around the school to collect food. Please, if you are able, bring in a donation of canned or non-perishable food to support the drive!

The All-School Thanksgiving Mass will take place on November 23, 2016 at 9:15am. The school will be honoring First Responders, and the 3rd grade is working hard to prepare the Mass. Please plan to attend!

