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## The Leprechaun Post

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## Love one another as I have loved you.

John 13:34

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The theme for our school year is the verse “Love one another as I have loved you,” from John 13:34. It was chosen because it is a constant reminder for us to love and care for each other, following Jesus’s example. It is easy to focus on ourselves, because we all are busy with homework, sports, our friends, and our own problems. This verse reminds us that Jesus loves and cares for each of us, and that He wants us to care for each other in the same way. If we follow Christ’s example of love, we will help create a more caring and compassionate school community and a better world.

Notre Dame is known for faith formation and academics, but it is the community of kindness, empathy and action that sets our school apart. Notre Dame has a buddy program where younger students are paired with older students as buddies for the school year. They go on field trips together and have many interactions through out the year. Younger students claim that their older buddies look out for them, are kind to them, and help them. Additionally, sportsmanship is one of the core values of Notre Dame’s athletic teams. Teams learn to play together, support one another, and respect one another. Students and teachers alike contribute to Notre Dame’s loving atmosphere. Mrs. Molis, our principal, greets all of the students by name in the mornings when they arrive at school. Teachers volunteer their time after school as coaches, tutors, and leading activities like writing club, and chess club.

Our commitment to love one another as Jesus loves us must go beyond school and into our home lives as well. We can show love to the people in our home in many ways. We should obey our parents when they ask us to do something, and we should show kindness to our siblings. Parents and other family members show love by helping students with homework, and their commitment to our education. Acting in love and following Jesus’s example leads to positive relationships in our homes.

Notre Dame students are also involved in many projects that spread Jesus’s love outside of our school and homes. Our school sponsors many service projects throughout the year, all to help the less fortunate. Some of our current efforts are highlighted on the next page. With all of these projects, we show love and act as images of God in the world.

### Registration Information for 2017-2018 School Year

All registration information is on the school website:

[www.notredamedenver.org](http://www.notredamedenver.org)

New family registration opens March 6<sup>th</sup>

## What's happening at Notre Dame Parish School?

### 2017 Science Fair Regionals Awards

Notre Dame sent several junior high students to the regional science fair competition this year. Four of them returned with prestigious awards. Eighth grader Christopher Moser won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Physics and Astronomy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best in Show for Regionals, an Award for Excellence from the United States Air Force and the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research! He will take his project to the state competition. Eighth grader Madison Truong, and seventh graders Alicia Chavez and Thomas Carmen also received awards. We're so proud of these students!



*Christopher Moser*

### Notre Dame Students can "Bee" Amazing!

Our Geography Bee winners were fifth grader Diego Bronson and sixth grader John Tran. Several of our students participated in the Archdiocese of Denver Intermediate Spelling Bee. Fourth grader Angelina Nguyen took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and out of approximately 160 contenders, she was one of only two contestants who misspelled zero words in the written portion of the Bee. Sixth grader Danielle Nguyen placed second in the advanced bee. Congratulations Danielle and Angelina!



*Spelling Bee Participants*

### Wrapping up a winning season

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams on a great season! Our fourth grade boys team and fourth grade girls team both took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their divisions. The third grade boys won the championship by 1 point and represented Notre Dame like true champions with sportsmanship and teamwork during the big game. The fifth grade girls took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division. It has been a great season watching all of our student athletes work so hard and accomplish so much, they are great examples and ambassadors for Notre Dame!



*3rd Grade Champions*

### 5th grade mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Every year, the Archbishop gathers fifth graders from the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic schools for Mass together at the cathedral. This year, the Notre Dame fifth grade provided music ministry for the Mass. Led by our music teacher, Mr. Amidei, they sang beautifully from the choir loft in the cathedral!



*5th Grade Singing at the Cathedral*

### Notre Dame Students have a heart for service

Students are currently working on a couple of projects to help the less fortunate. Student Council just finished a gift card drive that brought in nearly \$500 in restaurant gift cards for the Denver-area homeless.

In honor of Kay Willis, who was a part of our school community for over 40 years, students collected shoes for Soles 4 Souls throughout February. Soles 4 Souls was one of Mrs. Willis's favorite charities.

During Lent, the National Junior Honor Society will host a "Stuff the Bus" drive for clothes, toiletries, non-perishable food items, school supplies, and other items to help the homeless. All the items will go on the parish Activity Bus and be taken to Catholic Charities. If you'd like to help, please drop off items in the bins around the school or in the school office.



*Stuff the Bus!*

Thank you for your generous support of all of our service projects, and helping us share Christ's love with those who need it most!

### SpringFest is March 18th!

We are celebrating Notre Dame Parish School's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. It's not too late to get your tickets in the school office. This event helps "Bridge the Gap" between the cost of tuition and the actual per-pupil cost for a Catholic education. Enjoy an evening of bidding on great auction items, dinner and dancing. Some of this years top auction items include a trip to Mexico, Denver Broncos tickets, and a vacation to the Great Wolf